

# Best Airman in Reserve from McChord

By Airman First Class Patrick Cabellon & Sandra Pishner  
 Wing Public Affairs

Standing before a panel of six command chiefs, the Airman is asked to perform proper facing movements and is inspected with magnifying glass-like scrutiny. But Senior Airman Channel Bolton-Scholl doesn't break a sweat.

Airman Bolton-Scholl's nerves of steel helped her nail down the title of Air Force Reserve Command Airman of the Year. A crew chief with the 446th Maintenance Squadron, Airman Bolton-Scholl can typically be found performing home station check inspections on the C-17A Globemaster III aircraft.

The Airman of the Year award is bestowed upon Airmen who show exemplary work ethic, both on the job in the Reserve, as well as in their civilian work. They also are well-embedded in their communities.

Airman Bolton-Scholl embodies all the traits AFRC is looking for in their Airman of the Year, according to her supervisor, Master Sgt. Keith Chase, 446th MXS aero repair section chief.

"She excels at her job and the task at

hand," said Sergeant Chase. "She is a very hard worker. I never have to tell her to get anything done after she is shown the job tasks for the day." She also, according to her supervisor, helps train other traditional Reservists.

Airman Bolton-Scholl traveled to Atlanta, Ga., April 1 for the Airman of the Year interview along with three Airmen from other wings.

"When I was standing in front of the panel, I was so nervous," said Airman Bolton-Scholl as she laughed. "When I was done being interviewed, I told them how nervous I was. They told me that they didn't even notice."

The same cannot be said for her competitors, she said.

"One Airmen who was interviewed after me was sweating bullets," she said with a smile. "They had to stop the interview for a bit to let him calm down and gave him a towel to wipe off his sweat."

The command selected four Reservists to represent it in the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen and First Sergeant of the Year competitions. Airman Bolton-Scholl will now compete against Airmen from other major commands and agencies.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Celena Wilson  
**Air Force Reserve Command's Outstanding Airman of the Year is Senior Airman Channel Bolton-Scholl, 446th Maintenance Squadron.**



Photo by Sandra Pishner  
**The 446th Maintenance Squadron's Tech. Sgt. Chris Parcasio, right, works on avionics equipment as Larry Tellier, Boeing representative, watches. Sergeant Parcasio is the Air Force's 2008 Innovator of the Year.**

# Local Reservist is innovator of year

By Sandra Pishner  
 Wing Public Affairs

If your child has building blocks strewn about the living room as he builds his masterpiece, or your teenager has once again blown up a car in his efforts to make it go faster, take heart.

Your child may be laying the groundwork for becoming an Air Force Exceptional Innovator,

like Tech. Sgt. Chris Parcasio, 446th Maintenance Squadron avionics flight.

In a ceremony April 21 at the Pentagon, Sergeant Parcasio was named the 2008 Air Force Exceptional Innovator of the Year, a result of six innovations that saved the Air Force more than \$800,000 in 2008.

He also is the first Reserv-

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# Keep some of yourself in reserve while in Reserve

By Col. Dave Pavey  
446th Operations Group

Seems every time we talk about the operational tempo, it has never been higher. It is. We are doing so much. We are an operational Air Force Reserve. The Air Force team can't go to war without us. So what does all that mean?

At our root we are an augmenting force in case of national need that requires a mobilization of some sort. It's fantastic that we have been able to leverage our abilities, equipment, and our most important asset, you, for the

