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15 AS aircrew, C-17 airlift Polish peacekeepers

The U.S. Air Force airlifted Polish soldiers and equipment to Mitrovica, Kosovo, April 17-20 as part of a buildup of NATO forces in the Yugoslav province.

A C-17 Globemaster III from Charleston AFB, S.C., flew its first mission April 17, arriving at Strachowice AB in southwestern Poland to begin moving more than 130 Polish soldiers and support equipment, which included 20 armored vehicles and jeeps.

The troops, from the 10th Polish Infantry Battalion, are part of the reserve force deployed to Mitrovica to augment NATO's peacekeeping mission in Kosovo.

Using one C-17 transport plane, aircrews on temporary assignment to Ramstein took four days to complete the airlift, which included flying about 205,000 pounds of cargo and equipment.

Once a day, an aircrew would leave Ramstein, fly to Poland to pick up the troops and equipment, and return, said Senior Master Sgt. John McAllister, superintendent of the headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe Air Mobility Operations Control Center here.

After a short stay on the ground, another aircrew would take over the mission and fly the C-17 the rest of the way to Kosovo, said Master Sgt. Ervin Ciesialka, an airlift contingency planner at the AMOCC.

"In terms of airlift support, this was a small movement, but in terms of impact and significance, it was huge. This was the first movement of Polish forces aboard U.S. aircraft in support of a NATO requirement," said McAllister, who was part of a site survey team sent to Poland

April 10 to determine whether the C-17 could be used for the airlift operation.

An aircrew from the 15th Airlift Squadron participated in one leg of the mission.

"We flew them from Ramstein to Skopje, Macedonia, where we did an engine running off-load," said Capt. Corey J. Martin, pilot for the mission. "The mission was real smooth."

The survey team included experts from USAFE, U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany and Air Mobility Command's 623rd Air Mobility Support Squadron, also based at Ramstein.

McAllister said the Air Force faced some unique requirements with the four-day operation.

"We didn't know the actual requirements (needed) to make this happen. We knew they were bringing 20 vehicles along, but we didn't know what they looked like — the dimensions or how they were configured," he said.

Members of the 623rd AMSS did the original airfield survey because, Ciesialka said, "specific criteria must be met for the C-17 to land and takeoff."

"We needed to consider the weight-bearing capacity of the runway, taxiway dimensions, airfield lighting and security as well as the crash-fire rescue capabilities on site," he added.

After looking at the cargo and facilities at the Polish air base, "it all worked out in the end," McAllister said. "It was a brilliant example of team cooperation. All the mobility partners, both strate-

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courtesy photo

Airman 1st Class Peter Conde, 15th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, tightens the straps on a pallet of equipment bound for Mitrovica, Kosovo. The Charleston-based C-17 ferried 10th Polish Infantry Battalion soldiers and 205,000 pounds of cargo and equipment from Ramstein AB, Germany.

Rodeo sendoffs

C-141 departure ceremony - 3:30 p.m., today at the Charleston Club.

Team Charleston departure ceremony - 10:15 a.m., Saturday at the C-17 nosedock.

Family and friends are invited to attend.

Basewide power outage planned for May 13

By Lt. Col. Ed Memi
437AW Public Affairs

A basewide power outage is planned May 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to repair a main electrical switch that had been damaged during Hurricane Floyd.

All Army and Air Force Exchange Service stores and the base commissary will be closed during the outage. AAFES facilities will reopen

at 2 p.m., with the exception of Burger King and Military Clothing Sales, which will remain closed for the day. AAFES facilities will close at their normal times. The commissary will open at 1 p.m. and remain open until 8 p.m.

Services facilities will operate on modified hours and will close at normal times. The dining facility will serve a cold lunch. The base gym will open as soon as power is

restored. Starlifter Lanes will open at 5 p.m. Outdoor Recreation, the library and Skills Development Center will open and close at normal hours. Services officials say the wood working equipment, auto lifts and diagnostic equipment will not be operable during the power outage period. No changes to the Golf course hours are expected.

The base has been run-

ning on a bypass circuit that could cause a problem if not replaced. The 437th Civil Engineer Squadron recently received the repaired switch, which prompted the need to shut down the system to install it.

"Besides replacing the switch, we'll also be doing some overhead electrical work that would have required the system to have

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IN THE NEWS

CCM farewell events planned

Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Bruch, 437th Airlift Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant, has been reassigned to Maxwell AFB, Ala. and is scheduled to leave here at the end of May. Some events have been planned to bid farewell to the wing CCM and his wife, Christine.

Golf tournament: 8 a.m., Thursday, Wrenwoods Golf Course. It will be Captains choice format and cost is \$12 plus cart and green fees. For information, call Senior Master Sgt. Bill Couture at 963-2173 or 963-6165.

Dinner: 6 p.m., May 18 at the Charleston Club. It will be a western theme and dress is "very casual" (jeans). Cost is \$10. For information, contact your unit first sergeant.

Retreat ceremony: 4 p.m., May 19. The flights will represent all enlisted members of the 437 AW. Point of contact is Senior Master Sgt. Jim Moody at 963-6009.

Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebrating people Senior Airman Regina Santos 437th Medical Group



Place of birth:
Castillejos, Republic of the Philippines

"I think it's important to be proud of your heritage and to never be ashamed of where you come from. Education is the key; share your traditions with others so they have a broader understanding of different cultures."

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gic and in theater (Europe), came together to make this operation a success."

One of the vehicles they carried was an armored personnel carrier that was different than any they had seen before.

"The Polish APC was different than ours," said Martin. "It took the loadmasters a little while to figure out how they were going to secure it, but in the end they got it."

This was echoed by Airman 1st Class Peter Conde, a loadmaster with the 15th Airlift Squadron. "The APC was a new experience for us, along with their light-armored patrol vehicles. We had to work hard to ensure they were all tied down within limits."

Since this was the first time the Polish troops were afforded a chance to fly in a C-17, they had many questions.

"They were very interested in the

C-17," said Martin. "The troop leader came up front and spoke to the crew as we flew."

That same camaraderie was evident in the rear of the aircraft also.

"The Polish troops read our papers and talked to us in broken English," said Conde. "They traded military patches with some of the crew and placed a sticker from the 15 AS on one of their armored vehicles."

Upon arriving at the destination the Polish troops were pretty amazed that they would be exiting the plane while the engines were running.

"There was some initial confusion with the engines still running, but the off-load went smoothly," said Conde. "The troop commander made sure he saluted every one of us and we returned it. It made the whole crew feel like we had bonded with them." (AFP)

(Tech. Sgt. Dan Murphy, 437 AW Public Affairs, contributed to this article)

Nurses: Keeping the care in healthcare

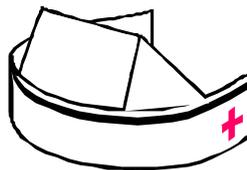
The work of America's 2.6 million registered nurses to save lives and to maintain the health of millions of individuals is the focus of this year's National Nurses Week, celebrated annually in the United States from May 6-12.

Using the theme "Nurses: Keeping the Care in Healthcare," the American Nurses Association and its 53 constituent associations will highlight the diverse ways in which registered nurses, the largest health care profession, are working to improve health care.

"From bedside nursing in hospitals, to clinics and long term care facilities, to the halls of research institutions, state legislatures, and Congress, the depth and breadth of the nursing profession is meeting the expanding health care needs of American society," said Lt. Col. Thomas Langston, chief of Readiness and Training/chief nurse with the 437th Medical Group. "There are few, if any, professions more noble than nursing."

Recent Gallup surveys rate honesty and ethics of nurses at the top.

Professional nurses combine many different disciplines, including aspects of biology and psychology, to promote the restoration and maintenance of health in their clients. Indispensable to the professional nurse are nursing assistants or technicians, as well as licensed practical



nurses, who provide critical client/staff interaction, data retrieval and management, and liaison services for the health care team, Langston said.

In 1982, May 6 was designated "National Recognition Day for Nurses" by the U.S. Congress and President Ronald Reagan.

The registered nurse has been called the human link between the health care "industry" and the patient, according to Langston. Recent studies have validated that nurses have a direct, positive, and measurable impact on patients' well being and recovery, and that lack of appropriate RN care increases health risks to patients. Nurses are educators, health care administrators, forensic investigators, holistic practitioners, case managers, researchers, legislators and more.

