

Crew flies late season ice mission



Photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron Allmon

Senior Master Sgt. Lance Gustafson, left, and Senior Airman Douglas Reimer offload pallets from a C-17 Globemaster III in Antarctica on April 17. The two loadmasters are part of a total force crew from the 446th and 62nd Airlift Wings, which flew the late-season Antarctica mission.

By Tech. Sgt. Nick Przybyciel
 Wing Public Affairs

A total force aircrew from McChord Air Force Base, Wash., made history April 18 during the last Operation Deep Freeze mission of the 2007-2008 season.

With only eight days remaining before Antarctica becomes shrouded in 24-hour darkness during winter, Airmen from the 446th and 62nd Airlift Wings brought 100 scientific researchers, support personnel and their equipment back to civilization. The mid-April flight is the closest to winter a Deep Freeze crew has ever landed in Antarctica.

Tasked to support the National Science Foundation's research efforts in Antarctica,

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14 return from Iraq

By Airman First Class Patrick Cabellon
 Wing Public Affairs

Reservists from the 446th Civil Engineer Squadron and 446th Logistics Readiness Flight returned to their families waiting arms at SeaTac International Airport on April 10, after a six-month deployment to Iraq.

On Sept. 11, 2007, the 14 Reservists left for Fort McCoy, Wis. to receive four weeks of combat skills training. They joined forces with the 200-member 819th Red Horse Squadron from Malmstrom AFB, Mont., and Reservists from Barksdale, La.

The combined active-duty and Reserve CE unit dispersed throughout Iraq when they arrived in country.

Constructing buildings and facilities, as

well as fixing older ones, was their task.

"My team and I, along with some Army engineer guys, constructed a tactical operations center at Combat Outpost Salie (Iraq) within 15 days. That is pretty quick," said Senior Airman Paul Ford, 446th CES. "I also assisted in the construction of a 2,500 square-foot recreation facility in Forward Operating Base Hammer (Iraq).

Capt. Andy Lafrazia, 446th CES, deployed officer in charge, and Senior Master Sgt. Chris Webster, 446th CES, both were sent to Al Asad Air Base, Iraq.

While there, they aided with the construction of K-SPANs, easily constructed and sturdy buildings, for the Marines.

(Read more of this story at www.446aw.afrc.af.mil/)



Photo by Airman First Class Patrick Cabellon
 Reservists from the 446th Civil Engineer Squadron arrive at SeaTac International Airport April 10 after serving six months in various locations in Iraq.

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Globally, you are America

By Col. Dave Pavey

446th Operations Group

There is an old Chinese saying - "May you live in interesting times," - which is both a blessing and a curse. Certainly we now live in one of the world's most dynamic periods. As members of the 446th Airlift Wing and Team McChord, we are uniquely and directly participating in those interesting times.

A significant part of what makes the United States one of the most distinctive countries in world history is the ability to have an effect on events and issues of national concern on the other side of the globe. One of the critical pillars of our "Global Reach" is our ability to provide logistical airlift support to many different agencies pursuing national goals overseas.

This isn't limited to bullets

and bombs, either. Some of the most persuasive tools the United States uses to express national will include its ability to assist building infrastructure for allies and providing humanitarian relief to people in need.

One our previous Air Force chiefs of staff, Gen. Ronald Fogelman, stated that we need to remember, as airlifters, that in some of the most remote parts of the world our men and women are the only Americans the locals may ever see. He said when they see "... that American flag painted on the tail of your aircraft, you aren't representing the United States of America to them; you are the United States of America."

What makes this era such a critical period in world and United States history are not positive events. They center around things like the Global War on Terrorism, Hurricane Katrina, tidal waves and such.



Col. Dave Pavey

These events present huge challenges, and that's where we come in.

With the diversity of backgrounds, experiences, and dynamic creativity, you are the folks who make our unique "Global Reach" abilities work. What you do is special to our country, during these most "interesting times." God bless and be safe.