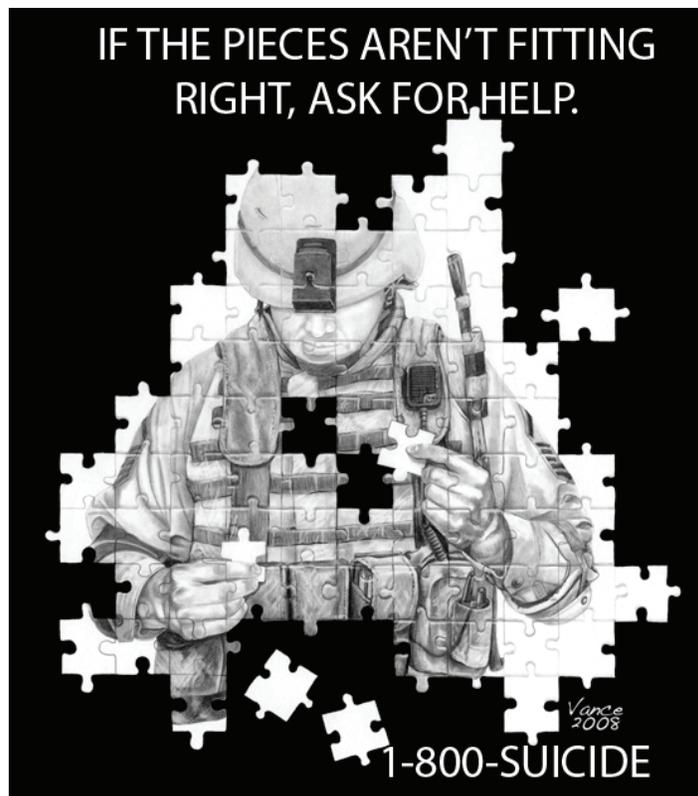
needs of the nation. Our folks are doing great work around the globe, from the services folks at the port mortuary at Dover Air Force Base, Del., to our security forces, civil engineers, aerial porters, aero-medical, aircrews (and more specialties) going to Iraq. And there will be more such opportunities to do great work. But this is a long race. It requires us each to ensure we have the endurance to complete it. And, we need to cheer each other on.

See to your own sustainability; physical and spiritual. Stay connected to your families. If you're stressed, find



Col. Dave Pavey

someone to talk to. We have the people to talk to, or can put you in touch with them, pronto. What we don't want is for you to feel hopeless and that there aren't any solutions. At moments of crisis, some people turn to suicide; a permanent, devastating event not only for the victim, but the family. It hurts our Air Force family, too. We need you whole and healthy. Our leadership has an intense interest in finding that balance between "operational" and "strategic" to optimize our participation in both roles without compromising each other. It's a pretty daunting task. We need your help. We need you to look out for each other. You can call it whatever you like - wingman, battle buddy, or BFF; just be there for each other. You need to keep some of yourself held back in reserve for your own health of spirit. Some reserve.....in Reserve.



# General visits deployed Reservists

By Staff Sgt. Thomas Doscher

■ — 386th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA -- The commander of Air Force Reserve Command visited with reservists deployed to the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing April 8-9 as part of a multi-base tour of the Air Forces Central in Southwest Asia.

Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., who is also chief of Air Force Reserve, dined with the Airmen stationed at "the Rock" and acknowledged their efforts at a Reserve Call at the Rock Chapel April 9.

The AFRC commander said his tour is allowing him to see an Air Force triad that's succeeding in accomplishing the mission.

"What I'm seeing is an Air Force that's hard at work and uses three components," he said. "It uses the Regular Air Force, Reserve and Air National Guard to do it. All three components are organized, trained and equipped to the same standards. Every job that I see is executed seamlessly.

"Our Air Force reservists are hard at work, and I'm very proud of our Citizen Airmen," he said. "They're here on their time, they volunteered to be a part of our Air Force Reserve, and they volunteered to deploy and do what they have been trained to do as part of that three-component Air Force. I couldn't be prouder."

Changes in the way the Air Force does business requires that the Air Force Reserve meet recruiting and retention challenges head-on, General Stenner said. That means making sure people who leave the active-duty Air Force have an option to continue serving in the Air Force Reserve as part of a continuum of service.

We want to retain Airmen who may be leaving the Regular Air Force due to a life-changing event," he said. "These highly trained and highly skilled individuals can continue to participate as their lives evolve."

General Stenner said the Air Force Reserve isn't just looking for prior-service members. He said the command is making a big push to pull non-prior service people into the fold as well.

"We're seeing fewer and fewer prior-service," he noted. "We're looking very hard at recruiting non-prior service folks who want to participate. Recruiting and retention are a big piece of how we package up our



Photo by Staff Sgt. Eunique Stevens

**Master Sgt. Jacob Green, a deployed Reservist from the 446th Civil Engineer Squadron, McChord Air Force Base, Wash., greets Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner, Air Force Reserve Command commander, during the general's visit to Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq. Sergeant Green is serving as the assistant chief of operations for the 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron's Fire and Emergency Services.**

capabilities for the future."

Air Force reservists fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan face a significant challenge when it comes to balancing their military lives with the civilian lives they leave behind to deploy. General Stenner said it's up to senior leaders to make sure that balance isn't tipped.