Nurses are viewed as quality and safety monitors — those who worry about systems that put providers and patients at risk, thereby preventing accidents and injury while promoting efficient, effective care.

On an annual basis, National Nurses Week begins

May 6, marked as RN Recognition Day, and ends May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of nursing as a modern profession. During this week, registered nurses at Charleston AFB and throughout the surrounding community and the nation will be honored, Langston said.

"Secretary Cohen promotes DoD's vigorous and sustained commitment to the quality of life of our men and women in uniform," Langston added. That commitment is directly related to the fact that our service men and women must have the confidence that loved ones will be cared for during normal day-to-day activities as well as if they are deployed to a distant battlefield.

"Nursing professionals play a big part in making such a commitment possible," Langston said. "The active duty and reserve women and men in the nursing profession at Charleston AFB are privileged to provide a dual service — providing compassionate, quality health care, while serving their country."

Langston said he encourages everyone to join in this week's celebration by giving a special thanks and recognition "for the hard work and commitment given by registered nurses serving you, your families, your community, and your nation." (Courtesy of the 437th Medical Group)



Polish soldiers from the 10th Polish Infantry Battalion, bound for Kosovo, board a Charleston-based C-17 Globemaster III at Ramstein AB, Germany. The troops, are part of the reserve force deployed to Mitrovica to augment the peacekeeping mission in Kosovo.

C-141 maintenance team meets the challenge for Rodeo

By Staff Sgt. Michael Duhe
437 AW Public Affairs

The Team Charleston C-141 maintenance team for Rodeo 2000 has kept a hectic pace as the competition draws nearer.

Rodeo 2000, an international airlift competition, is Saturday through May 13 at Pope AFB, N.C.

"The C-141 maintainers got a 35-year old aircraft up to competition standards in three weeks, when other wings have been at it for two months," said Maj. Matthew Heuer, Rodeo team chief.

Members of the team, all from the 437th Aircraft Generation Squadron, are: Master Sgt. Kenneth Sellers (team chief); Tech Sgt. John Monical (Reserve) Staff Sgt's. Gregory Slade, Milton Lewis, Michael Quintana, Gary Fraley (Reserve); and Timothy Ferguson; Senior Airmen Clay Williams, Jacob Gibson and Kirk Edwards.

The C-141 maintainers will be judged on a number of events for Rodeo 2000, including block-in procedures, pre-flight procedures involving work cards, refueling procedures and post-flight procedures. In addition, team members will be scored each day on general observations made by the judges - safety, bearing, professionalism and personal demeanor around aircraft, according to Quintana.

The team has been hard at work since it got word three weeks ago that Charleston AFB would take part in the Rodeo 2000 C-141 events, Quintana said. "We've been spending most of our time putting the plane together and getting it ready. Everyone has gone to their assigned areas for the competition."

Team members are thoroughly going over the C-141 to prepare it for Rodeo. They're working on instruments in the cockpit, repainting markings on the fuselage and replacing equipment on the



(above) Senior Airman Clay Williams (left) and Senior Airman Jacob Gibson refurbish an instrument panel in the cockpit of the Rodeo aircraft.

(right) Senior Airman Kirk Edwards installs a spoiler hinge bolt in the plane's wing.

aircraft, if necessary. Despite the time limit imposed on them, the team presses on.

"Everybody is accepting the fact that it's challenge," Quintana said. "We want to go up there and be competitive. Everybody is working to be competitive. We have a long way to go, but we're optimistic."

Ferguson and Fraley have taken part in the Rodeo competition in the past, while everyone else on the team is new to the event. Quintana said team members are relying on their experience in preparing the plane.

"We're cleaning it up and making it right," Ferguson said. "I can't wait to go."



photos by Staff Sgt. Michael Duhe

It's all in the details for Rodeo Joint Airdrop Inspection team



By Staff Sgt. Michael Duhe
437 AW Public Affairs

With only two members on Charleston's Joint Airdrop Inspection team for Rodeo 2000, there's little room for error.

However, attention to detail is what earned staff sergeants Steven Schmidt and Ken Kluge a spot on the team in the first place. Both are joint airdrop inspectors with the 437th Operations Support Squadron and are responsible for inspecting airdrop loads for both the C-17 and C-141.

"We look for rigging problems that happen through aerial delivery," Schmidt explained. "We try to catch those before they go to the airplane so it doesn't cause any kind of malfunction with the drop."

Schmidt and Kluge will inspect two heavy loads in the competition - a howitzer and Humvee - as well as high-velocity and low-velocity container delivery systems. High-velocity container delivery systems are rigged with parachutes that fall quickly to the ground, while low velocity systems are slower. Each is used to supply forward operating units with things such as ammunition, food

Staff Sgt. Steven Schmidt (foreground) inspects a practice load for gigs while Staff Sgt. Ken Kluger keeps time.

Staff Sgt. Michael Duhe

and medicine, according to Schmidt.

The JAI team will have to find mistakes that have been planted throughout each load, such as improper rigging and the wrong type of parachute for the load. They'll have six minutes per load to find the rigging problem, known as "gigs."

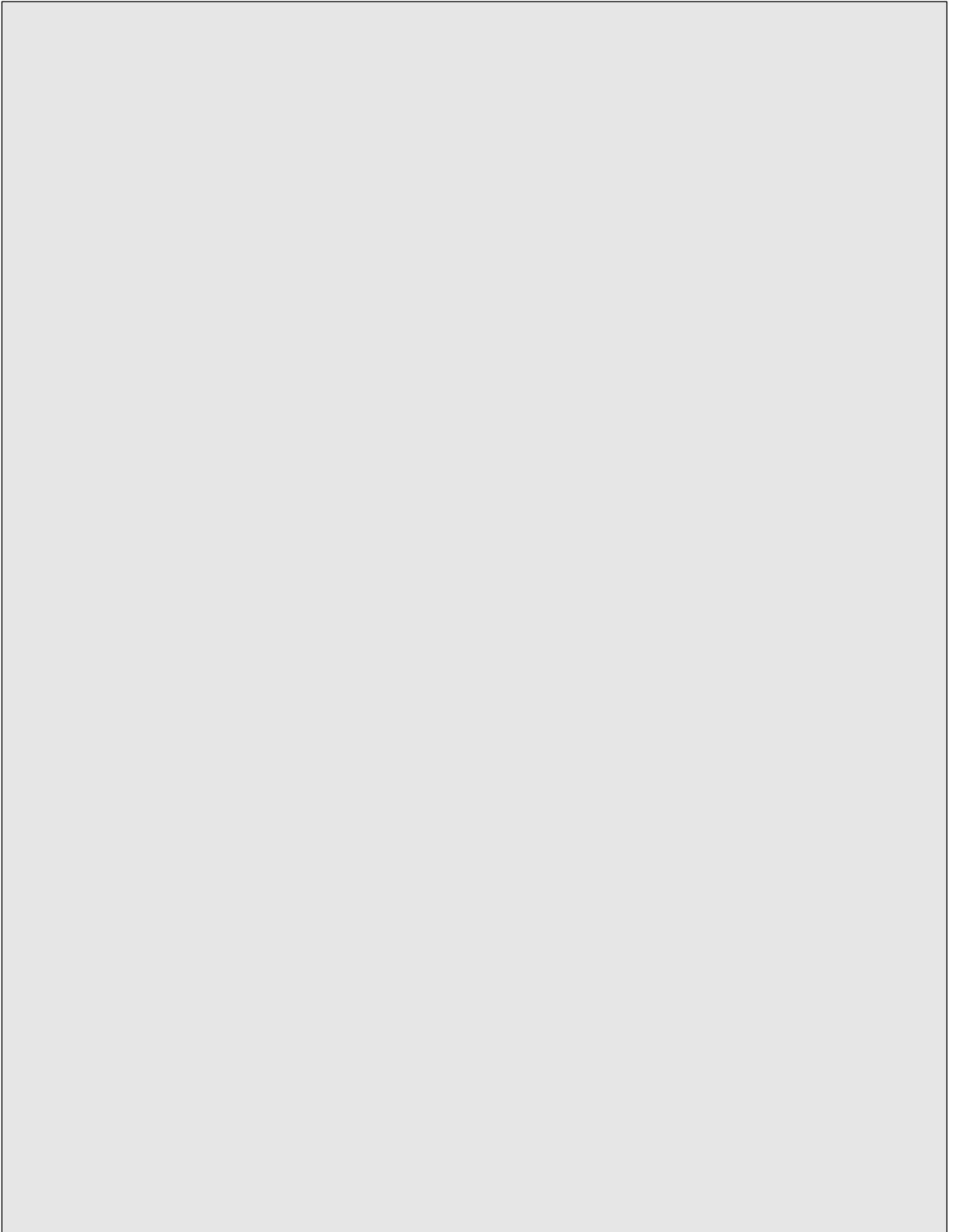
Schmidt said time and knowledge of nomenclature are important in doing well in the event. The team has been training with the help of aerial porters, who prepare practice loads with gigs planted throughout them.

