

CAFB August promotees

Lieutenant Colonel
Blanchard, Gregory 14 AS

First Lieutenant
Pearson, Gordon 437 AGS
White, Justin 437 SFS

Chief Master Sergeant
Stament, Timothy 437 AGS

Master Sergeant
Foster, Stephen AFCCC
Henderson, Jeffrey 437 AGS
Levering, James 437 CS
Motsinger, Gary 437 AW
Scott, Stephon 437 SUPS

Technical Sergeant
Brown, Kevin 437 SUPS
Byrth, Carl 437 AGS
Halm, Mark 437 LSS
Pain, Frank 437 SUPS
Webber, Heidi 437 AGS

Staff Sergeant
Abate, John 15 AS
Abernethy, Philip 437 AGS
Cedergren, Teresa 437 AW
Edwards, Kirk 437 MXS
Hare, Dewey 437 CS
Hudson, Matthew 437 MXS
Lang, Russell 437 MDSS
Mink, Samuel 437 CES
Robles, Luis 437 AGS
Ryan, Phillip 437 AGS
Sedovic, Michael 437 AGS

Varner, Danwel 437 AGS
Waweru, Shelby 437 AW

Senior Airman
Biesiada, Michael 437 APS
Bivins, Jamie 437 AGS
Bost, Brian 437 SFS
Coleman, Matthew 437 CES
Edmond, Jeannette 437 SVS
Gergen, Christopher TRNS
Giles, William 437 AGS
Gulke, Kari 437 APS
Komarovskiy, Boris 437 TRNS
Lea, Clinton 437 MXS
McCosco, Ryan 437 AGS
Nguyen, Toan 437 SFS
Rhoad, Frank 437 CES
Samson, Matthew 437 AGS
Silberling, Dustin 437 AGS
Soine, Seth 437 APS
Sonnenberg, Erik 437 CS
Woodard, Erick 437 SFS

Airman First Class
Bradford, Joie 437 SVS
Goode, Chad 437 SFS
Harrington, Mark 437 AGS
Johnson, Christopher 437 SUPS
Keffler, Ryan 437 MXS
Lee, Sharika 14 AS
Rome, Mario 437 MXS
York, Benton 437 SUPS
Zahn, Nathan 437 AGS

Airman
Greene, Jimmel Jr. 437 SUPS
Johnson, Celina 437 AMDS

Tattoo

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"There was a huge celebration after the airshow and that's when they presented us with the award. We knew that the demo had impressed the crowds, but didn't think we could compete against the Ukrainian MIG-29s, Dutch F-16s and Swiss F-5s."

Not only did the crowds come out to look at the C-17, but at Cottesmore, a number of heads-of-state, legislators and cabinet officials came out to look at the jet. "There were lots of VIPs that toured the aircraft, to include the King of Jordan and the Prince of Saudi Arabia. There were so many generals that came out that I lost count."

"While Ken was flying the RIAT demo, I was busy with the 315th crew giving VIP tours on the static. The highlight of these tours occurred on Saturday, when the King of Jordan visited. I had the him (King Abdullah II) sitting in the pilot's seat of the static C-17 on the ground watching the flying demo through the heads up display," said Lt. Col. John Millander, 17th AS commander. VIP visitors also included Gen. "Speedy" Martin, United States Air Forces in Europe commander; Air Marshall Peter Squires, the Chief of Staff of the RAF; Jeffrey Hoon, the U.K. Secretary of State for Defence and the crown prince of Saudi Arabia Prince Faisal.

"People were just very excited about the aircraft and were impressed with how much you could fit into the back of the aircraft. We would demonstrate the versatility in the back of the plane to the crowds," said Tech. Sgt. Don Eagle, a loadmaster in the 17 AS.

"The crowd was really impressed with how we could back the plane up and we started to steal the show while backing up the runway," Eagle added.

"Normally at these big airshows, they limit the demonstrations to only 7 minutes, but they made a special exception for us and allowed us to do the full 10 minute demo profile," said Burch, who has more than 5,000 hours flying airlifters. The aircrew became something of a celebrity in the crowds since videotaped interviews were played on at least six massive "jumbotron" screens placed throughout the airshow grounds. "We would walk through the crowds and people would recognize us instantly from the videos. It was like we were celebrities," Burch said.

The Royal International Air Tattoo featured more than 350 aircraft representing military forces from more than 30 countries and drew about 200,000 people each day. RIAT2000 had a major tribute to the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, featuring the Spitfires and Hurricanes that flew to glory six decades ago. The tattoo is staged in support of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, the military charity that reaches out to all past and present members of the RAF and their dependants.

The Tattoo was forced to find a new temporary venue because of extensive runway resurfacing work at RAF Fairford. RAF Cottesmore, one of the Royal Air Force's frontline bases is home to two squadrons of Harrier GR7s, serving as part of the British Joint Force 2000.

Trash

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superintendent of the Base Appearance Team. "We spend an hour and a half or two hours, at least, every week cleaning it up. That ends up delaying work orders and base beautification projects."

Last Friday, for example, Battle led a six-person team along with two CE heavy equipment operators to clean up the dumpster area behind the base theater in preparation for the base picnic. The clean up took two hours of unscheduled time away from the detail.

Ouellette commended the Base Appearance Team and the CE Horizontal Shop for their efforts to keep the area clean. He said he knows picking up someone else's trash is a thankless job, but it always gets done thanks to their hard work.

"They shouldn't have to spend their time picking up trash that other people throw on the ground, but they get it done without complaining," Ouellette said. "Those dumpsters are there to support base organizations, official wing activities, and military family housing residents. We're finding household trash, junk and hazardous materials in there that clearly come from off base. Even some of the authorized users of the

dumpsters are just littering the ground with their junk."

Cleanup efforts aren't the only drawback of the unauthorized dumping, according to Staff Sgt. Maggie Nelson, 437 CES NCOIC of Base Service Contracts. The base has paid more than \$7,000 in excess and hazardous waste fees this year alone.

CE has recruited the 437th Security Forces Squadron in the battle of illegal dumping, according to Ouellette. Random checks at the gates and dumpster areas are already in progress. Camera systems and gates have been proposed.

"I certainly hope people will take as much pride in the appearance of the base as they do in the accomplishment of our mission and help put an end to littering and dumping trash," said Col. Dennis Kaan, 437th Support Group commander.

CAFB housing residents can dispose of items that are too large for regular refuse pickup, or anything metal, during bulk pickup on Wednesdays from 1-4:30 p.m. Yard waste is picked up on Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

The roll-off containers should only be used for large bulky items such as broken pallets, furniture and appliances. Tires, oil, batteries, fluorescent bulbs and anything that may be considered hazardous or recyclable

should not be placed in the dumpsters. Signs are placed next to each bulk refuse dumpster to identify what refuse items can be properly disposed of in the containers.

For more information about bulk waste refuse, contact Senior Airman Anthony High, Base Refuse Contract Quality Assurance Evaluator, at 963-

4143. Any violations at the dumpsters should be reported to Security Forces at 963-3600.

"It's an integrity issue," said Ouellette. "The C-17s will still fly and Team Charleston will still accomplish its mission, but dumping trash on the ground doesn't fit into our excellence-in-all-we-do mentality."



Senior Airman Anthony High, 437 CES

Trash, to include hazardous materials, is being thrown on the ground where a dumpster used to be behind the base theater.