

Charleston Profile

Staff Sgt. Robert Cochran
437th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Robert Cochran is the Home Station Check daytime supervisor for the 437th Equipment Maintenance Squadron. C-17s are sent in for HSC every 120 days for routine maintenance and Cochran oversees the 20 airman working on the aircraft.

"It's a good feeling when we give an aircraft back to the aircraft generation squadron," he said. "When the aircraft is sent back I know its above standard and fixed right."

The Clarksville, Pa., native brags about the airmen he supervises and hopes they continue on the right, hard-working path. "I don't want them to loose sight of what their job really is," Cochran said. "I want them to understand whether they're working on an aircraft or pushing a broom, they're serving their country."

Cochran has been serving his country for almost 15 years, all of it at Charleston, and intends to retire from the Air Force. Though he's not sure about what he wants to do after the military, he does know he wants to get a CCAF degree and an Associates Degree from Trident Technical College. "I had wanted to major in criminal justice, now I'm not sure." Cochran also knows he'll will move back to Pennsylvania when he retires.

He and wife, Corrie, recently bought a house in Summerville and when he's not at work, Cochran is doing chores around the house or golfing. His favorite pastime is spending time with his 5-year-old daughter, Brandy.



Staff Sgt. Pamela Smith

Spotlight

Retirement: There is a retirement luncheon for Master Sgt. David Tucker, 437th Logistics Support Squadron first sergeant, Nov. 4 at 11:30 a.m. at the Charleston Club. Lunch will be pay as you go. For information or to RSVP, call Senior Airman Temple Burriss at 963-2816.

Around the base

Dedication: The 437th Transportation Squadron will dedicate the vehicle maintenance facility (Bldg. 176) today after it underwent major renovations and additions over the past year. The ceremony is at 10 a.m. and is open to all personnel.

Arts and crafts show: The Charleston AFB Officer Spouses Association is having an arts and crafts show in the Charleston Club Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. About 24 crafters from throughout the Low Country will have items for sale. Spaces for interested crafters are still available. The arts and craft show will be open to the public. For information, call Christine Memi at 871-8604.

Road closure: Bates Street will be closed from the parking lot entrance of Bldg. 536 to the parking lot entrance of Bldgs. 49 and 60 from 7 a.m. Monday to 7 a.m. Oct. 30. The detour will be from Hill Boulevard to either end of Bates Street.

Suicide Intrevention training: A

two day Applied Suicide Intervention Course, recommended for supervisors, first sergeants and commanders, is being offered Wednesday and Thursday in Bldg. 245.

The course is limited to 34 attendees. For information or to sign up, call Chaplain (1st Lt.) Daniel Morey at 963-2536 or Staff Sgt. Nelson Montayre at 963-2805.

Operation Safewalk: Volunteers are needed Oct. 31 for Operation Safewalk. This program is designed to provide a safe environment for children to Trick-or-Treat in. Uniform for the event will be BDU's and groups will consist of two to three people. The hours for this year's event are 5-8:30 p.m. For information or to volunteer, call Staff Sgt. Noah Coon at 963-2159.

Parent Support Program: The Family Advocacy Program will sponsor the new Parent Support Program beginning Nov. 1. This is a free service designed to help expectant and new parents with their changing lives. A new baby in the home, whether it's the first or joining a sibling, is one of life's most thrilling yet challenging experiences. The goal of the Family Advocacy Program is to help by educating and preparing new parents to effectively handle the pregnancy, birth and early years of infant and child care.

For information, call Linda Moultrie at 963-6787.

Benefits Fair: Charleston AFB will sponsor a Health Benefits Fair for civilian