The Joint Airdrop Inspection team will also work with C-17 and C-141 crews for their airdrop events, ensuring the airdrop loads are rigged correctly. They've been training with the crews to make sure everyone is on the same "sheet of music," Schmidt said.

Rodeo 2000 is the first for Kluge and Schmidt, although two years ago, Schmidt helped the Rodeo '98 JAI with their training. He is looking forward to the airlift competition.

"I think it's going to be a challenge," he said. "We've been training pretty hard and I think it will be fun to meet the other JAIs from around the Air Force."

Kluge, a C-17 instructor loadmaster/joint airdrop inspector, is also excited about the airlift competition. "It's an honor to be picked for the team and it'll be a privilege to represent the wing."



Outage

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been brought down anyway," said Ron Wiggins, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron chief of infrastructure.

437 CES personnel will be working at the main substation on Hill Boulevard, just past the Dorchester gate, which is where all the electrical power is brought into the base. In addition, personnel will be working on Bates Street, near the Charleston Club and the Shoppette.

"It was absolutely necessary to bring down the electrical power to the base because the switch is located in the main substation where all our power comes in. About 12,470 volts of electricity comes through that substation," Wiggins added.

Although this power outage is of relatively short duration, there are number of steps base residents can take to prepare for this outage.

The 437th Staff Judge Advocate office suggests base members limit food purchases i.e. make more frequent trips and buy less.

Personnel are expected to take steps to reduce food spoilage. Suggested steps to follow:

■ **Adjust your Fridge/Freezer to Make it Colder:**

If your fridge/freezer is colder before the outage, it will stay colder longer.

■ **Insulate your Fridge/Freezer:** Use containers of frozen water to fill empty space—this acts as insulation. Do not use glass containers because water expands when it freezes and the glass can break.

■ **Use a Cooler/Tie the Fridge Shut:** Prior to an outage, take out what you need from the refrigerator/freezer, and put it in a cooler with ice. Then get a length of string or rope and tie the refrigerator doors—it will prevent the accidental openings that will otherwise occur, especially with children.

When does food spoil? If your freezer door is left unopened, the food there should be fine for 48 to 72 hours. However, do not refreeze thawed items. If your fridge is properly cooled before the power outage and the door left closed, the food should be fine for up to 24 hours.

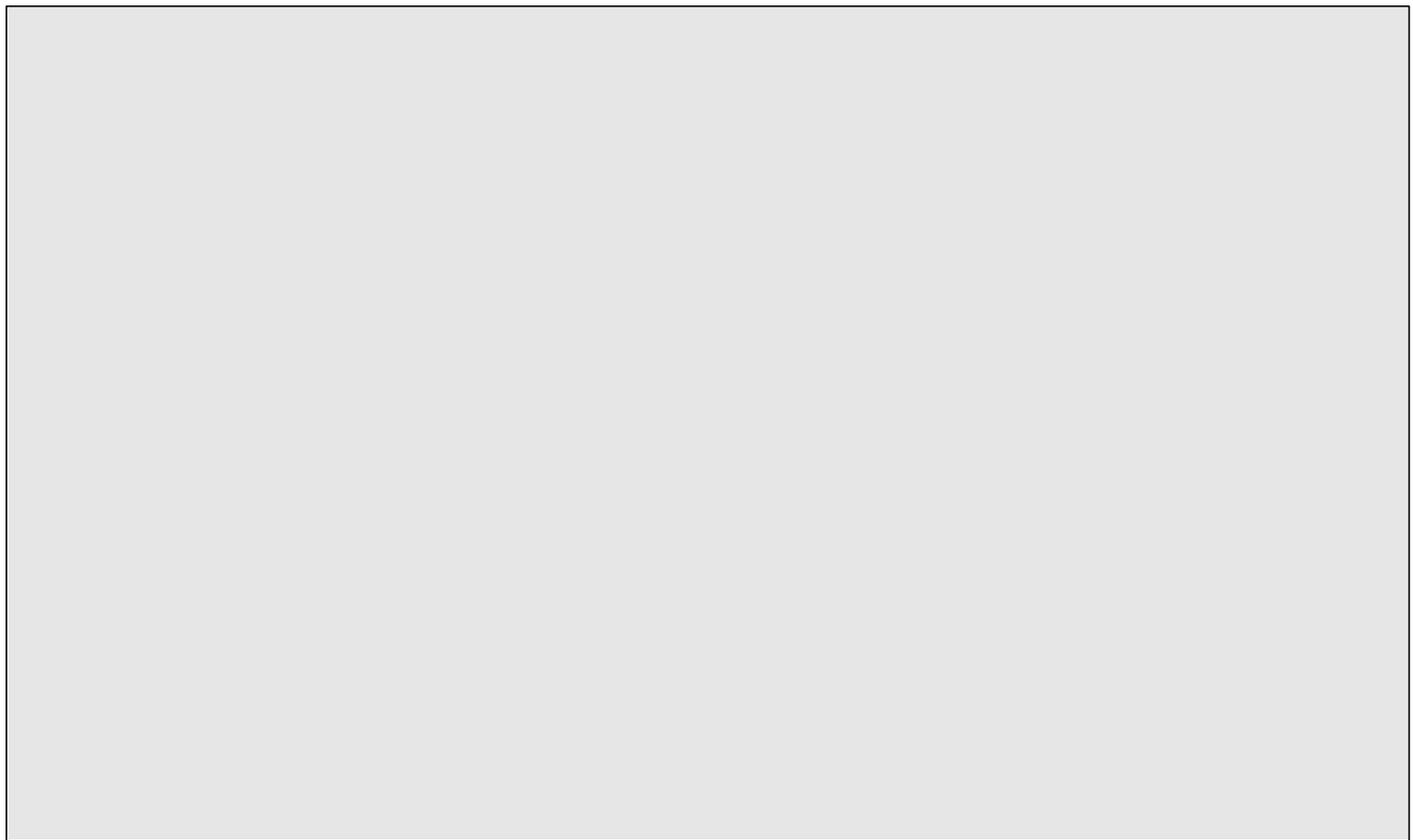
Once power returns, the remaining shelf life of the affected food items may be reduced and the foods should be used as soon as reasonably possible. If you have questions concerning whether your food is safe to eat, please call Public Health at 963-6962.



Take that

Senior Airman Corey Clements

Lt. Col. Constance Davis, 437th Support Group deputy commander, experiences the rigors of security forces training, as she battles the Redman (Staff Sgt. Pat Rodgers, 437 SFS) during an Armament Systems Procedures baton training scenario Monday. Members of the 437 SFS receive annual training on the ASP, which is a collapsible tactical baton that can become a defense weapon in a matter of seconds. Though Davis isn't required to attend the training, she said she realizes that members of the 437 SFS work hard and she wanted to get a better understanding of the training they must go through.



NEWS BRIEFS

Mosquito season begins

By Senior Airman Tiffany Richardson
Military Public Health

In the past, many outdoor activities have been cancelled or postponed because of mosquitoes. To make your spring and summer more enjoyable one, here are some tips to help you control them:

- Mosquitoes love water, so get rid of standing water around your house, to include puddles that have accumulated on playground equipment, dog dishes and in birdbaths/fountains.

- Wear long sleeves and long pants that are light-colored. Mosquitoes are not only attracted to the carbon dioxide we exhale, but also to dark colored clothing.

- Use repellents. Most over-the-counter remedies that contain DEET will help minimize mosquito bites. DEET can be used on exposed skin, but never in high concentrations; make sure to follow the manufacturer's recommendations. Don't use repellents that contain more than 10 percent DEET on small children until they reach near adolescent body size.

- Make sure that all screens on doors or windows are free of large holes.

- Limit outdoor activities performed around the dawn and dusk hours (6 a.m. and 7 p.m.).