The ethic of reciprocity; aka: the Golden Rule

By Chief Master Sgt. Gordon Swarhout

86th Aerial Port

We all welcome public recognition or reward for our efforts. However, would you be surprised if I told you most people rate other motivational factors higher when scoring job satisfaction?

Did you know the top three complaints consistently listed on the average worker's "misery index" have nothing to do with compensation, task difficulty or obnoxious co-workers? What if I said you could become an extremely effective manager without ever spending a dime, creating a certificate, or engraving a plaque?

Oh yes, my friends, the ability to create a more productive and satisfying work environment is at your immediate disposal by simply

applying the tenants of the ethic of reciprocity.

The ethic of who? The ethic of reciprocity or the Golden Rule, as most of us know it, is a fundamental moral value which simply means "treat others as you would like to be treated."

It is arguably the most essential basis for the modern concept of human rights. While principal philosophers and religious figures have stated this concept in different ways, applying it to the workplace allows us to overcome three basic letdowns we've all experienced in our jobs at one time or another.

The first is anonymity. People cannot be fulfilled in their work if they are unknown. We all need to be understood and appreciated

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Civilian employers 'deploy' April 5

By Airman First Class Patrick Cabellon
 Wing Public Affairs

Employers of Reservists here got a small taste April 5 of what it is like to be deployed.

The 446th Airlift Wing's Employer Orientation Day is an event for Reservists' employers to see what their Reserve employees do in the Air Force Reserve. The event demonstrates for employers that when the Reserve employee is on duty, he or she is actively engaged in the defense of our nation.

"It was pretty cool," said Dane Hale, Microsoft Corporation. "I'm a private pilot myself. I always see C-17s flying around. I learned a lot from this experience." Mr. Hale employs Maj. Stephen Oliver, 446th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Another employer, Shelley Bartlett with the Boeing Company, shared the same enthusiasm.

"It was an amazing experience. I really liked the deployment process," she said. "I was impressed."

The 21 employers attending April 5 received a short unclassified pre-deployment intelligence briefing before being assigned to a "chalk." As led by their troop commanders, the smaller groups moved through four stations designed to highlight the missions of the 446th Airlift Wing. The groups each went through a mobility processing line, viewed demonstrations from the 446th Civil Engineer Squadron's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight, tried on chemical and battle protection gear, and saw how patients are cared for by the 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

MOTIVATION

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by someone in a position of authority for the unique qualities we bring to the table. When people see themselves as invisible or anonymous it's pretty much impossible to love their jobs or feel productive.

The second letdown we often see is irrelevance. Everybody needs to know their job matters to someone. Anyone. If we can't see a connection between our work and the satisfaction other people seem to be getting for their efforts, it becomes difficult to find lasting fulfillment.



Photo by Airman First Class Patrick Cabellon

Master Sgt. J.P. Wirth, (second from right) 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, explains aspects of his job to his employer, Nathan Buck of the Seattle Fire Department, during Employer Orientation Day April 5.

Ms. Bartlett also enjoyed the flight.

"That was a once in a lifetime experience which will forever be one of the best experiences of my life," she said. "Right up there with the flight was the privilege of meeting and talking to your Reservists."

Ms. Bartlett now has a deeper understanding for what Reservists go through, she said.

"I was able to glimpse for a moment what these courageous men and women go through. I have and will continue to share

what I learned with my colleagues and convey how important it is to support this program," said Ms. Bartlett. Ms. Bartlett employs Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Hinkson, 36th Aerial Port Squadron.

After the mock deployment, the employers went on a C-17 for a two-hour flight. While on the flight, the employers witnessed the C-17 in action.

The next Employer Orientation Day will be in October.

The third letdown is actually a continuation of the second but refocuses from the acknowledgement that our job counts to why it counts. Employees need to be able to gauge their progress and level of contribution for themselves. It's almost impossible for any of us to be satisfied in our work if success depends on the opinions or whims of another person, no matter how well-meaning that person may be.

