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U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Armando McCarty, 327th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, directs a forklift toward the back of a C-130J at Kingsley Field, Oregon, on July 14. Loadmasters are responsible for the loading, securing and unloading of all cargo on their plane.

JOHN McCain REMEMBERED

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McCain's life celebrated at Washington National Cathedral

By Terri Moon Cronk

DOD News, Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON—The nation bid farewell to Arizona Sen. John S. McCain III—former Senate Armed Services Committee chairman, war hero and Vietnam prisoner of war—in a patriotic and emotional service Sunday at the Washington National Cathedral.

McCain lost his battle with brain cancer Aug. 25 at age 81. He was be laid to rest Sunday at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

VIPs, from former presidents Barack Obama, George Bush and Bill Clinton, to Defense Secretary James N. Mattis and former defense secretaries Leon Panetta and Ash Carter, attended the funeral.

The military provided ceremonial support for the retired Navy captain from body bearers and ushers to the U.S. Navy Band and U.S. Naval Academy Glee Club during a service that spanned two-and-a-half hours.

McCain's 'Amazing' Life

Former President George W. Bush said what was remarkable about McCain's life was the "amazing sweep" of it.

"From a tiny prison cell in Vietnam to the floor of the United States Senate, from trouble-making [Naval Academy] plebe to presidential candidate, wherever John passed throughout the world, people immediately knew there was a leader in their midst," he said.

"And one epic life was written of courage and greatness of our country," Bush added.

"John was, above all, a man with a code," the former president said. "He lived by a set of public virtues that brought strength and purpose to his life and to his country.

"He was courageous, with a courage that frightened his captors and inspired his countrymen," Bush said.

"As John would say: 'My friends,' we come to celebrate an extraordinary man -- a warrior, a statesman, a patriot, [who] embodied so much that is best in America," former President Barack Obama said.

'HE MADE THIS COUNTRY BETTER'

Obama said McCain made him and Bush better presidents during his Senate tenure, "just as he made the Senate better. Just as he made this country better."

McCain showed a largeness of spirit and an ability to see past differences in search of common ground, the 44th



ARIZONA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. BRIAN A. BARBOUR

The Arizona Army National Guard's Military Funeral Honors Team carries the casket of Sen. John S. McCain III to the State Capitol Building Rotunda in Phoenix on Aug. 29 for a memorial service. McCain, a Republican senator from Arizona, lost his battle with brain cancer Aug. 25. His funeral was held Saturday at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, where former presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama spoke.

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He answered the highest of callings to do something that was bigger than he was by serving his country during a time of war. Obama said.

"Others this week and this morning have spoken of the depths of his torment and the depths of his courage there in the cells of Hanoi, when day after day, year after year, that youthful iron was tempered into steel." he said of McCain's five-and-a-half years spent as a prisoner of war.

In captivity, McCain learned how each moment, each day and each choice is a test, the former president noted. "And John McCain passed that test again and again and again. And that's why when John spoke of virtues like service and duty, it didn't ring hollow. Those weren't just

words to him. It was a truth that he had lived, and for which he was prepared to die."

A FAMILY MAN

McCain was also lauded as a great family man, husband and father.

His daughter, Meghan McCain, gave the eulogy and said, "the nation is here to remember you," to her father.

"That fervent faith, that proven devotion, that abiding love -- that is what drove my father from the fiery skies above the Red River Delta to the brink of the presidency itself," she said.

"Dad," McCain said, "your greatness is woven ... into the life and liberty of the country you sacrificed so much to defend."

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Senior Airman Josue Ruiz-Garcia

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19th Logistics Readiness Squadron

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Service Before Self

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Senior Airman Josue Ruiz-Garcia embodies Service Before Self with his unselfish relentlessness to accomplish the mission. He is willing to work all shifts at a moment's notice and is often the first to volunteer to come in early and stay late. His dedication also reaches beyond his work-center, which showed in him being recognized as the Airman Leadership School class 18-06 Levitow Award winner for his efforts to better not only himself, but his classmates as future leaders in the United States Air Force.

HOW DOES THE INDIVIDUAL PORTRAY THE CORE VALUE?









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ART positions available for active duty, reserve

By Master Sgt. Ted Daigle, 307th Bomb Wing

Adapted by Senior Airman Grace Nichols,

19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Finding enough maintenance Air Reserve Technicians, or ARTs, is an ongoing challenge for the Air Force Reserve Command, but a host of new recruiters may soon help resolve the issue.

ARTs are civil service technicians who provide training and ensure the Air Force Reserve is ready for different missions. They often serve in a civilian capacity during the week and as Citizen Airmen for unit training assembly weekends and annual tours.

Across the AFRC, recruiters have been placed at 12 Air Force installations, including Little Rock Air Force Base.