The Entomology shop will go out to the neighborhoods with high mosquito activity and evaluate the area. Then, depending upon the weather, they go throughout the neighborhoods and apply pesticides.

Generally, the mosquito season starts in the spring, depending on how much rain and sunshine the Lowcountry receives, and can last up through late fall. Be prepared to do battle with mosquitoes, because it will be a long one. For information about the Mosquito Abatement Program, call Public Health at 963-6962.

Charleston Profile

Staff Sgt. Missy Harding
437th Services Squadron

Staff Sgt. Missy Harding is NCO-in-charge of the Magnolia Place Dining Facility storeroom. She is responsible for maintaining the monthly inventory of the facility, which serves 20,000 meals per month. She's also assistant dining facility manager and has supervisory responsibilities as well.

Harding, who's originally from Vestal, N.Y., joined the Air Force in June 1993 for a number of reasons. "I was in college, but I wanted something different," she said. "I also wanted to travel."

Another reason influencing her decision to join was her older brother, Dan, who had enlisted in the Air Force and recently earned a commission through Officer Training School. Harding said she looks up to him as a mentor.

She's been stationed at Charleston since July 1998. Previous assignments include Andersen AFB, Guam; Osan AB, Republic of Korea; and Langley AFB, Va.

Her future goal is to one day own and manage her own restaurant or to be a director of activities at a youth center.

Harding's family members live in Florida, Maryland and Vermont. Some of her favorite past-time activities are traveling, going to the movies with friends and enjoying outdoor sports and activities.



Staff Sgt. Michael Duhe

Base yard sale:

The Consignment Shop is sponsoring the basewide yard sale May 13 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the picnic grounds near Outdoor Recreation. Tables inside the pavilions cost \$10 and \$8 outside the pavilions. Anyone interested in signing up should stop by the Consignment Shop, Bldg. 203. Hours of operation are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Spotlight

Performer of the month: The 437th Transportation Squadron Vehicle Maintenance performer for the month of April is **Airman 1st Class Don Gworek**.



Performer of the month: The 437th Transportation Squadron Vehicle Operations Transporter Performer for the month of April is **Senior Airman Daniel Weathers**.



Diamond Sharp Award: The following individuals were named Diamond Sharp Award winners for April: **Staff Sgt. Tundra Gatewood**, 437th Medical Group; **Senior Airman Jackie Brown**, 437th Maintenance Squadron; **Airman 1st Class Shane Murray**, 437th Comptroller Squadron; **Airman 1st Class Matthew Reichle**, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron.

The Diamond Sharp Award is presented by first sergeants to staff sergeants and below who show day-to-day excellence.

Around the base

Celebration: The 14th Airlift Squadron is hosting a Cinco De Mayo Celebration and Auction today at 6 p.m. at the Charleston Club. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the 14 AS. For information, call 963-2158.

Taste Of Asia: Asian Pacific Heritage Month will kick-off with a "Taste of Asia" in the Base Exchange lobby area Saturday. Oriental food dishes will be available for sampling. Donations will be accepted for cookbooks containing recipes of the samples. For information, call Master Sgt. Dave Linquist at 963-4960.

Car wash: The 437th Dental Squadron is sponsoring a car wash May 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parking lot of Bldg. 346 (on Arthur Drive, across from the golf course).

TTC enrollment: The last day for Trident Technical College summer school enrollment without late fees is May 22. Inclusive dates for the summer semester is May 25 through Aug. 9. Application deadline is Monday.

Students in a program of study with TTC will need to see their faculty advisor. Non-Degree seeking students will not be assigned an advisor and may enroll on base. For information call 963-4581.

New Intranet site: The 437th Transportation Squadron has established an Intranet site (137.4.192.100/cswb), which enables customers to access information about everything from requesting vehicle support to vehicle forms.

Operators can also check the vehicle maintenance status, though they will still have to go through their vehicle control officer if they need additional information or have questions.

Annual leave donations: Harold Singleary, Sr., 437th Civil Engineer Squadron, needs an undetermined amount of leave due to a recent medical emergency.

Anyone wishing to donate annual leave can call the 437th Mission Support Squadron Civilian Personnel

office at 963-4476 and request an Optional Form 630-A or fax the electronic form to 963-4462.

Volunteers needed

Models wanted: The African American Heritage Council needs models for the Juneteenth Fashion Extravaganza June 23.

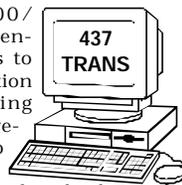
Practices will be held each Sunday, at 4 p.m. at the Charleston Club. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. Anyone interested in participating can call Staff Sgt. Oretina Howell at 963-4110, 963-4119.

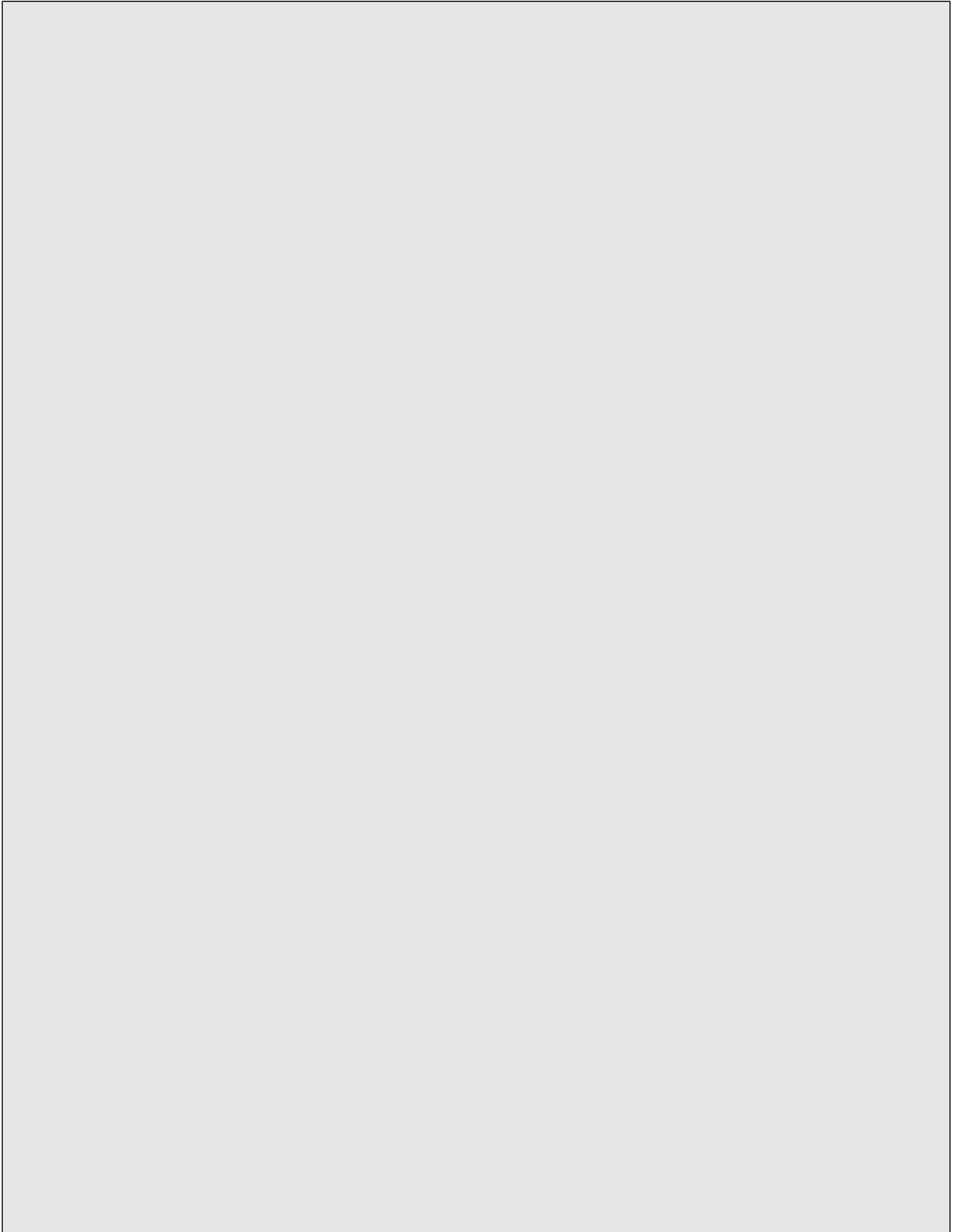
RAO position open: The director position for the Retirees Activities Office is open.