Without sustainable, measurable means for evaluating success or failure, especially relating to job relevance, motivation deteriorates since we see ourselves

as unable to control our own fate.

Anonymity, irrelevance, and inability to perform self assessment are natural enemies of an empowered, motivated workforce. While this all seems commonplace, we don't have to accept it. Application of some simple measures to our daily interactions can dramatically improve relationships while enhancing productivity. Interested in learning more? Come to the 446th Airlift Wing Career Workshop May 5-6 and discover how you can become more effective as an Airman leading Airmen.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Nick Przybyciel

A C-17 Globemaster III from McChord Air Force Base, Wash., is loaded with cargo at McMurdo Station, Antarctica. A Reserve and active-duty Airmen from the 446th and 62nd Airlift Wings flew the late in season Operation Deep Freeze mission April 17.

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the Reserve and active-duty Airmen from McChord typically provide C-17 support from August to March, which is summer in the southern hemisphere. However, a scientific research team from Montana State University required mission support later than usual this year.

The research team, studying light-driven life in Antarctica's permanently frozen lakes, had to push their field time as close to winter as possible in order to have the proper conditions for their experiments.

Unable to receive support this late in the season from the New Zealand Air Force, the National Science Foundation called on the U.S. Air Force for help.

"We knew we could do it. It hasn't happened yet, but if we ever need to do contingency support – even in the middle of winter – we're ready to respond," said Lt. Col. James McGann, commander of the C-17 Deep Freeze operations and a member of the 62nd AW.

The research would be impossible to conduct without the Air Force's ability to respond this late in the season, according to MSU Professor John Priscu.

"We wouldn't be here – that's all there is to it. It's a long way from here to New Zealand," he said. One of Antarctica's most weathered research scientists, Professor

Priscu has spent 24 seasons on the ice and led this year's MSU team.

By pushing the season, Professor Priscu believes both the Air Force and his research team proved something: "It's proof of concept. We proved we can come down – and the Air Force can, too – and work right up to winter."

While most researchers return home after the summer season, a small support group stays behind at the NSF station to maintain and build infrastructure.

In case something happens to the support personnel, Colonel McGann is training his crews to fly into the dark Antarctic winter using Night Vision Goggles.

"We're ready if they need us. We've flown test flights under similar circumstances, and although we haven't flown into Antarctica using NVGs, I'm confident if the call comes, we can do it safely and expeditiously," he said.

Even without the difficulties inherent in using NVGs, Deep Freeze missions have more than their share of risks.

Landing on an ice runway in temperatures as frigid as -70 degrees Fahrenheit, Operation Deep Freeze is one of Air Mobility Command's most extreme missions. As such, Colonel McGann cherry-picks his crew, exploiting the expertise of both Reserve and active-duty Airmen.

"Without a doubt, it's one of the most sought-after missions to get on in Air Mobility Command," said Maj. Tom Jensen, deputy commander of the mission and a Reserve pilot from the 97th AS.

Fewer than 20 pilots in the entire command are certified to fly Deep Freeze missions, and the process takes three years to complete. Aside from landing on a giant sheet of ice, unpredictable weather makes Antarctica one of the most difficult places to fly into in the world.

"[The weather] can change in a second. Even on a sunny day, if that wind picks up, it blows the snow everywhere. On another mission I was on, you couldn't see more than 50 feet just from the wind blowing the snow around," said Maj. Chuck Corrigan, a Reserve 313th AS pilot and one of two pilots who were certified on the mission.

The bitter temperatures have a profound affect as well on loadmasters and crew chiefs, who are forced to work in the elements. After cargo is loaded onto the C-17 using giant forklifts, loadmasters have to push the pallets into place by hand and secure them, all without any heat on the airplane.

(Read more of this story at www.446aw.afrc.af.mil)

Operation Deep Freeze Airmen warm New Zealand community's heart

By Tech. Sgt. Nick Przybyciel
Wing Public Affairs

Standing onboard the C-17 Globemaster III, five-year-old Benjamin Laury is trying to put everything together.

