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Guard, Reserve take over 437th Aerial Port Squadron during Patriot Partner

Air National Guard and Reserve units are temporarily taking over the 437th Aerial Port Squadron as a part of a program known as Patriot Partner.

From June 1-15, nearly 135 Reservists and Guard members will provide 60 to 70 percent of the manpower for the 437th Aerial Port Squadron. This program allows APS personnel to take leave and, most importantly, to complete training requirements.

Participating in this year's Patriot Partner are the 179th Aerial Port Squadron, Mansfield Air National Guard Base, Ohio; the 919th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida; the 84th Aerial Port Squadron, Greenville, South Carolina; the 80th Aerial Port Squadron, Dobbins Air Force Base, Georgia and the 143rd Aerial Port Squadron, Quonset Point Air National Guard Base, Rhode Island.

Not only does Patriot Partner give the 437th Aerial Port Squadron time off for training, but it also gives the Reservists and Guard members the opportunity to do some hands-on training at a very high operations tempo environment.

The 437th Aerial Port Squadron set a new record May 20 by moving 812 tons of cargo. This beat the last record of 683 tons moved on Easter Sunday.

(Media wishing to cover Patriot Partner should arrive at the Dorchester Gate at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, June 5 and MUST CALL Lt. Kristen Miller at 963-5537 or MSgt Angel Newman at 963-5582 TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE.)