Duties for the volunteer, unpaid position, include providing interaction between active duty members and the retiree community, maintaining statistics pertaining to the number of military retirees residing in the local area and gathering and maintaining information pertaining to issues that affect the military retiree community.

For a full listing of the duties associated with the position or more information, call the Retirees Activities Office at 963-2228.

Make a difference: Volunteers are needed for the DEFY Program (Drug Education For Youth) on Charleston AFB. Anyone interested in volunteering, can call Deborah Wheeler at 963-6849.





COMMENTARY

Charleston Rodeo teams ready to win

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By Col. Rusty Findley II
437 AW commander

Most of last week was consumed by a trip out into the Pacific. I had the opportunity to fly on a Pacific Strategic Intratheater Deployment mission (PSID). A PSID is a cargo resupply mission for the Pacific region. On my way out, I flew with Maj. Carlos Jensen, Capt. Paul Stevens, 1st Lt. Marc Miller, Tech. Sgt. Beverly Thomas, Staff Sgt. Bill Kreiling, and Senior Airman Eugene Guse. On my return flight, I flew with Maj's. Richard Kelly and Henry Fairtlough, Capt. James Bishop, 1st Lt. Gregg Beeber, Tech. Sgt's. Robert Borden, and Robert Cissell, and Airmen 1st Class David Sistrunk and Dennis Kuykendall.

The crews displayed great professionalism throughout the entire trip. I learned a lot about how we are employing our aircraft and how our aircrews are doing. It was great getting out into the system. I even got the "dollar ride chain treatment," when I got to Diego Garcia, where they slipped a bunch of chains into my baggage, making it a very heavy bag to lug around. It is part of the initiation process for the crew to play a practical joke on the new guy such as placing about 30 pounds of chains in their crew bag. They took good care of me in that regard!

I had great tours of the 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th Airlift Squadrons led by their respective squadron commanders. Lt. Col. Henry Haisch took me through some of the 437th Operations Support Squadron areas that I had not yet visited. I got a chance to meet our airfield manager, Larry Gill. 1st Lt. Mary Jeffrey showed me the deployable weather equipment, called the Small Tactical Terminal. It allows us to get weather data from any location in the world. Capt. Alan Wagner, Intel, gave me a good briefing on what they do. Maj. Scott Tabor and Capt. John Tringali from the Tactics flight showed me some of the great things that they are doing over there. I also had a chance to talk with Lynn Ihnen, the 437th Operations Group resource advisor, and Walt Jensen and his flight records folks and appreciate all that they are doing for the group.

Rodeo 2000 gets underway next week, beginning with the departure ceremony for our C-141 team today at 3:30 p.m. in the Charleston Club. Saturday, we have a departure ceremony for the C-17 teams at 10:15 a.m. in the C-17 Nosedock One. Everyone is invited to attend both departure ceremonies. Please come out and cheer on our teams. They spent many weeks preparing for the competition and are ready to bring back some of that silver for Team Charleston. I expect great results from our teams, and they worked very hard and deserve our support.

The biennial, week long competition provides an opportunity for the world's best mobility professionals to demonstrate capabilities, improve procedures, compare notes and enhance standardization for worldwide operations.

As mentioned last week, please prepare yourselves for

the power outage on May 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The repairs are necessary as described in the article on page 1. Unfortunately, there is never a good time to shut down power, and with an aging infrastructure, these repairs are urgently needed. I regret the inconvenience.

By the time you read this, you should be able to freely come and go through the Dorchester Road main gate, which opened late Tuesday night. The 437th Civil Engineer Squadron and 437th Contracting Squadron responded quickly and ensured that the repairs were done correctly so that we won't have to face a similar problem like this again in the future. Our 437th Security Forces Squadron deserve our thanks for their superb efforts in handling such a large volume of traffic. I am especially proud of the teamwork shown throughout the entire ordeal and appreciate everyone's patience, especially those who reside in Hundley Park who had to contend with increased traffic and noise.

We host Gen. Charles "Tony" Robertson, commander in chief of U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command commander, Tuesday and Wednesday while he attends the National Defense Transportation Association conference here. General Robertson will be joined by Maj. Gen. George Williams, AMC Director of Operations, and Rear Admiral Edward Fahy, U.S. Transportation Command Director of Plans and Policy J-5. Col. Ed Stickler and I will fly up to Rodeo Tuesday for the day with some area and NDTA civic leaders and we'll fly back with General Robertson that same day. General Robertson plans to attend the conference Wednesday.

We inducted 27 new NCOs as part of the NCO induction ceremony Wednesday. It was also my honor to present the Diamond Sharp awards Tuesday to the following airmen: Staff Sgt. Tundra Gatewood, Senior Airman Jackie Brown and Airmen 1st Class Shane Murray and Matthew Reichle.

Asian Pacific Heritage month kicks off with a "Taste of Asia" in the Base Exchange lobby area Saturday. Oriental food will be available for sampling. There will also be different displays each week in the Base Exchange lobby, celebrating one of the many Asian-Pacific cultures. May 26, there will be a luncheon held at 11:30 a.m. in the Charleston Club as part of the Asian Pacific Heritage Month and that event is open to everyone to attend. These events celebrate the cultural diversity of our Air Force and that is what makes the Air Force truly unique from just any other organization. These events also help to better educate our workforce about the different cultures and backgrounds of our people.

I held an enlisted call on Tuesday and another one today. The enlisted calls give me an opportunity to introduce myself and talk about where we need to go together as a wing. I appreciate the great feedback and all the hard work everyone is doing on behalf of our Air Force, the greatest in the world.

Thank you

(The following letter was recently received by the Public Affairs office)

A story I read, about one of your aircrews delivering a radar to Logan Airport in Boston, Mass. (*Airlift Dispatch*, April 28), ran on the AF news service and mentioned that the crews gave up their Easter to help others.

They don't know how true this is and how grateful so many people were for their efforts. Among the many thousands of people trying to leave Logan was my wife.

She needed to get to New York to catch a flight to Korea as

her mother is seriously ill. Our alternative was to drive from New Hampshire to JFK in N.Y. in order to make sure she caught her flight. We didn't know her mother's condition, only that she was very ill so time was critical. Getting the antenna to

Boston allowed the FAA to get the radar up and running days earlier than expected.

The truly heroic efforts of the 437th allowed my wife to leave Logan on time and greatly reduced an already stressful situation by delivering her to her

mother that much sooner. We just want to say thank you to the crew and all the others that helped make their flight possible; we want them to know they are appreciated.

I believe we are just one small story but I know thousands of other people, from the airline workers to the passengers, were relieved when Logan went back to a normal status.

My hope is that you can pass our thanks on to the appropriate people. Our thanks to you also if you can pull this off.

God Bless you all.