"The shortage of ARTs has made it a buyer's market," said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Shantell Rolfe, 307th Bomb Wing ART recruiter. "We are looking at different ways to bring people into these positions."

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"We will be helping qualified candidates with things like resumes and filling out the applications," she said. "We are also going to work with hiring officials to see what can be done to help fill these positions."

Traditional reservists, Airmen separating from activeduty, and prior service from any branch of the military are all areas that may efficiently transition into an ART maintenance position.

For more information about applying for an ART position Little Rock Air Force Base, contact Rolfe at shantell.mayo@us.af.mil or 318-716-0259.

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Base preps for STEM festival

By Airman 1st Class Rhett Isbell

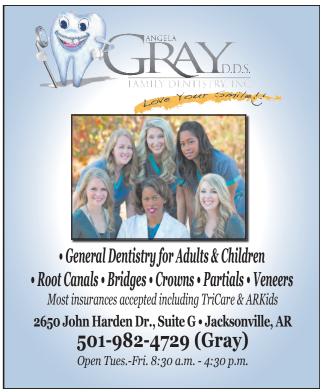
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From voyages into space to helping students solve that one pesky math problem they've been terminally stuck on, careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, or STEM, fields offer a multitude of educational and career opportunities.

Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, will host the largest students-only STEM festival ever held in Arkansas on Oct. 26 for followed by a public two-day event Oct. 27-28 for everyone else to enjoy during the air and space show at Hangar 250, a space as large as five football fields. Admission to the festival and air and space show is free for all attendees.

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opping from an undisclosed location in Afghanistan to multiple bases in the U.S. while carrying thousands of pounds of cargo in a few months, loadmasters ensure the safety and integrity of everything from packages to people aboard their aircraft.

Keeping up with such a demanding career field can be a little overwhelming at times, but thanks to training during a temporary deployment to Kingsley Field, Oregon, loadmasters from Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, were able to sharpen skills used both in-garrison and deployed.

"The basic duties of a loadmaster are weight and balancing of the aircraft," said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Ryan Maxey, 41st Airlift Squadron non-comissioned officer in charge of standards and evaluations. "Making sure we're within limits for all operations including: airdrops, take-offs and landings, assisting the pilots with preflight checks and inflight emergencies."

Juggling all of these responsibilities in multiple environments requires flexibility and complete knowledge of their role in accomplishing the mission. Loadmasters must train constantly to be able to efficiently execute that role.

"The training has to be there," Maxey said. "You can't hope to accomplish something for the first time, while deployed. You need a level of proficiency built up from training before taking that task on."

Enduring the transition period from learning to acting can be strenuous, but Little Rock loadmasters managed the successful operation of a critical role of a bubbleer during the training. A bubbleer is a loadmaster who will sit in a plastic bubble to check for dangers radar might not be able to detect.

"You go over these tactics to be able to survive," said Staff Sgt. George Childres, 41st Airlift Squadron loadmaster instructor. "To be able to go over these tactics is crucial."

While effectively using these tactics during an exercise and out in the field are two totally separate acts, Maxey is confident that Little Rock loadmasters are training to win the fight.

"Everybody's life is on the line in combat situations, and we can't have any idle hands," Maxey said. "For us to be training like this helps us survive those situations and get home safe."



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Benjamin Evans, 34th Combat Training Squadron loadmaster, reviews a map with Capt. Hunter Hamer, 19th Operations Group standardization evaluation liaison officer, over Kingsley Field, Oregon, on July 14. Loadmasters regularly assist pilots in various tasks the pilots may be unable to accomplish, such as navigating.

STEM

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"The STEM festival designed to bring educational opportunities to people and show what kind of possibilities are out there," said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Mark Castleberry, 19th Civil Engineer-Squadron superintendent of operations engineering. "It's less about having students come out, set up attractions and compete and more about hosting educational and career opportunities for the entire state and the surrounding areas."

Students wishing attend the student-only Oct. 26 event are required to be a part of a field trip with their school. Schools have a deadline of Sept. 15 to register on the website (see below).

"Everything here is education based," Castleberry said. "The cool thing about the STEM community is that it's here to educate and help out. We've had people reach out to us for this because they want to show people how STEM can help them. It's an opportunity a lot of young people may never get again in their life."

After the student day, the festival is open to anyone who would like

a multitude of different attractions, including: educational robotics exhibit, NASA, electronic vehicle challenge, virtual reality engine and many others.

"We want this to build a network of STEM organizations in the state, who can continue to produce more programming in future

The STRUGGLE IN REAL

to attend and will have statewide festivals," said Maj. Kyle Sanders, 19th Operations Group STEM festival director. "It's an investment in Arkansas."

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