

# Charleston Profile

**Staff Sgt. Alan Campbell**

**437<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron**

Staff Sgt. Alan Campbell is an aviation resource manager craftsman with the 437<sup>th</sup> Current Operations Flight. His duties include arranging opportune airlift missions and fly-over requests, providing critical information for diplomatic missions requiring overflight clearance and maintaining libraries dealing with landing and departing procedures at worldwide airports. He also tracks mission data and coordinates schedules for four air refueling tracks in the southeast U.S. and Canada.

Originally from Sumter, S.C., he joined the Air Force in July 1988 to "leave the nest," he said. "I was 22 years old and I wanted to become independent and live a life of my own."

Campbell has been stationed at Charleston AFB since October 1995. Previous assignments include Scott AFB, Ill., and Reykjavik, Iceland. "I really like being stationed in my home state," he said. "It's convenient and close to home."

Campbell has an associate's degree in business management, which he earned from Sumter Area Technical College before enlisting in the Air Force. He's an aviation enthusiast and has a particular interest in the area of commercial airliners. His goal in life is to work in the operations section of a major airline.

Campbell photographs and sketches commercial airliners. Some of his photos can be seen on the Internet at [www.airliners.net](http://www.airliners.net), a web site for amateur aviation photographers. He also collects commercial aircraft models, memorabilia and old airline flight schedules.

"My job in the Air Force is what I want to do on the outside," Campbell said. "That's why I like Air Mobility Command. It's the world's largest airline."



Senior Airman Michael Duhe

## Around the base

**Holiday lights tours:** The Aero club is hosting a Holiday Lights Tour every Friday and Saturday until Jan. 8 from 6-11 p.m. Flights will leave the Aero Club every 30 minutes carrying three passengers per trip.

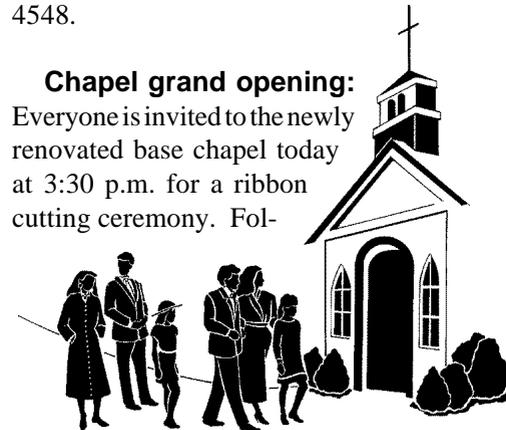
The tour will feature the James Island County Park, Charleston peninsula, Mount Pleasant area and the USS Yorktown. Cost is \$15 per passenger. To reserve a seat, call 963-5152.

**RAO closure:** The Retiree Activities Office will be closed for the holidays until Jan. 3.

**MPF closure:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Military Personnel Flight will be closed today from noon to 2 p.m. for a special function. Customer service will remain open throughout the day and the rest of the MPF will reopen at 2 p.m. For information, call Chief Master Sgt. Johnny Cunningham at 963-4548.

## Chapel grand opening:

Everyone is invited to the newly renovated base chapel today at 3:30 p.m. for a ribbon cutting ceremony. Fol-



lowing the ribbon cutting, a 40-minute prayer service will be held in the chapel. A reception will follow in the chapel annex.

The quality of life project culminates a 26-month-long construction project that will be complete on Christmas Eve when the chapel will hold its first service. For more information, contact Chaplain (Capt.) Richard Novotny at 963-2536.

**Christmas visit:** Santa Claus is going to visit base housing (to include Hunley Park) Saturday, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Santa and his helpers will be riding on a fire truck and sharing good cheer. Bring the little ones to see Santa and get some candy. The Enlisted Support Club will sponsor the event.

**POL Closure:** The POL base service station will be closed Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. for computer software upgrades. Customers should refuel their vehicles the day prior. For emergency service, call 963-5079.

**Holiday hours:** The Commissary hours of operation for the holidays are as follows:

- Dec. 24 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Dec. 25 – Closed
- Dec. 26 – Closed
- Dec. 27 – 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (usually closed on Mondays)
- Jan. 1 – Closed

**Parking lot/road closure:** Eight