With a child's enthusiasm, he's talking about elephants, storm troopers and how cool pilots are – all in a single, convoluted sentence. As part of a home-schooling group invited to check out the enormous airplane that just flew into their corner of the world, Benjamin and his friends are trying to make sense of what they're being told.

Their hosts – Reserve and active-duty Airmen from the 446th and 62nd Airlift Wings – are having a blast, creating analogies about their jobs and getting a fair share of “oohs” and “awes” out of their young guests. They're professionals at making this tour engaging for children, having conducted about 50 of them this year alone.

For six months every year, a group of total force Airmen from McChord AFB, Wash., flies supplies to a National Science Foundation research center in Antarctica as part of Operation Deep Freeze. In between sorties, they go well beyond the call of duty to demonstrate their appreciation to the community they stage out of, Christchurch, New Zealand.

When not on duty sharing the Air Force story with New Zealand children, the Deep Freeze crews help in their off-duty time and as a private endeavor to raise funds for local charities. Since beginning this effort three years ago, they've



Photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron Allmon
Maj. Chuck Corrigan, 313th Airlift Squadron, explains the controls of a C-17 to local children in Christchurch, New Zealand on April 17. Although busy flying mission to Antarctica, the aircrews took time to provide aircraft tours for school groups. The C-17, flown by a Reserve and active-duty crew, fly Operation Deep Freeze missions in support of the National Science Foundation.

donated around \$14,000 to Christchurch organizations.

Chief Master Sgt. James Masura, a Reserve loadmaster from the 446th Airlift Wing who has been flying Deep Freeze missions since 1999, heads up the community spirit displayed by American Airmen in New Zealand.

“It's just a rewarding way to help these kids out. The Christchurch community does so much to help us out, that we feel a real need to give back,” he said.

Donations this year included a 42-inch plasma screen television and video game console to a children's ward in a local hospital. Before the donation, children would wait for up to 12 hours after treatments

with only a tiny television to watch, said Lt. Col. James McGann, commander of the C-17 Deep Freeze missions.

“The entire staff was overwhelmed at the generosity of the U.S. Antarctic Program, and was excited the children had something to look forward to when coming to the hospital,” Colonel McGann said. “It was a great day not only for the kids, but for the entire U.S. program.”

Deep Freeze crews also gave \$8,000 in privately-raised donations to two other children's charities - the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Children's Hope Trust.

“Their actions showcase not only the generosity of the U.S. Antarctic Program,

but the (Airmen of) the U.S. military and Americans as a whole,” said Colonel McGann. “While in-and-of themselves, donations and tours may not bring enormous change, they are helping to make many children's lives better and more fulfilling.”

Although the Deep Freeze season mostly wrapped-up March 1, a crew that flew April 16 for one final mission still found time to squeeze in a few tours.

“It's great for the children to get an appreciation of the work these guys do,” said Nick Laury, Benjamin's father.

(Read more of this story at www.446aw.afrc.af.mil)

S a f e s



Days to remember

May 13, 1968
About 755 Reservists were ordered to extended active duty in Southeast Asia.

Promotions

Chief Master Sergeant
Timothy Meyer, 446th AMXS

Senior Master Sergeant
Ralph Myers, 446th AMXS

Master Sergeant
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Derek Fiedler, 446th AMXS
Robert Hogsett, 446th AMXS
Gary Hodgkin, 446th AMXS
Stewart Lyall, 446th AMXS
Mark Matheny, 446th AMXS
Darryl President, 446th AMXS
Dwayne Williams, 446th AMXS

Technical Sergeant
Michael Connolly, 446th OSF
Jessie Escalera, 86th APS
Shawn Ensley, 36th APS
Christy Helgeson, 446th AMXS
Steven Means, 446th AMXS
Jeremy Monsivais, 446th AMXS
Robert Rud, 446th APS
Sharon Vassell-High, 446th AMDS