"It's a balance," he said, "because most reservists have civilian jobs. Eighty percent of the folks in the Air Force Reserve are traditional reservists. That's how they keep their families supported on a daily basis. That balance means you have to make sure you get as much predictability as possible in their lives, knowing when they're going to deploy, when they're going to come home.

We have to make sure that we, as senior leaders, and we, as an institution, acknowledge that predictability means they will continue to serve with us in the future," he said. "We have to get them there on time and back on

time. It also gives the employers predictability which, in turn, gives the family predictability, and that keeps everyone in a balance. So we have to tell reservists what's going on up front, stick to it, and bring them home when they're supposed to come home."

General Stenner said he wanted every Air Force reservist fighting in the area of responsibility to know how proud he was of them and that the contributions they make every day are vitally important.

"Thank you ever so much for being part of this Air Force Reserve and for stepping forward and doing a very difficult job around the world as part of that three-component Air Force," he said. "And thank you very much for the personal sacrifice you are making with your family time. Please tell your families how very much we appreciate them, and tell your employers that we thank them so much for their support." (*Air Force Reserve Command News Service*)

# Civilian employers take flight

By Staff Sgt. Grant Saylor  
Wing Public Affairs

Two dozen employers traveled to McChord April 4 for the 446th Airlift Wing's employer orientation day.

The event gives civilian employers a chance to see the important work their Reservists do during drill weekends and deployments, and culminates in an orientation flight on a C-17 Globemaster.

"This is an once-in-a-lifetime event," said Valerie Hudson, an employer from the Boeing Company who was invited by Staff Sgt. Thomas Mariano. Sergeant Mariano is a jet engine mechanic with the 446th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

"I was very impressed by the amount of detail that goes into these missions," said Ms. Hudson. "This is a very enthusiastic, dedicated team of people."

Just like the Reservists they employ, the employer participants had to wake up early to get to McChord. Once here,

they were whisked to a mock deployment meeting where they received a detailed intelligence brief before being sent through a deployment line.

Wing Airmen then showed employers a variety of deployment preparation tactics, from suiting up in full chem gear to practicing self-aid and buddy care.

"It's obvious that everyone has a part to play," said Neil Kocina, an airworthiness manager with the Boeing Company.

Mr. Kocina said the dedication of his Reservist employee, Senior Master Sgt. Patricia Pyles, was an inspiring part of his day's experience.

"I learned about her importance in preserving our rights and sovereignty as a nation," said Mr. Kocina. "I really appreciate what you guys do, and it's especially nice that you put on this program so we can actually see what you do."

Employers capped their day by boarding a 446th AW C-17 for a flight to a Moses Lake drop



Photo by Staff Sgt. Grant Saylor

**Valerie Hudson of the Boeing Company and her employee, Reservist Staff Sgt. Thomas Mariano, listen as Senior Master Sgt. John Vujovich; a loadmaster with the 446th Operational Support Flight; explains how a cargo pallet will deploy out the ramp of the C-17 Globemaster during an orientation flight for civilian employers April 4 at McChord. Sergeant Mariano is a jet engine mechanic with the 446th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron when not working in his civilian job at Boeing.**

zone, where they witnessed a cargo airdrop.

When not up on the flight deck, the employers had the opportunity to take a look at

an aeromedical display on the aircraft and discuss aeromedical evacuation with Airmen from the 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

## PARCASIO

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ist ever to receive this award, according to Chief Master Sgt. Mario Plocki, AFRC Performance Management, Robins AFB, Ga.

Leading the way is integral to Sergeant Parcasio's character. He was the first in avionics in many years to successfully get an idea through the IDEA program here.

"I really got into it with Boeing. I talked to the people I needed to talk to (in order to) get the things done," said Sergeant Parcasio.

"Once I got the process down, I was able to help my co-workers get their ideas through as well," he added.

Sharing his knowledge with his co-workers has generated many more ideas from the avionics flight Airmen, both active duty and Reserve, and civilian technicians.

"The idea program is working and Chris has proven that," said Senior Master Sgt. Norman Best, 446th MXS avionics flight chief.

"With his informal leadership and his successes, there is now a whole group (in the avionics flight) getting involved. He led the way and now they're all fired up. They make lots of paperwork - but the good kind."

