

February promotees

Lieutenant Colonel

Hair, Chris 14 AS
Thayne, Michael 14 AS

Major

Webb, Michael 15 AS

First Lieutenant

Kindle, Anthony 437 MDOS

Chief Master Sergeant

Kelley, Elton 437 EMS

Senior Master Sergeant

Adams, Robert 437 AW

Master Sergeant

Bechtol, Davis 437 LSS
Brooks, Laurence 437 MSS
Cooper, Kevin 437 APS
Johnson, Phyllis 437 MSS
Pinner, Dennis 437 AW
Rauton, Robert Jr. 16 AS
Thompson, Oscar 437 APS

Technical Sergeant

Barkman, Lisa 437 MSS
Bright, Steven 437 APS
Colon, Ivan 437 SVS
Dotson, Kenneth 437 AGS
Gonzalez, Efrain 1 CTCS
Hackworth, Gregory 437 SUPS
Hightower, Horace 437 CE
Owsley, Timothy 437 CE
Rollins, Boris 437 AW
Sagan, Raymond 437 CRS
Tobin, Kenneth 437 SFS
Ware, James 437 AGS

Staff Sergeant

Craven, Morris 437 AGS
Gardner, Jeffrie 437 EMS
Harding, Melissa 437 SVS
Hill, David 437 APS
Holland, Larry Jr. 437 AGS
Mylott, Kelly 437 SFS
Rogers, Suzanne 1 CTCS
Samuels, Vernel 14 AS
Story, Keyon 437 CES
Tatsch, Michael 437 CRS

Senior Airman

Allinder, John 437 TRANS
Braly, Vanessa 1 CTCS
Coley, Carlton 437 AGS
De Reza, Enrique 437 CES
Firkins, Thadius 437 APS
Gilman, Robert 437 TRANS
Glover, Andrew 437 CES
Lee, Clarence 437 APS
Lotson, Ronald 437 AGS
Lukens, John 437 AGS
Martinez, Julie 437 CES
Mcgee, Erica 437 AW
Morton, Dontae 437 SFS
Ocampo, Johnathan 437 CRS
Ogilvie, Brian 437 AGS
Rakieski, Scott 437 CES
Stallings, Danny 437 AGS
Wade, Fredrick 437 CES
Whitfield, James 437 EMS

Airman First Class

Campbell, Tameka 437 MSS
Fossett, Kevin 437 CPTS
Galioto, Anthony 437 AGS
Gohring, Joseph 437 CRS
Lefler, Derek 437 AGS
Mears, Sarah 437 TRANS
Tarantino, Bryan 437 CES
Tonjes, Tiffany 437 SUPS
Woodall, Zachary 437 EMS
Yasukawa, Gwen 437 AGS

Airman

Barlow, Nathan 437 APS
Gaboriault, Laura 437 SUPS
Ward, Jonathan 437 APS



Sign language

Airman 1st Class Scott Bomgardner, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron, measures a No Stopping street sign as he prepares to drill holes in it. The signs are being erected on Perimeter Road, near the Rivers Gate, to keep motorists from parking on the road edge and in the large open areas to watch aircraft.

Senior Airman Corey Clements

Pharmacy wants help to better serve you

The Charleston AFB Pharmacy is currently experiencing a loss of manpower and a significant increase in prescription workload.

In an effort to increase the pharmacy's efficiency and ensure patients receive error-free prescriptions, the pharmacy developed "prescription priorities" list, which determine the order in which your prescription is filled.

■ **Priority #1, Prescriptions:** Charleston AFB new prescriptions. They receive immediate attention upon receipt.

Usually, processing time will be 10 to 20 minutes, depending on the prescription workload generated by the medical providers.

■ **Priority #2, Prescriptions:** Non-Charleston AFB new prescriptions. They're processed after completion of priority #1 prescriptions. Processing time will vary greatly depending entirely on the clinic prescription workload.

■ **Priority #3, Prescriptions:** Walk-in refill prescriptions. They receive the lowest processing priority. Walk-in refills are provided as a courtesy and is not the standard procedure for refills, but ensures patients do not go without their medication.

Usually, these prescriptions will be ready for pick-up by the end of the duty day. However, there is no guaranteed time. Processing time varies greatly depending entirely on the new prescription workload. To avoid waiting, we encourage members to plan accordingly and use the Prescription Call-In Service.

■ **Priority #4, Refill Prescriptions:** All refills should be ordered using the Prescription Call-In Service at 963-6833. Refills ordered over the telephone are ready in two duty days. This way, there is no waiting, simply pick up the prescriptions. By using this system, members enable the pharmacy to provide better service to all their beneficiaries. *(Information submitted by the 437th Medical Group)*

437 SFS airman and canine "partner" seize millions in illegal drugs

Senior Airman Kenneth Hodgkins and his military working dog, Ringo, both of the 437th Security Forces Squadron, recently returned from the battleground of an on-going war - the war on drugs.

Hodgkins and Ringo, a drug detector dog, were deployed for three months to El Paso, Texas, where they assisted the United States Customs Service in full-time drug detection. While assigned to the customs unit, they played a major part in the detection and seizure of more than six tons of marijuana, cocaine, heroin and methamphetamines, with a total street value of \$16.3 million.

Hodgkins and Ringo were responsible for single-handedly detecting and seizing more than one ton of illegal drugs, valued at \$6.2.

Not only did they provide an invaluable community service, the assignment proved to be a significant learning experience for the military working dog team, said Hodgkins.

"It was amazing to see the number of people trying to enter the United States with so many illegal drugs," he said. "What was more amazing was to see how people were trying to get these drugs

AF announces expanded ACP sign-up window

Responding to requests from the field, the sign-up window for the newly restructured Aviator Continuation Pay Program has been expanded for fiscal 2000. The change took effect Monday.

Eligible pilots no longer have to wait until they are within 90 days of their computed effective date to sign their ACP agreement. Rules for computing effective dates of agreements/payments, eligibility criteria, payment options, and active duty service commitments remain unchanged.

Lt. Col. Scott Frost, chief of rated force policy at the air staff, said the restructured ACP Program should not be viewed as an entitlement. "This year's rates of compensation encourage long-term commitment. Pilots need to view restructured ACP as our enlisted force views a selective reenlistment bonus."

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across the border."

Drug traffickers use nearly every conceivable method to import their illegal wares into the U.S., Hodgkins said, from hollowed out car seats to false walls inside truck beds and drug-filled vehicle battery cells.

Hodgkins said he and Ringo will be more effective than ever during their daily homestation duties, which include conducting base entry/exit point checks and inspecting pallets of cargo and equipment received from around the world, after this experience.

"We're all very proud of both Senior Airman Hodgkins and Ringo," said Major Matt Eatman, 437 SFS commander. "It's yet another fine example of the level of responsibility and impact that security forces airmen have on the security of our nation."

Military working dog teams rarely get the opportunity to work directly with U.S. Customs and have the privilege to claim such great success in one assignment.

"These past three months were a great learning experience for not only myself, but for Ringo as well," Hodgkins said. *(Submitted by the 437 SFS)*