

445 LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

445 Motor Vehicle Squadron constituted, 24 Jun 1952
Activated in the Reserve, 8 Jul 1952
Redesignated 445 Transportation Squadron, 8 Oct 1956
Ordered to Active Service, 28 Oct 1962
Relieved from Active Duty, 28 Nov 1962
Discontinued and inactivated, 22 Jan 1963
Redesignated 445 Logistics Readiness Squadron, 4 Sep 2002
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Oct 2002

STATIONS

Buffalo, NY, 8 Jul 1952
Niagara Falls Muni Aprt, 15 Jun 1955
Dobbins AFB, GA, 16 Nov 1957-22 Jan 1963
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, 1 Oct 2002

ASSIGNMENTS

445 Maintenance and Supply Group, 8 Jul 1952
445 Air Base Group, 25 Sep 1958 -22 Jan 1963
445 Mission Support Group, 1 Oct 2002

COMMANDERS

Maj F. Massey

Lt Col Donald Wren

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jan 2008-31 Dec 2009

EMBLEM



On a disc Azure, an American bald eagle volant Proper, grasping in dexter claw a lightning bolt bendwise sinister Or, and in sinister claw a key bendwise wards to base. Issuing from dexter base three contrails reflexed and terminating in as many stylized flight symbols ascending to sinister in bend Gules, all within a narrow border Red. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Red border and inscribed "WHENEVER WHEREVER" in Red letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Red border and inscribed "445 LOGISTICS READINESS SQ" in Red letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The eagle in flight serves as our nation's symbol and the aerospace mission. The lightning bolt represents the transportation mission and the speed of mission accomplishment. The key alludes to the supply mission and the unit's commitment to mission success. The three flight symbols refer to building on the past, present success and future accomplishment. 10 Aug 2004

MOTTO

Whenever Wherever

OPERATIONS

A 445 Logistics Readiness Squadron officer currently deployed with the 506th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron took command of the unit during a change of command ceremony at Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq, April 21. Lt. Col. Joseph Savage took command of the 506 ELRS from Lt. Col. Charles Young. Col. Leonard Dick, 506th Air Expeditionary Group commander was the presiding officer for the ceremony. Assigned as the commander of the 506th ELRS under the 506th AEG, Colonel Savage's unit is responsible for continuous ELRS operations.

Due to the drawdown of the Air Force footprint and mission handover to the Army, he will be the last 506 ELRS commander at Kirkuk. Colonel Savage oversees a staff of more than 90 active duty and reserve personnel, covering eight flights. "Our primary mission is to provide daily mission support to the AEG which includes; small terminal operations (including aerial port operations, air terminal operations center, and passenger terminal); re-deployment control center; material management; traffic management; vehicle maintenance and operations; just to name a few," Colonel Savage said.

The reservist said his unit also manages several key logistics tasks of the Responsible Drawdown of Forces; ensuring proper accountability of equipment, weapons, vehicles, and personnel. "As the AEG turns over its mission to the Army, we are responsible for the proper turnover of assets when required and redeploy of assets to other bases within the AOR to support their missions," Colonel Savage said. Colonel Savage said his unit is ready and prepared for the turn over.

"The men and women of the 506 ELRS are the best. They will be faced with the awesome challenge of doing their daily mission while assisting the rest of the group in drawdown actions, and also completing the ELRS's own drawdown all at the same time," Colonel Savage said. The colonel admits that his new role as commander has been a great learning experience so far. "I'm continually amazed by the professionalism of the Air Force personnel and their positive attitude. They are extremely dedicated to the mission and take great pride in doing things right. I thank their families and especially my family for their sacrifice, love, and support," Colonel Savage said.

Being in a different country can be a new and exciting experience, full of adventure and lots of fun. For Air Force Reservists at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, traveling across the Atlantic brings opportunities to explore a new culture and mission operation. More than 65 members of the 445 Logistics Readiness Squadron spent their annual tour at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, June 11-25.

The Airmen flew on one of the wing's newest assets, the C-17. It took them more than 4,000 miles to their final destination where they worked and trained side-by-side with their active-duty counterparts from the 86th Airlift Wing. "This is an opportunity to train and learn from active duty Airmen. We feel a sense of pride in helping them and sharing information with one another about our military and civilian experiences," said Tech. Sgt. Mark Reel, 445 LRS fuels craftsman.

Due to the high operation tempo in Germany, the loggies are training as well as working to support real-world missions. "I love the active-duty work pace and mentality of getting the job done quickly and efficiently," said Senior Airman Emily Temple, 445 LRS fuels distribution operator. "Besides being deployed, this is the busiest I have ever been." Airman Temple says she

loves the Air Force because of the technical excellence and professionalism, and she recommends reservists to visit Germany for their annual tour. "It is imperative to take the opportunity to train with knowledgeable Airmen to gain more experience for this career field. I would love to join these active-duty Airmen doing this full-time if given the chance," Airman Temple said.

"Reservists may not always have the chance to perform certain duties during their unit training assemblies and the annual tour gives them the possibility to prime and season their training," she added. During their time in Germany, the LRS worked overtime with the 86th LRS to help the mission workload. "In our squadron there is a saying, 'without fuel, pilots are pedestrians.' When our Airmen see a plane in the sky, they have the satisfaction of knowing it is because of their mission that an aircraft can take off to complete the mission," Sergeant Reel said. In addition to fueling, the 86th LRS supplies and maintains a large inventory of 11,000 gallons of liquid oxygen and 17,000 gallons of nitrogen for the aircraft. "This is a special job that one needs to be trained and qualified for.

It requires an Airman who is proficient and knowledgeable in their career field," said Staff Sgt. Robert Purnell, 86th LRS NCO in-charge of fuels cryogenics. "After working with Airman Temple, I enjoy working with reservists because I see she is highly motivated and eager to learn," Sergeant Purnell added. "I like teaching those who have no problem adapting to the active-duty work pace and I'm certain she will be ready for any upcoming inspection. I believe whatever workload or training comes along, Airman Temple can handle it," he said. Germany has been a positive sharing experience of knowledge for the 445 LRS Airmen and their active duty counterparts because of its specially tailored mission at Ramstein, which has different usages of equipment and environmental policies compared to the United States. 2011

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