

Did you know?

In 1899, privates made \$19-a-month.
In 2000, E-2s make \$1127.40 a month.

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Charleston facts

The 437th Military Airlift Wing was redesignated the 437 AW in 1991 when Military Airlift Command became Air Mobility Command.



Tax Center opens Monday; free help, e-filing available

The Charleston AFB Tax Center opens Monday through April 15, offering free tax assistance in the preparation and electronic filing of federal and South Carolina tax returns. Additionally, the center will have tax forms for every state.

The tax center is located on the second floor of Bldg. 245. It will be open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m.-noon on Friday. Taxpayers needing assistance with 1040 and 1040A forms will be seen by appointment. Walk-in service will be available for clients with 1040EZs.

To have the tax center assist with preparing taxes, obtain and complete a taxpayer worksheet from the Charleston AFB Tax Center or the Charleston AFB JA intranet web site: <http://globemaster/437aw/ja/>

Call the tax center at 963-1040 to make an appointment and bring along the necessary documents below:

- Completed Charleston AFB Tax Center worksheet
- Military identification card
- W-2s
- Form 1099s - bank forms that document interest earned or paid
- IRS Form 1098-E, Student Loan Interest Statement
- IRA Contribution Information
- Your total IRA basis for 1998 and earlier years (or last year's Form 8606)
- Spouse's and children's Social Security card numbers - names on

returns must be identical to names on Social Security cards

- Copy of check (for direct deposit option)
- Forms 1098 (Home Mortgage Interest)
- Itemized lists of charitable or other deductions, medical costs above what CHAMPUS would pay, costs for professional books or equipment, child care costs
- Itemized lists for moving expenses
- Routing numbers for child care centers or the Social Security number for an individual child care provider
- A power of attorney if a spouse is TDY or otherwise unavailable to sign the return. *(Submitted by 437 AW Judge Advocate office)*

Tax laws benefit many

In 1997, President Clinton signed into law two bills passed by Congress (HR 2014, The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, and HR 2015, the Balanced Budget Act of 1997). These acts included provisions with special significance for families, students, and homeowners.

Child tax credit

Taxpayers receive a child tax credit for each qualifying child under 17 years of age. They may claim a maximum credit of \$500 per child. *(see Tax, page 2)*



Winter Wonderland

photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Kaminsky

Three-year-old Meggie Taylor works on a snowman following the first snowfall for the Charleston AFB community in recent years. Meggie is the daughter of Airman 1st Class Bill Taylor, a C-17 crew chief assigned to the 437th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, and his wife, Stacy.

Air Force identity, symbol in transition

By Senior Airman A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

As the Air Force continues its transition to the expeditionary aerospace force, it is focusing its identity to help with recruiting and retention in the new millennium.

As part of this effort, officials said they are working to establish a single, compelling theme and symbol to represent the Air Force to its members and the public.

"We want to ensure our core identity is part of our culture and is understood by our own people and the citizens we serve," said Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff.

Secretary of the Air Force Whit Peters said, "We know Air Force men and women take great pride in what they do. Our identity effort crystallizes what they're thinking. It will foster unity in the Air Force and help the American public understand the worthy work we do — from fighting the nation's



wars to peacekeeping to humanitarian relief."

How is the Air Force determining how to express its identity? "By doing a lot of research," Col. Ron Rand, Air Force director of public affairs, explained. With the help of a private corporate identity firm, Siegel & Gale, the Air Force spent the past year conducting research among the service and the public to capture the common elements of its identity that have great meaning to bind its people together.

The Air Force committed \$150,000 to research internal and external audiences to determine current understanding and beliefs held about the Air Force, and \$655,000 to hire Siegel & Gale to help interpret the research and ensure its identity is effectively communicated to Air Force members and potential recruits.

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AMC extends YOFAM initiative; twice as nice

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Voorhis
437 AW Public Affairs

Year of the Family 2 is officially off and running at Charleston Air Force Base.

YOFAM 2, a continuation of Air Mobility Command's Year of the Family initiative last year, is focusing on programs and initiative to show the AF family that, "we indeed value what they do and how the mission is supported," said Nancy Corbin, deputy chief, 437th Services Squadron.

"The appreciation that AMC has is for the entire Air Force family, not just the normal concept of the family. We're looking at the single airman, the retiree, the reservist, the civilians, as well as families," Corbin explained. "We're trying to [apply YOFAM2] in the broad sense."

Some of the programs and facility improvements

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