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Second Lieutenant
Amy Swaim, 446th AES

Master Sergeant
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Todd Mills, 446th AMDS
Rodney Walters, 446th CES

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Josh Hodges, 36th APS
Michael Meechan, 446th AMXS
Stephen Minor, 36th APS
Marshall Robbecke, 446th LRF
Ryan Rutherford, 446th ASTS
Joseph Siegel, 446th CES
John Thigpen, 446th AMXS

Airman First Class
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Monica Stuart, 446th ASTS
Heath Sweat, 446th AMXS

Retirements

Lieutenant Colonel
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Jeffrey Watkins, 728th AS

Senior Master Sergeant
David Stutts, 313th AS
Veronica Szymczak, 97th AS

Master Sergeant
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Muriel Tolerico, 446th OSF

Technical Sergeant
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Just Briefly

What can business leaders to support Reservists?

Time

Be supportive by allowing employees to support events and additional duties.

Employs Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Hinkson, 36th APS



◆ Shelley Bartlett
The Boeing Company

Compensation

Allow monetary compensation for the Reservists who are fulfilling their duty.

Employs Master Sgt. Michael Stanford, 446th AMXS



◆ Rusty Smith
The Boeing Company

Flexible

Be flexible with your employees; especially after a UTA weekend.

Employs Staff Sgt. Andrew Simonsen, 446th AMXS



◆ Bryan Fuller
The Mustang Company

Attend

Attend an Employer Orientation Day so we can see what their duty consists of. It's an incredible experience.

Employs Maj. Jeff Harder, 313th AS



◆ Lisa Doering
FedEx

Olympic Dining Facility changes hours, ends brunch meals

The Olympic Dining Hall no longer serves weekend brunch. The new operating hours are:

Monday-Sunday	
Breakfast	6-8:30 a.m.
Lunch	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner	4:30 to 7 p.m.
Midnight	11:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Please direct questions to Master Sgt. Anita Barnes at 982-2464.

Career fair for vets set for May

A career fair hosted by RecruitMilitary, in cooperation with HireVets First and the American Legion, will be held May 15 from 11 a.m., to 3 p.m., at the Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center. The career fair will benefit all military veterans, transitioning Airmen, and Guard and Reserve people and their families. For more information, visit the Web site www.recruitmilitary.com.

2008 Special Olympics needs volunteers for McChord

McChord is hosting the 2008 Special Olympics Games' opening ceremonies, victory dance, victory happening, and the family barbecue May 29-June 1. About 350 volunteers are needed to support the games.

For more information and directions on how to volunteer, contact Senior Master Sgt. Ralph Myers, 446th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, at 982-6913.

Volunteers must register by May 22.

Authorization act increases inactive duty points accrual

The 2008 National Defense Authorization Act increased the number of inactive duty points from 90 to 130 that can be accrued for retirement in a year. This law is not retroactive and allows accrual of 130 points for the retirement/retention year that includes Oct. 30, 2007. If Airmen have a retirement/retention year that ends on or before Oct. 29, 2007, they can earn a maximum of 90 days. If their retention/retirement year ends on or after Oct. 30, 2007, they can earn up to 130 points.

Junior Officer Leadership course is Aug 16-23 in Switzerland

The Professional Development Center is hosting the International Junior Officer Leadership Development course in Lend, Switzerland Aug. 16-28. Please contact 446th Airlift Wing command section for more information. Nominations will be

submitted through your group commander for approval.

Road and Rail Security Symposium West is June 2-3

The Road and Rail Security Symposium West will be held June 2-3 at the Tacoma Convention Center and is free to all military if you register at www.roadandrailsecurity.com by April 21. For more information, visit the Web site or call (919) 954-1633.

