

NEWS BRIEFS



Charleston AFB
2000 CFC

7 Days Remaining....

"I feel like I'm being pressured to give to the Combined Federal Campaign."

There should be no pressure for you to give. In fact, the whole purpose of the CFC is to provide a way for federal employees to help those in need with one gift. Pressure defeats the purpose of voluntary giving. Sometimes, some of us get pretty excited and enthusiastic about the CFC and the difference it makes in the lives of others. Perhaps this enthusiasm could be mistaken for pressure. The CFC has a firm policy statement against coercion. (Submitted by Capt. Chuck Neasater, 2000 CFC base coordinator.)


Spotlight

Retirement: The 437th Maintenance Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. John Tormanen today, 10 a.m., at the base education center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Travis Ellis at 963-5310.

Retirement: The 437th Aerial Port Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Kerry Daugherty today, 2 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call 963-3178. (Editor's note: This announcement was incorrect in the Oct. 27 edition of the *Airlift Dispatch*. The correct day is today.)

Around the base

Public notice: The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of the 437th Medical Group Dec. 6-7 to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. Anyone who wishes to discuss quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided may send a letter no later than Nov. 29 to: Ambulatory Care Service Team, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, 1 Renaissance Blvd., Oakbrook Terrace, Ill. 60181.

NCOIC needed: The base Honor Guard is looking to fill an NCOIC and assistant NCOIC position. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Phil Johnson at 963-3398.

Toys for Tots: Military families who need assistance for the holidays should contact the Family Support Center. The Toys for Tots program supplies families in need with toys for their children. For more information, or to volunteer, call the Toys for Tots hotline at 743-4947.

Hispanic Heritage: There is a Hispanic Heritage Finale Dance, today, 7 p.m.-1 a.m., at the Charleston Club. The cost is \$5 and dress is semi-formal. There will be hors

d'oeuvres and folkloric dancers. For more information, call Logistics at 963-2326, Operations at 963-2904 and Support Group at 963-4557.

Scouting for Food: Boy Scout Troop 484 members will be completing the second phase of the Scouting for Food campaign Saturday, 9 a.m., in base housing. Flyers and collection bags were delivered Saturday throughout housing. All donors should place items in a plastic bag and attach the flyer that was handed out Saturday. If the flyer is not available, attach a note saying "Scouting for Food" to the outside of the bag and place it outside the front door. Should the scouts miss a home, call 552-0591 after 11:30 a.m., and a scout will return to pick up the donation.

Staff Sgt. Jason Hanks
373rd Training Squadron,
Detachment 5

Staff Sgt. Jason Hanks is a C-17A propulsion instructor whose primary responsibility is to teach Charleston AFB flightline technicians how to remove and replace C-17 engines and their components and troubleshoot the C-17 engine computer systems.

"The best part of my job is interacting with the flightline technicians and the Pratt and Whitney and Boeing engineers," he said. "It's a good feeling knowing that Pratt and Whitney sends its subject matter experts to learn from me."

Hanks has spent his nine-year career working on aircraft. He began as a C-141 jet-engine mechanic before moving on to the C-17. In 1996, he enrolled in the Bootstrap program to get his Bachelor of Science Degree in education.

Armed Forces Night: The South Carolina Stingrays hockey team is hosting an Armed Forces Night Saturday, 7:30 p.m., at the North Charleston Coliseum. Military personnel will receive tickets for \$7 each. The first 3,000 people through the doors will also receive a free game puck.

Health fair: Charleston AFB is sponsoring an Open Season Health Benefits Fair for all civilian employees Tuesday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the base education office. Representatives from various health benefit plans will be on hand to answer questions. For more information, call 963-4476.

Parenting classes: The clinic is offering a Common Sense Parenting class beginning Monday and running for six consecutive Mondays. The class is from 10 a.m.-noon. An evening class will start Tuesday and run six consecutive Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, call Jim Hernandez at 963-6504.

Awards breakfast: The 437th Airlift Wing will recognize quarterly award winners at the Quarterly Awards Breakfast Wednesday, 7:30 a.m., at the Charleston Club. The cost for club members is \$8 and \$10 for non-members. For more information, or for tickets, call your first sergeant.

Gift Wrapping: There is a meeting Wednesday, 9 a.m., in the 437th

Support Group conference room for representatives from units that are interested in working the BX gift-wrapping booth. Gift-wrapping starts Nov. 24 and ends Dec. 24. Gift-wrapping will be done for donations only. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Terrie Powell at 963-2202.

Commissioning Briefing: There is an enlisted commissioning satellite broadcast Wednesday, 3-4 p.m., at the base education center. Headquarters Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps will conduct the broadcast to all stateside bases. The broadcast will give information about commissioning opportunities for enlisted personnel. For more information, call 963-4575.

Car shipping: The required documentation for shipping a privately owned vehicle overseas has changed. Along with orders, shippers must now have a letter from the lien holder or lease company before shipping a vehicle. U.S. Customs requires a particular format for the letter. For information, call 963-2255 or visit www.globemaster/437og/tmo.

Family Support Center

Pre-Deployment Briefing: Thursday, Nov. 16 and 30, 4 p.m., and Monday, Nov. 13, 20 and 27, 8 a.m.

All workshops are held at the FSC unless otherwise noted. For more information or to register, call the Family Support Center at 963-4406.

Charleston Profile

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"When I finished up, they gave me two choices - to become an officer or an instructor," he said. "I chose to become an instructor because I like working with engines and I wanted to work in my major."

Hanks said teaching has also been a learning experience for

him. He teaches the same thing on a recurring basis, yet each student looks at the material differently and brings their own view to class. "They ask questions from different points of view, and that stimulates my knowledge."

Before joining the Air Force, Hanks was a roofer, and in his spare time he continues to use that skill.

"I volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, and some local churches have put me in touch with people who needed new roofs," Hanks said. "I've replaced two roofs this summer free of charge."

Charleston is Hanks' first and only assignment. "I like water skiing and sailing," he said. "I race sailboats in the Charleston Harbor."

Hanks doesn't look too far into the future. "I plan to start the masters program in business administration at the Citadel next year," he said. "Then I'll figure out the rest after that."

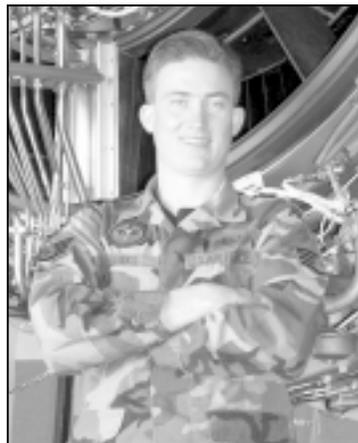


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