

# Charleston Profile

## 2nd Lt. Dawn Welborn 437<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron



Welborn is chief of customer service. Her section is responsible for producing identification cards for active duty members, Reservists, military family members, retirees and members of other branches of service in the area. Customer service also provides base inprocessing and orientation for newcomers. Welborn also supervises the casualty assistance section.

A native of Athens, Ga., her father was in the Air Force. "I really like the Air Force way of life," Welborn commented.

Welborn earned her commission through the ROTC program at the University of Georgia. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in journalism and has been stationed at Charleston AFB for 10 months. Her husband, Jeff, is a C-141 navigator with the 16<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron.

"I like Charleston because I'm close to home - it's a three hour drive to visit my parents in Georgia," she said.

Her long-term goals include being a high school teacher. "I'd like to encourage more kids to go to college," she said. She also plans to start a family with "lots of kids."

Welborn enjoys being around children. She is troop leader of a Daisy Girl Scout Troop. The girls in the troop are all kindergarteners and their parents are military members. The troop enjoys a variety of activities, such as arts and crafts, and educational activities as well. A recent safety presentation taught them how to dial 911 in case of emergency and what information to provide.

"I love kids," she said. "Working with kids is great. They look up to you and you can have a huge impact on their lives."

In addition to participating in activities in her community involving children, she enjoys baking cookies and cakes. She also enjoys exercising by taking her two dogs for a run.

## Spotlight

**Recruit the Recruiter:** A recruit-the-recruiter team will visit Charleston AFB Feb. 1. The team will give a one and a half-hour briefing at 9 a.m. in Bldg. 221, Base Education Center conference room. Learn more about the challenges and rewards of recruiting duty. Staff sergeants through master sergeants with less than 16 years total active federal military service are eligible to apply. Senior airmen with three to six years TAFMS are also eligible to apply.

The RTR team may have a desired location in your home state. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend the briefing. Those applying after the briefing should expect to spend the rest of the day processing their application. Those who qualify will be selected on the spot.

**Thumbs up:** Kudos to the members of the 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron whose Christmas cheer brightened the day for many coming onto the base.

Congratulations to Ron Tidd of the 437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron, who was recently STEP promoted to master sergeant.

The *Airlift Dispatch* would like to thank Staff Sgt. Lisa Zunzanyika of the 1st Combat Camera Squadron for providing the photos for last week's feature story on Senior Airman Lee Rogers.

**Job fair:** The Non-Commissioned Officer Association will host a job fair

Friday in Columbia at the Sheraton from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The address for the Columbia Sheraton is 2100 Bush River Road. The fair is free to military members of all ranks who have decided to leave the service.

## Around the base

**Trespass notice:** The base firing ranges are located adjacent to the Rivers Avenue entry gate to Charleston AFB, between the explosive ordnance disposal ranges, munitions storage site and the Cross County Road gravel pit. Trespassing is not only illegal, it is highly dangerous because of weapons training conducted daily, including weekends. Ranges are not allowed for personal use. Those having a valid need for entry must contact range personnel for authorization.

For information, call 963-5292.

**New testing schedule:** To better meet the needs of Team Charleston's shift workers, the Community Education Center will offer afternoon testing sessions (in addition to the Tuesday and Thursday morning sessions). The center will offer testing (CLEP/DANTES/college, etc.) sessions on the first and third Tuesday afternoon of each month. Testing times will be 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The 2:30 p.m. session will be limited to tests with a time limit of two hours or less. No DANTES testing will be available at the 2:30 p.m. session.