Pacific Northwest National Security Forum, June 3

The Pacific Northwest National Security forum will be held June 3-5 at the Tacoma Convention Center. The event costs \$50 up until the day of the event and \$75 at the door. The forum will feature refreshments, registration gift, a conference and light meal. Register online at www.pacificnorthwestnationalsecurityforum.org. For more information, visit the Web site or call (919) 954-1633.

SpecOps West Symposium and Expo, June 3-5

The Special Operations West Symposium and Expo is free to all military if you register by April 21. This expo and symposium provides leading edge presentations by military and industry leaders. It will be held June 3-5 at the Tacoma Convention Center. Visit the Web site www.specopswest.com. Security topics include "The New Africa Command" and "Cyber Warfare." For more information, visit the Web site or call (919) 954-1633.

Motorcycle safety course offered at Fort Lewis on May 17-18

An intermediate motorcycle safety course will be offered at Fort Lewis for intermediate riders in May. The course will be May 17, 1 to 7 p.m., and May 18, 2 to 8 p.m.

To register or get more information, visit the Web site www.pugetsoundsafety.com/military.

Family Days for groups, squadrons set for July, August

Family Days are set for the following units on the dates listed:

July 26 - 446th Mission Support Group, 44th Mission Support Squadron and wing staff.

Aug. 9 - 446th Operations Group, 86th Aerial Port Squadron, 446th Logistics Readiness Flight and 446th Services Flight.

Aug. 24 - 446th Maintenance Group, 36th APS, 446th Civil Engineer Squadron, 446th Security Forces Squadron.

RAVENs fly with C-17 on missions

By Senior Airman Desiree Kiliz
Wing Public Affairs

Scenario: stow-away found in the wheel base of an aircraft after it lands in the U.S. from a continental flight. Prob-

lem... potential for catastrophic damages to military personnel, equipment, aircraft and civilians if a stowaway is armed. Solution: Air Mobility Command's Phoenix RAVEN program.

Since its inception in 1997,

as a result of the above scenario, the RAVEN program has placed specially-trained security forces Airmen on missions, to allow for greater force protection of aircrews and military resources from potential transit threats.

"We have five RAVENs who are current and certified on flying missions from our unit," said Master Sgt. Lenny Deboma, 446th Security Forces Squadron senior air reserve technician. "We have three others who went through the training when they were on active duty, although they are not current right now."

"Before this program was implemented, any security forces personnel could just go fly with an aircraft, but they weren't trained for potential scenarios," said Tech. Sgt. Jason Steen, a RAVEN with the 446th Security Forces Squadron. "Using anti-terrorism as protection is serious and this program standardizes our processes."

RAVEN missions, which fly all over the world, can be tasked by AMC, 22nd Air Force and 4th Air Force. Airmen at the 446th SFS have supported missions from South Africa to Bolivia, however, typically support missions flown to and from the Pacific.

"We support C-130 missions from San Juan to Puerto Rico on a regular basis, but will also fly any other missions that come up and fit into our civilian schedules" said Sergeant Steen.

"I remember going to a place that had no electricity after an earthquake and I helped deliver those supplies," said Master Sgt. Carlos Duell, 446th SFS RAVEN. "I physically pulled the cargo full of toothbrushes, toothpaste, water and other essentials that the Red Cross provides and it just makes you feel like you've done something worthwhile."

Most of the missions typically range from three to 14 days and can be assigned to any airframe that AMC designates for a RAVEN to fly on. Another aspect added to the RAVEN program is that when missions are assigned, personnel are not always available to go as a group from one base, so one RAVEN may from be McChord and another from March ARB, Calif. The security forces Airmen become a part of the aircrew, right down to the uniforms they wear – flightsuits.

(Read more of this story at www.446aw.afrc.af.mil)



Photo by Senior Airman Desiree Kiliz

Airmen from the 446th Security Forces Squadron, complete weapons training during a unit training assembly in March. Regular training on weapons, defensive techniques, and hand-to-hand combat are just a few of the demands on security forces Airmen supporting Air Mobility Command's RAVENs program.

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