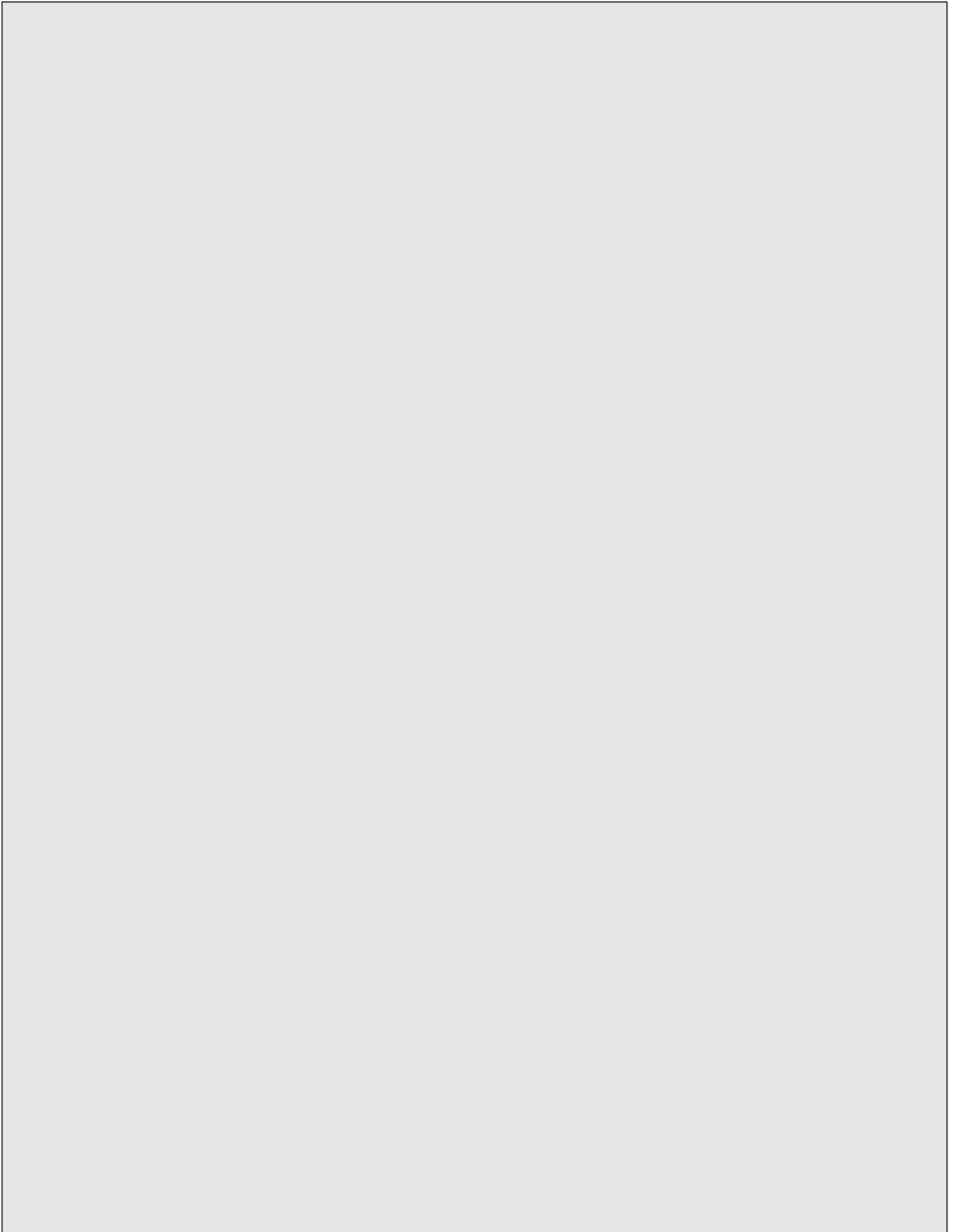
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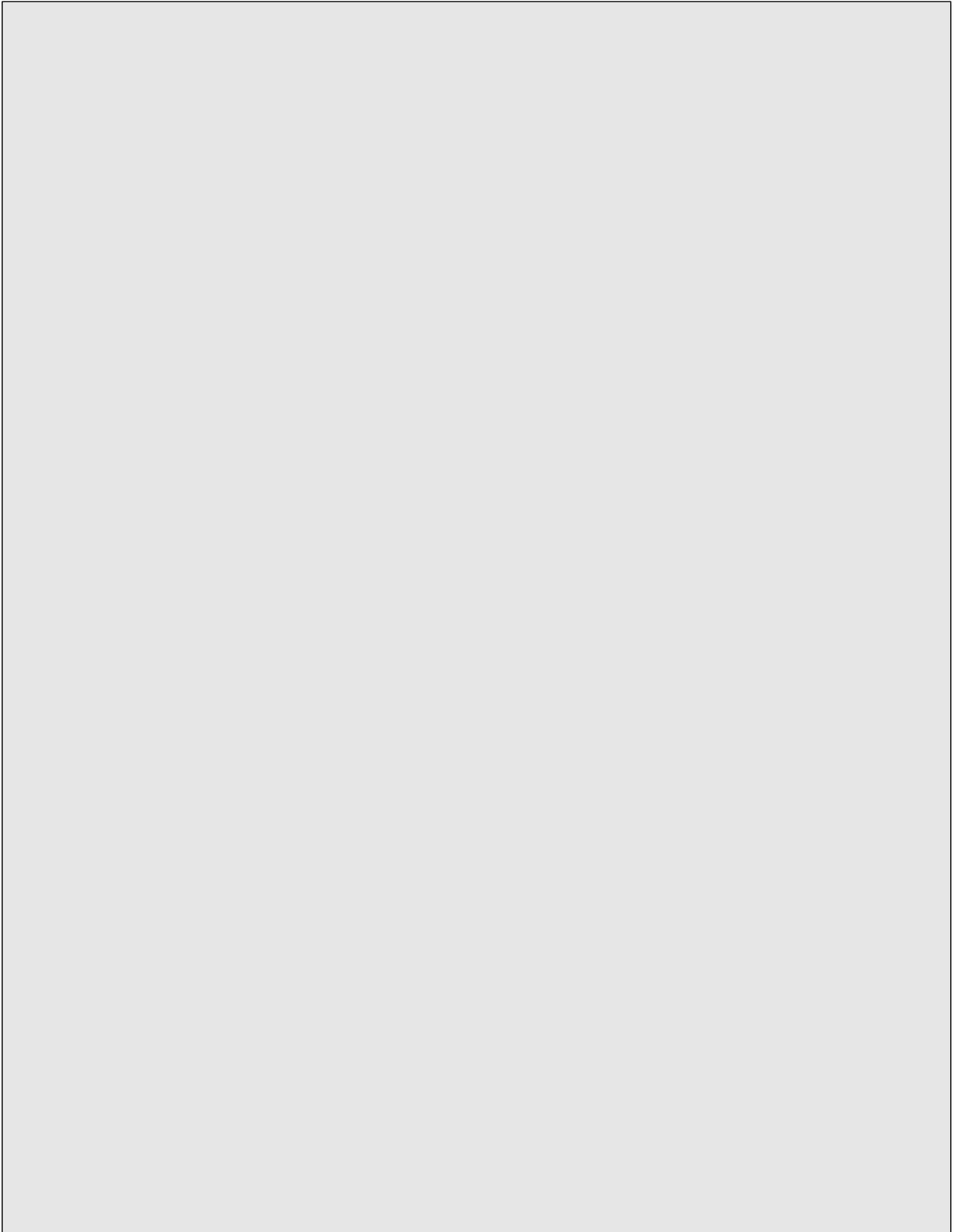
Action Line

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 information needed to contact you.







FEATURE

CATM helps maintain combat readiness

By Staff Sgt Pamela Smith
437 AW Public Affairs

Members of the 437th Security Forces Squadron are among our most visible troops, working gates and patrols. A lot of work, however, takes place out of sight. Those assigned to 437 SFS Combat Arms Training and Maintenance Section help ensure that Charleston AFB troops are combat ready.

"We want to make sure our people are able to defend themselves and the resources they're required to protect," said Staff Sgt. Philip Borneman, combat arms noncommissioned officer in charge.

Borneman, and the three active duty instructors assigned to the section, are qualified to instruct Charleston members on the use of the M-16 rifle and M-9 pistol, which most airmen assigned here should be qualified to use. One 315th Airlift Wing reservist, Master Sgt. Paul Lahan, is assigned to the section and has been since 1983.

"Our CATM shop plays a major role in ensuring that those who deploy to potentially hostile environments are proficient with their weapons and can counter the ground threat," said Maj. Matt Eatman, 437 SFS commander.

Most instruction is done in the classroom. Students are taught the proper way to handle a weapon and the fundamentals of actually firing it. After a classroom lecture and some hands-on training, instructors take the students to the firing range to qualify. Students are taught to fire from various positions, including the prone, kneeling and standing positions.

Each step of the way, CATM instructors are there to guide the students through each position and help them to a qualifying score on their specific weapon.

Borneman said he enjoys his job because he feels like he's sharing a piece of himself. "The best part is working with all the different people who come through this course and sharing my personal expertise with others," he said.

Once the firing range portion of the training is complete, students go through the tedious task of cleaning their weapons and ensuring they're ready to be used again.

Besides live fire, CATM also uses the new technology of a firearms training simulator.

The simulator is a computerized firing line used to familiarize trainees with certain real-world scenarios.

"The Firearms Training Simulator (FATS) gives us the ability to test troops on their 'shoot - don't



photos by Senior Airman Corey Clements

Staff Sgt. Anthony Good, a combat arms instructor, demonstrates the proper way to handle an M-16 rifle.

shoot" decision-making ability as well as their marksmanship," said Eatman. "In addition, Sergeant Borneman is working desert rifle scenarios into our Expeditionary Aerospace Force block training, so each troop who deploys to the desert will have "fought" at least one "virtual" battle prior to deployment. That alone justifies the system."