Lots of paperwork covers not only the ideas of others in the avionics flight, but the seven Sergeant Parcasio has submitted

thus far in 2009.

"With just the four I submitted recently, we should see savings around roughly \$1 million," said Sergeant Parcasio.

The avionics flight as a whole is fast approaching \$5 million in savings through their many IDEA submissions. And, they have their eyes on the 2009 group Productivity Excellence award.

"Our avionics back shop originally couldn't put in for the Productivity Excellence award, which is the bigger award, in 2008 because we didn't break the \$1 million mark.

"I think we're almost up to \$5 million (in fiscal year 2009)," said Sergeant Parcasio. "So we should be heavy contenders for

that award this fiscal year."

One key individual in Sergeant Parcasio's IDEA success is the Boeing representative in the avionics flight.

"Our Boeing rep here, Larry Tellier, is a great guy and is the very best in his field. Larry is on point and he's helped us in a huge way," said Sergeant Parcasio.

"Everything we do here pretty much revolves around him and it doesn't matter who initiated the project. Larry helps us get all the data we need to support our ideas."

Success in the IDEA program requires team work and innovative minds, two key ingredients found in the 446th and 62nd MXS's avionics flights.

# Meet our Rodeo team chiefs

## WING RODEO TEAM



Lt. Col. Garin Tentschert is the 446th Airlift Wing's Team Chief.

## AIRCREW



Maj. Mark Brown, aircrew team chief, is joined by Capt. Chad Manning, and Tech. Sgt. Rich Delucia as primary crew, with Maj. Dan Bishop, and Master Sgt. Scott Dellinger as alternates.

## AEROMEDICAL



Capt. Joseph Foss rounds out his team with Capt. Joel Oyama, Staff Sgt. Larry Jones, and Senior Airmen Sydney Reed and Krystil Reinstadler

## MAINTENANCE



Senior Master Sgt. Mark Cherrix, maintenance team chief, will lead Master Sgts. Wayne Ruediner and Devin Eierman, Tech. Sgts. Jeff Reinke, Merle Brooks, Mike Chop, Jim McGreanor and Jerry Kallinen and David Spurgeon, and Staff Sgts. Jason Eschette and John Todd. Alternates: Master Sgts. Bryan Long, Ricky Singleton, Bob Farrell and Mike Castillo, Tech Sgts Robert Ackerman, David Gaellegos, Tom Teal, David Timney and Ed McCrann, and Staff Sgt. David Wilde.

## AERIAL PORT



Rounding up for the aerial port with Chief Master Sgt. Chris Dietz is Senior Master Sgt. Wendy Hutchins, Tech. Sgts. Dale Bucklin and Joshua Warbiany, Staff Sgts. Benjamin Thomsen and Gregory Roberts, with alternates Staff Sgt. Jennifer Hall and Senior Airman Janice Mann.

## SECURITY FORCES



Chief Master Sgt. Ed Stewart will head up the security forces team with Tech. Sgt. Zachary Casey, Staff Sgt. Jack Montez, and Senior Airman Michael Chapman.

# SOFA



## Days to remember

May 3, 1952

A ski-and-wheel-equipped U.S. Air Force C-47 Skytrain makes the world's first successful North Pole landing..

## Promotions

### Lieutenant Colonel

Hans Bley, 728th AS  
 William Eberhardt, 728th AS  
 Dale French, 446th OSF  
 Timothy Greminger, 728th AS  
 Steven Hedden, 313th AS  
 Thomas Jensen, 97th AS  
 Lance Johnston, 313th AS  
 Chad Marien, 97th AS  
 Ronald McMinn, 97th AS  
 Benjamin Morley, 446th OSF  
 Joseph Nauman, 97th AS  
 Vincent Oda, 446th AES  
 John Olmedo, 446th AES  
 Gregg Pointon, 313th AS  
 Scott Ryan, 97th AS  
 Douglas Soho, 97th AS  
 Diego Wendt, 97th AS  
 David Zeitouni, 313th AS

### Master Sergeant

Roby Campbell, 446th ASTS  
 Melody Frost, 97th AS  
 David Klopp, 446th AW  
 Elizabeth Riser, 446th SFS  
 Larry Sleigh, 36th APS

