

Commentary

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of the National Defense Transportation Association will feature retired Gen. William G.T. Tuttle, former commander of the Army Material Command, who will speak about the C-17. Everyone is invited to hear his presentation on Sept. 6 at noon in the Charleston Club. Contact Maj. Darren Baker at 963-3210 to RSVP.

The executive board of the Low Country Chapter of the Airlift Tanker Association will hold a

luncheon meeting on Tuesday at the Charleston Club at 11:30 a.m. Anyone interested in the A/TA is invited to attend. Upcoming events sponsored by the A/TA include a Sept. 8 golf tournament, Oct. 7 road rally and the Nov. 2-5 A/TA national convention in Anaheim, Calif. For additional information, contact Melissa Sanscrainte at 740-7588.

The local chapter of the Air Force Association is looking for someone to take over the leadership of this program. If interested, call retired Col. Jack Foley at 971-1610 for

more information.

On a sadder note, I was part of a group of dedicated 437th professionals who paid a lasting tribute at a funeral and graveside service last week to a retired senior Air Force leader. Honor guard Officer-in-Charge, Capt Irma Brussow, and NCOIC, Staff Sgt. Phil Johnson and the rest of the fabulous honor guard team did a fantastic job. The professionalism and dignity they displayed certainly made me extra proud to be a member of our Air Force and 437th teams.

We are gearing up for the Air

Expo on Oct. 14 and there is still time for squadrons to reserve their concessionaire space. The airshow committee is also looking for some volunteers who want to help with a wide variety of projects. Please give them a call at 963-5656 if you want to volunteer. This year's show will feature the C-17 as the top attraction, but there are also many other performing acts. You can see the latest schedule of events by logging on to our public web site at www.charleston.af.mil.

Its great being a part of the finest airlift wings on the planet!

Commanders Action Line

I run through base housing on a daily basis. Almost everyday, I am chased by dogs, that should be restrained. I thought pets had to be restrained on base.

Thank you for your concern. All family housing residents are briefed about pet control when moving into family housing. Pet care is also a standard article in the housing newsletters. There is a leash law on base which requires pets to be on a leash, in a pen or controlled in owners' yards at all times. Unfortu-

nately, not all pet owners adhere to the rules, and sometimes a pet may get loose without the owner's knowledge. Stray or loose animals should be reported to the North Charleston Police Animal Control Dispatcher at 554-5700. If they cannot respond, call Security Forces at 963-3600.

The Security Forces Squadron, in combination with the Base Traffic Engineering Working Group, has worked aggressively to reduce traffic violations on AFB utilizing a variety of tools and techniques. In response to your specific concern, they will continue to educate the base populace and target high offense areas, citing offenders appropriately. In the event that you witness a violation I encourage you to contact the Security Forces Control Center as soon as possible at 963-3600 to file a complaint.

We share your concern with secondhand smoke and encourage smokers to exhibit common courtesy and not smoke immediately outside any entrance to our base facilities. The base smoking policy, in accordance with AFI 40-102, Tobacco Use in the Air Force, states smoking is not permitted at points of ingress and egress to facilities. Ashtrays are available at both entrances to the club for patrons to extinguish smoking materials prior to entering the club. Prior to the recent construction of two patios, the Charleston Club didn't have an outdoor, designated smoking area. With completed patios, patrons now have smoking areas. We will also have signs made up and mounted at both club entrances designating these areas as "non-smoking."

Thanks for the crosswalk from the parking lot to the base chapel. It will be a welcome addition. Cars don't always slow down, and sometimes when visiting the chapel we have to put up our hands and plead for vehicles to stop. My wife is a volunteer and we utilize many of the base facilities. The base is wonderful and we appreciate your support!

We greatly appreciate your base traffic and safety con-

Action Line

The Commander's Action line is your direct link to me. It's your opportunity to make Charleston Air Force Base a better place to live, work and play.

First give the appropriate base agency a chance to solve the problem, but if you don't get a satisfactory answer, call me at **963-5581** or send an e-mail to action@charleston.af.mil.

To ensure you receive a response to your concerns, please leave your name and the information needed to contact you.