Though some may wonder how accurate a simulated firing range may be, Borneman said it's very accurate.

"We use the same steps there as we do on the actual firing line," he said.

Staff Sgt. Ken Packwood, who has been assigned to CATM since July 1999 and has been overseeing the FATS, said it's helped him.

"Since I've been working with the FATS, my shooting has improved."

The responsibilities of the CATM instructors go beyond training base members.

They also handle the base armory, which consists of tracking all the weapons on base used by security forces personnel and other members, and performing periodic maintenance on the weapons.

"We arm aircrews when it's necessary and we assign weapons to deploying Raven team members," Borneman said.

Packwood looks at his CATM job as an experience that's helped him and his military career.

"I've done everything as a mem-



(left) CATM instructor, Staff Sgt. Ken Packwood, talks to Airman 1st Class Brett Diaz about his shot group.

(below) Staff Sgt. Philip Borneman, combat arms NCOIC, shows a student how to adjust the rifle sight with the tip of a bullet.



ber of the security forces," he said. "From gate guard duty to the desk, now this. CATM has helped make me more well rounded and knowledgeable in my job."

Borneman sees the benefits of

his job in other ways.

"It's a good feeling to help improve the efforts of students," he said. "And an even better feeling to know I've helped someone be the best they can be."



MAGNOLIA PLACE DINING FACILITY

On the Menu



Today

Lunch – tacos, chicken fajitas, roast pork, spanish rice, refried beans, cauliflower, mexican corn, peas with mushrooms

Dinner – tuna and noodles, meatloaf, rice pilaf, mashed potatoes, broccoli, calico corn, navy beans

Saturday

Lunch – stuffed peppers, fried shrimp, roast turkey, rice, mashed potatoes, cauliflower parmesan, pinto beans, carrots

Dinner – grilled hamburger steak, herbed-baked chicken, paprika-buttered potatoes, steamed rice, corn, stir-fry vegetables, lima beans

Sunday

Lunch – grilled pork chops, lasagna, baked chicken, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, carrots, black-eyed peas, squash

Dinner – meatball stroganoff, veal paprika steaks, jefferson noodles, oven-browned potatoes, green beans, stewed tomatoes, succotash

Monday

Lunch – chicken breast, beef pot pie, spicy baked fish, rice pilaf, parsley-buttered potatoes, mixed vegetables,

southern style greens, peas

Dinner – cajun meatloaf, crispy baked chicken, macaroni cheese, baked potatoes, cabbage, creamed corn, spinach

Tuesday

Lunch – meat porcupine, pancit chicken, mashed potatoes, egg noodles, glazed carrots, fried cauliflower, lima beans

Dinner – chili macaroni, chicken enchiladas, spanish rice, mashed potatoes, pinto beans, green beans, mexican corn

Wednesday

Lunch – szechwan beef, chicken adobo, roast pork, rice, mashed potatoes, broccoli, vegetable stir fry, cauliflower

Dinner – italian sausage, roast beef, rice, potatoes wedges, asparagus, corn on the cob, bean combo

Thursday

Lunch – ham steak, veal parmesan, hot and spicy chicken, rice, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, broccoli, black-eyed peas

Dinner – fish portions, pork chow mein, rice, mashed potatoes, green beans, cauliflower, spinach

Volunteer spotlight

Jeaniene Mantiplly has always liked being involved in things, but she didn't arrive at Charleston two years ago.

"I find one project to focus on, then I jump in feet first," she said.

Mantiplly, the 437th Airlift Wing Joan Orr Air Force Spouse of the Year Award nominee for 1999, spearheaded a Kosovo donation drive in April 1999 and said that is the project she is most proud of so far.

"We collected mostly clothing, toys and personal items for the refugees," she said. "I was glad to do something for them."

Mantiplly is also credited with helping establish a tutoring and reading program for students at Lambs Elementary School.

Though the program started out strong with a lot of people showing interest, Mantiplly said the enthusiasm has since quieted down. However, she remains committed to the success of the program.

"The foundation has been laid to build a great program," she said. "So I encourage people to get involved."

Aside from base projects, Mantiplly has gotten involved in various events at the 437th Transportation Squadron, where her husband, Marshall, is commander. Off base, she helps out at the Cathedral of Praise Church that she attends with her family.

She volunteers, in part, to send a positive message to her two children Matthew, 13, and Madison, 10. "I want to raise them to be confident and efficient adults who realize that it's more important to give than to receive," she said.

The family is scheduled to PCS to Pope AFB, N.C., in June, and Mantiplly is anxious to get involved at their new base, though she's not sure to what extent she'll be involved. "Every hour you use helping makes a world of difference," she said. "I'll start by looking for a need then build from there."



Staff Sgt. Pamela Smith

Chapel schedule



107 Arthur Drive

Office hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.
Phone: 963-2536. After duty hours, call the command post at 963-2531 for emergencies only.

Catholic Services

Saturday -- 4 p.m. Reconciliation, 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday -- 9:30 a.m. Mass, 9:30 a.m. Children's Church.

Weekdays -- 11:30 a.m. Mass, Sacrament of Baptism pre-baptismal classes are held the first Sunday each month at 11 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. For Sacrament of Marriage, call the Catholic chaplain six months prior to wedding. For information on other special services, women's group, youth group, singles group and Bible studies, call 963-2536.

Protestant Services

Sunday -- 8 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School in Bldg. 245, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, 11 a.m. Children's Church.

For information on other special services, women's group, men's group, youth group, singles group, single parent's group, choir and Bible studies, call 963-2536. Marital, family and baptismal counseling is available.

Buddhist: Columbia Shambhala Meditation Center, Suite 109, Columbia, S.C. 29405.

Orthodox: Holy Trinity, Greek Orthodox Church, 30 Race St., Charleston, S.C. Phone: 577-2063.

Jewish: Call Jewish Lay Leader: Airman 1st Class David Winner at 963-2102.

Islamic: Al-Jami Ar-Rasheed, 1998 Hugo Ave., Charleston Heights, S.C. Phone: 554-1773.

Movie schedule

Admission prices:

Adults -- \$2 (12-years and older)

Children -- \$1 (3-11 years old)



Any child under 17 years of age requires a parent or adult guardian (21 years old) to purchase admission ticket for the minor child to view R-rated movies.

Movie schedules are provided by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. Patrons should call the theater at 963-3333 to verify movie titles, running times and start times, which are subject to change.

Tonight, 7:30 p.m.

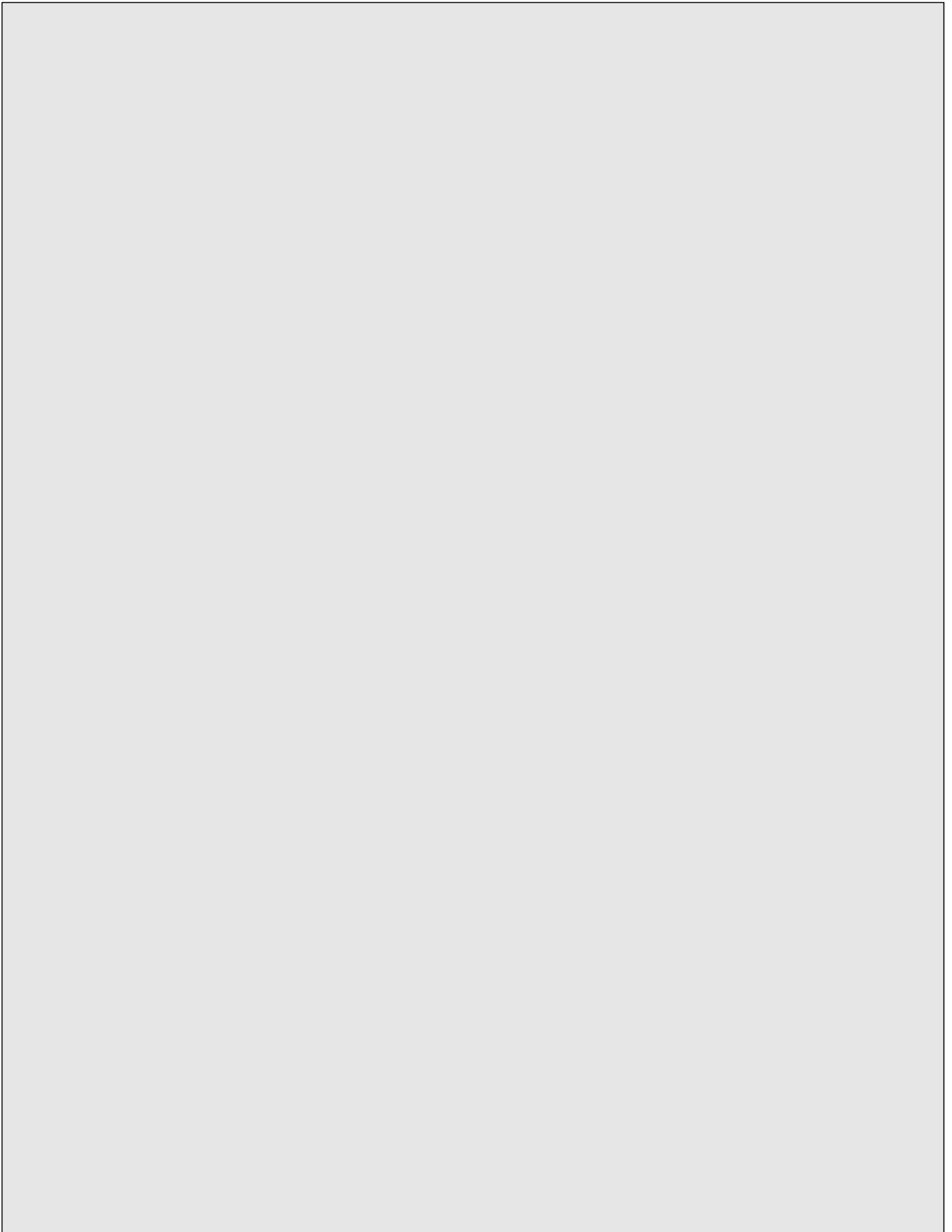
"Here on Earth" - Chris Klein, LeeLee Sobieski

