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437 MDG scores 'A' on HSI, JCAHO inspections



Photo by Senior Airman Jason Smith

Capt. John Brewer, 437th Medical Group physician, examines Taylor Wright, 21-months, while her dad, Gene Wright, watches on. The base clinic recently passed a triennial inspection with no deficiencies.

By Lt. Col. Ed Memi
437 AW Public Affairs

It is not every day the Air Force Inspector General or a civilian inspection team looks over your processes and concludes that you are doing a superior job. That's exactly what happened when the 437th Medical Group was inspected by the Air Force Health Services Inspection Agency and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

The JCAHO civilian inspectors evaluate compliance with civilian health care practices and accredit more than 19,000 organizations every year. They awarded the 437 MDG "accreditation."

Accreditation results when an organization has demonstrated acceptable compliance in both patient focused areas and administration.

"Our preliminary JCAHO score indicates that we are well above average in our operations of the clinic," said Col. Regina Aune, 437 MDG commander.

The Health Services Inspection team evaluated those areas deemed uniquely military and is considered the tougher of the two inspections. The inspectors can assign three different ratings: not mission ready, mission ready with exceptions and

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315 AW claims AFRC Award

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber
315 AW Public Affairs

Air Force Reserve Command has selected the 315th Airlift Wing to receive the 2000 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for meritorious service for the period Sept. 1, 1998, to Aug. 31, 2000. This is the eighth outstanding unit award for the 315 AW, which was one of 15 reserve units to be selected for the award.

"I want to thank everyone for making the 315 AW such an outstanding unit," said Brig. Gen. Gerald Black, 315th AW commander. "It is you, your families and your employers that made this

award possible."

The 315 AW provided support around the globe during this period, which included numerous highlights.

- It deployed more than 2,822 wing members, delivered more than 39,594 tons of equipment and transported 36,745 passengers

- In the past 12 months, it has flown 12,103 hours

- Team Charleston's home-station maintenance launch reliability rate was best in the command at 93.5 percent

- The 315th Maintenance Squadron saved \$3.5 million in manpower and aircraft availability through improved

C-17 inspection procedures and establishment of a refurbishment program allowing the aging C-141 to keep flying

- The wing successfully developed a timely plan and evacuated all base assets in less than 24 hours when Hurricane Bonnie threatened Charleston

- During Operation Allied Force, the 315 AW had all four flying squadrons providing primary support in the Kosovo crisis, flying 417 sorties, delivering 5,213 tons of cargo and 3,419 people

- In April 1999, during

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Get off my grass

Parking in the grass behind Bldg. 479 is no longer authorized. The parking lot between the dormitory and the new dining facility is now open.