

News briefs

Charleston Profile

Shannon Smith 437th Medical Group

Shannon Smith is the TRICARE Beneficiary Service Representative assigned to the 437th Airlift Wing. Smith gives TRICARE briefings to incoming personnel. She enrolls new members and handles the transfer paperwork of current TRICARE members.

Smith has been with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for more than five years.

"I worked Medicare/Medicaid matters in Columbia (S.C.) before I got a transfer here."

She took over as a military TRICARE rep 18 months ago, though she's only been located in the 437th Medical Clinic for two weeks.

"I love my job," said Smith. "I enjoying helping people make sure their healthcare and benefits are taken care of."

When she's not taking care of the medical needs of patients, Smith is taking care of her 13-month-old son's needs.

"I like to sing and dance," said Smith, "but I truly love playing with my son Erik."

Smith was born and raised in Summerville and intends to stay in the area and at the 437th MDG as long as she can.



Senior Airman Michael Duhe

Spotlight

Retirement: The 1st Combat Camera Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Senior Master Sgt. Michael Haggerty today at 10 a.m. at the Charleston Club. Everyone is invited to attend. For information, call Staff Sgt. Regina Height at 963-3462.

Retirement: The 437th Transportation Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Mark Swann today at 2 p.m. at the Charleston Club. Everyone is invited to attend. For information, call Master Sgt. Mark Johnson at 963-4194.

Around the base

CGOC: The base Company Grade Officers Council will have 437th Services Squadron commander Maj. Brian Blankenship speak on "Tips for Success for Young Officers" at the next CGOC meeting Oct. 1, 4 p.m., at the Charleston Club.

Contact Lt. Catherine Barker at 963-5202 if you have any questions.

Fish fry: The Chiefs' Group is having a fish fry today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the base picnic grounds. The menu will include fish, hushpuppies, slaw, potato salad, baked beans and tea. Cost is \$5 per ticket and may be purchased from any CAFB Chief.

Talent Show: Attention Team Charleston: Do you have a hidden talent? The African American Heritage Council invites you to show off your talents.

Auditions are Oct. 18, 7-9 p.m. at the Charleston Club (Salons A & B). All acts must audition — absolutely no exceptions.

Respond no later than Oct. 15.

For more information, call AAHC president Lt. Clifford Colley at 963-3178 or talent show coordinator Senior Airman Bernadette Campbell at 963-2134/36).

Study skills: A study skills seminar will be conducted Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon at the Community Education Center.

This course will help you learn good study skills and help ensure success in future college courses and/or College Level Examination Program testing. For information or to sign up, call 963-4575.

Parent University: Parent's looking for ways to improve their parent-child skills can attend Parent University Wednesday and Thursday from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Behavioral Sciences (Bldg. 1000). Free childcare will be provided.

■ Class topics include:

- Drug abuse and adolescents
- How to get your child to study
- Kids and cash
- How to be an effective stepparent
- Adolescent issues for parents
- Date rape: Teaching your daughter how to be safer

■ Legal documents for protecting your children (for parents of children with developmental delays)

■ How to develop a family budget