During one fateful summer, first love blossoms in the Berkshire Woods. The romantic triangle that develops is only the beginning of a new journey for Kelley, Samantha and Jasper. Their three lives are affected by one another, as they ultimately make life-changing discoveries about themselves and each other. **(PG-13) 96 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

"The Ninth gate" - Johnny Depp, Lena Olin

Rare book sleuth Lucas Corso has been hired to find the two other existing copies of the 17th-century Book of the Nine Doors to the Kingdom of Darkness, reputed to hold the key to conjuring Satan. Somehow this search becomes tangled up with the original manuscript of Dumas' Three Musketeers. While in search of the Book of the Nine Doors, he is pursued by a thug and a Kim Novak double. **(R) 127 minutes**



Fitness & Sports

Sports line

Softball game: The Company Grade Officers Council softball team will take on the Top 3 Wednesday beginning at 2 p.m. at the Softball Fourplex near the Air Park. Everyone is invited to attend.

Intramural Standings

Bowling

As of press time Wednesday, the intramural bowling championship roll-off was ongoing. Look for final results in next week's Airlift Dispatch. Final regular season standings were:

National league

1. CES
2. APS 1
3. EMS
4. LSS
5. 637 AGS 1
6. Det. 3
7. MSS
8. Comm
9. 15 AS
10. EMS 3
11. CRS
12. Blind Team

American League

1. 637 AGS 2
2. EMS 4
3. 637 AGS 3
4. LGT
5. EMS 1
6. APS 2
7. APS 3
8. SFS
9. SVS
10. 437 OSS
11. CTCS
12. APS 4

Racquetball

1. SFS
2. 437 AGS 1
3. 437 AW
4. 373 TRS
5. CS
6. 1st CTCS
7. CES
8. APS
9. CRS
10. SUP
11. 437 AGS 2
12. EMS

Volleyball

1. CS/SVS
2. 1 CTCS
3. Navy Hospital
4. 437 AW
5. AGS
6. SUP
7. SFS
8. CES
9. 373 TRS
10. Med Group

Swim lessons: For information on swim lessons, call the Outdoor Recreation Center at 963-5271.

May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month

Rejuvenate your lapsed fitness resolutions

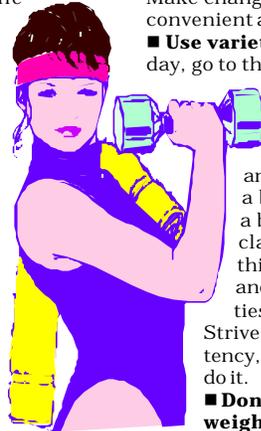
By now, many people have forgotten about their New Year's resolutions to get in shape. Not to worry. In honor of National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, the pros at the American Council on Exercise are offering these tips to help start new fitness programs off on the right foot:

■ **Be specific:** Specific goals are easier to stick with than vague resolutions like "I will exercise more." Make a specific plan of action such as "I will go for a walk on Tuesday and Thursday, and take an exercise class on Monday and Friday."

■ **Find an exercise partner:** There's one in every crowd...someone who'll stand at your office door in their workout clothes panting for you to take a lunchtime walk with them.

Find someone who has a routine already established and let them know they are going to be your exercise guru for the next six months. Knowing how good it makes them feel, most exercise enthusiasts will jump at the opportunity to help an ambivalent exerciser get started on a regular routine.

■ **Be realistic:** Be sure your action plan fits realistically into your lifestyle. Do you really have the energy to go out for that evening exercise class?



Make changes as easy and convenient as possible.

■ **Use variety:** Walk one day, go to the gym the next.

Bring your kids to the park where they can play and you can take a brisk walk. Try a ballet or yoga class. Do something you enjoy and avoid activities you don't.

Strive for consistency, but don't overdo it.

■ **Don't focus on weight loss:** Don't let your weight be the

index of your success - concentrate on moderate exercise and a healthy, low-fat diet.

■ **Get help:** Certified personal trainers are available at the base fitness center at no cost. Advice

on nutrition and exercise is available at the Health and Wellness Center.

For those who work out off base, the American Council on Exercise offers free referrals to ACE-certified personal trainers anywhere in the country. Log onto www.acefitness.org for the name of a trainer near you.

During May, ACE will offer additional fitness information. Log onto the ACE Web site at www.acefitness.org and look for the National Physical Fitness and Sports Month banner.

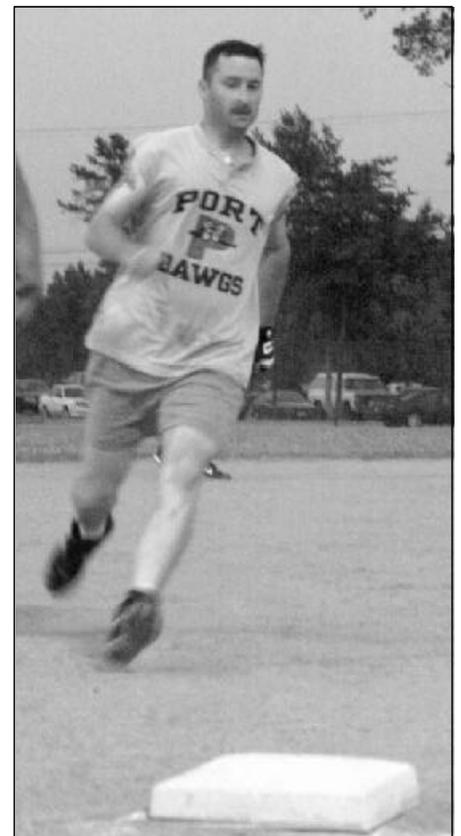
(Courtesy of the American Council on Exercise, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the benefits of physical activity and protecting consumers against unsafe and ineffective fitness products and instruction.)

Base intramural softball season now in full swing



photos by Staff Sgt. Pamela Smith

Phil Hill of MXS 2 gets a hit early on during his teams 20-17 loss to Naval Hospital.



David Pace of 437 APS rounds third base during a game against SUP 2. APS won, 17-4.

Intramural softball standings

Team	W	L	Team	W	L
1. APS	4	0	10. 373 TRS/LSS	1	1
2. 437 AGS 1	4	0	11. 1 CTCS	1	2
3. CES	2	0	12. LGT	1	2
4. CS/SVS	2	0	13. Med Grp	1	2
5. Navy Hospital	3	1	14. Flyers	1	2
6. 437 AW	2	1	15. SUP 2	1	4
7. MXS 1	3	2	16. MXS 2	0	3
8. SFS	2	2	17. 437 AGS 2	0	4
9. SUP 1	2	2	18. OSS	0	2