### Technical Sergeant

Adolfo Cervantes, 86th APS  
 Douglas Conner, 446th AMXS  
 Lonard Dewitt, 728th AS  
 Roland Espiritu, 446th AMXS  
 Ross Giesy, 446th MOF  
 Carl Higgins, 446th AMXS  
 Normand Heather, 446th OSF  
 Nikkaiya Thompson, 446th ASTS

### Staff Sergeant

Juanito Delarosa, 446th AMX-  
 SOWen Duff, 446th CES  
 Paul Gillon, 446th AMXS  
 Stevan Harris, 446th AMDS  
 Leila Hemenway, 446th OG  
 Sheldon Moore, 86th APS  
 Joseph Neier, 446th AMXS  
 John Neighbors, 446th AMXS  
 Daniel Nelson, 446th AMXS  
 Teri Schmidt, 313th AS  
 Lebaron Smith, 446th AMXS

### Senior Airman

Derran Hertz, 446th MXS  
 Michael Glover, 446th CES  
 Jeremy Hummel, 446th AMXS  
 Michael Palmer, 446th MXS

### Airman First Class

Micaiah Schneider, 446th AMXS

### Airman

Kenneth Gering, 446th ASTS

## Newcomers

### Captain

Kirby Meyer, 446th AMDS

### First Lieutenant

Michael Gledhill, 446th AES

### Staff Sergeant

Brian Fagan, 446th CES  
 Russell Morris, 446th AMDS  
 Andrew Thatcher, 728th AS  
 Jack Cales, 446th AMXS  
 Tamara Englund, 446th MSS

### Senior Airman

Renelle Conner, 446th AMDS  
 Brian Fortune, 446th CES  
 Rudy Horton, 446th AMXS  
 Richard Perreault, 36th APS  
 Anthony Reichelt, 446th SFS

### Airman First Class

Shauna Evanson, 446th MOF  
 Miguel Foucher, 446th SFS

## Retirements

### Major

Judith Krill, 446th AES

### Senior Master Sergeant

Michael Cappelto, 446th AMXS

### Master Sergeant

Jace Bitton, 446th MXS  
 Brian Bottler, 446th CES  
 Lawrence Page, 446th AES  
 Lloyd Runquist, 446th OG  
 Aaron Sauer, 446th CES  
 Robert Savvedra, 446th MXS  
 Rodney Walters, 446th CES

### Technical Sergeant

Trudy Buhman, 446th OSF  
 Cory Gillas, 446th CES  
 Eric Hermes, 446th MXS  
 Bradley Hernke, 446th AW  
 Thomas Kuljam, 446th MXS

### Staff Sergeant

Orrin Hubbel, 86th APS



Photo by Abner Guzman

## Reserve to Reserve

Reserve Marines (left to right) Lance Cpl. Derek Moore, Cpl. Sean Pierson, and Lance Cpl. Gerald Chang train on prepping cargo for loading on a C-17 under the supervision of Tech. Sgt. Wilford Cena, 86th Aerial Port Squadron.

# Just Briefly

## What are you safety plans for the summer?

### Briefings

I always give in depth safety briefings before going down the river. (Sergeant Pellegrini is a white water river guide.)



◆ Master Sgt. Leslie Pellegrini  
446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

### Check stuff

Before I go out on my boat I'll check if the fire extinguisher is current, if all on-board lights work, and make sure I have proper life preservers onboard,



◆ Staff Sgt. Allison Fieseler  
446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

### ORM

Using operational risk management for outdoor activities such as gardening.



◆ Master Sgt. Robin Weiss  
446th Mission Support Squadron

### Proper gear

Wear proper safety gear when working outside.



◆ Tech. Sgt. Amy Whitson  
446th Mission Support Squadron

## Maintenance group commander departing for job in Georgia

A farewell dinner for Col. Jon and Susan Huguley will be June 6 at 6 p.m. in the McChord Club. Dress is Northwest casual for a Southern Buffet. Cost is \$20 per person. Contact Patti Holoway at 982-3830 for more information.

Colonel Huguley will hand command of the 446th Maintenance Group to Col. William Anholt on Aug. 9. Colonel Huguley is moving to Robins AFB, Ga., to take a civilian position. Colonel Anholt is coming to McChord from Travis AFB, Calif.

## Reserve Health Assessment questionnaire now online

The Web-based health assessment questionnaire has been moved behind the AF Portal. You will no longer be able to access the questionnaire from the RCPHA Login Page or any .com domain. Below you will find instructions on where to find the Web HA in the portal.

To Access the AF Web HA

1. Log into the AF Portal
2. Click on the "Life & Career" link in the blue horizontal menu
3. Click on Health
4. Click on the "AF Web-Based Health Assessment (AF WEB HA)
5. Click on the "Click Here" Link

If there are any further questions regarding the questionnaire, please direct them towards the Web HA Help Desk. For convenience, their contact information can be found on the portal's AF Web HA page, as well as by calling 1-800-298-0230.

## Apply to VA for Post-9/11 GI Bill

The Department of Veterans Affairs is accepting applications for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. You may apply online using VONAPP or you can print out a VA Form 22-1990, (Application for VA Education Benefits) and mail it to the Regional Processing Office that handles your claim. If you have any questions please call 1-888-442-4551. Visit the VA Web site at :<http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>

## Additional gates for primary UTA ease traffic congestion inbound

Reservists are reminded to use the two additional gates available on Reserve primary drill weekends, from 6 to 9 a.m., and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The north gate, located next to the 62nd Aerial Port Squadron building, is accessible from the 512 exit at Steele Street. The housing gate is accessible from the Gravelly Lake Drive exit from I-5. On alternate drill weekends, normal gate hours apply.

## New BAH rules for non-custodial parents take effect July 1

Effective July 1, the single BAH rate will be applied to all non-custodial parent Reservists divorced from another military member, regardless of child support obligations.

Members meeting this criteria will need to notify the Reserve pay office before July 1 to update their records. Failure to do so may cause overpayment of entitlement, which must then be reclaimed by the government.

## Plan for wing-wide Family Day in August; volunteer to organize

All wing Reservists and their families are invited to a wing-wide celebration of the support our families give us. The event is scheduled for Aug. 8, so mark your calendars.

If you'd like to help organize this huge event, Family Day planning meetings are held every UTA Saturday at 11 a.m., in the Wing Conference Room (Bldg. 1214).

## Personnel questions answered with central telephone number

Members of the Total Force – regular Air Force, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, civilian and retired Airmen now have one central phone number to call for help with their personnel questions.

Members of the Air Force community should call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102 to reach a customer service counselor to discuss issues ranging from retraining, promotions and identification cards to leave, retirements and civilian benefits.

## 'Leading Regardless of Rank' Seminar set for August

The 446th Airlift Wing's Career Workshop is now called the "Leading Regardless of Rank Seminar." This free seminar will take place on Aug. 10-11, in Hangar 9. Confirmed attendees include the Air Force Reserve Command Chief and 4th Air Force Command Chief. Mark your calendars now and look out for sign-up information on the wing's main SharePoint page. Contact your unit career advisor for more information of if you have any questions.

## RODEO 2009 needs support of wranglers, interpreters

RODEO 2009 is on the lookout for people who want to volunteer as wranglers and interpreters for this year's event. Squadrons can also apply as sponsors, to assist with the international teams. For more information go to [https://62aw.mcchord.af.mil/aw\\_staff/rodeo/default.aspx](https://62aw.mcchord.af.mil/aw_staff/rodeo/default.aspx)

# 446th Airlift Wing Annual Awards



**Field Grade Officer**  
Maj. Kristina Forbes  
446th Aeromedical  
Evacuation Squadron



**First Sergeant**  
Master Sgt. Todd Lamphere  
446th Aerospace Medicine  
Squadron



**Senior NCO**  
Master Sgt. Kurt Schafer  
446th Maintenance  
Squadron



**NCO**  
Staff Sgt. Ryan Allen  
446th Aerospace Medicine  
Squadron



**Airman**  
Senior Airman Channel  
Bolton-Scholl  
446th Maintenance  
Squadron

**Not pictured:**  
**Company Grade Officer**  
Capt. Jessica Ditson, 313th Airlift Squadron

## I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN

I am an American Airman  
I am a Warrior  
I have answered my Nation's call

I am an American Airman  
My mission is to Fly, Fight, and Win  
I am faithful to a proud Heritage  
A tradition of Honor  
And a legacy of Valor

I am an American Airman  
Guardian of freedom and justice  
My Nation's sword and shield  
Its sentry and avenger  
I defend my Country with my life

I am an American Airman  
Wingman, Leader, Warrior  
I will never leave an Airman behind  
I will never falter  
And I will not fail

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