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Air Expo 2000 hosts thousands

By Capt. Tracy Velino
437AW Public Affairs

Team Charleston will welcome thousands of guests through Charleston AFB gates Saturday for an up-close encounter with their nation's military at Air Expo 2000.

"Last year we drew 60 to 70,000 people, and this year we hope to draw a similar size crowd," said Capt. Brian Newberry, Air Expo deputy director and 15th Airlift Squadron aircraft commander.

Air Expo 2000, the largest single-day attendance event in the state, is open to the public with free admission and parking. Gates open at 9 a.m., the opening ceremony is at 10:30 a.m. and the last scheduled aerial performance ends at 4 p.m. The annual air show is held to teach the public about the military.

This year's expo will put CAFB's own aircrews and the C-17 Globemaster III in the spotlight. Maj. Jeff Meyers, 437th Operations Group standardization and evaluations pilot, will lead a team of seven aircrews from the 437th and 315th Airlift wings through an intricate schedule of events to showcase the premier airlifter's unique landing, maneuvering, load-

ing and takeoff capabilities.

"Seven aircraft will be airborne before the airshow starts," said Meyers. At 11 a.m., following the opening ceremony, Meyers and his team will treat the crowd to seven roaring C-17s when a four-ship and three-ship formation join forces over the airfield. Six of the aircraft will then depart the area, remaining airborne until they return for appearances later in the day.

Meyer's aircraft will remain over the airfield to airdrop the Wings of Blue, the U.S. Air Force Academy's parachute team, who will perform an exciting aerial ballet.

As soon as the Wings of Blue reach the ground, the C-17 will descend for a demonstration. "We'll do steep banking and turns, a short-field landing, and backing, and then a short-field take-off," said Meyers.

About an hour later, Capt. Gary Higginbotham, 15 AS evaluator aircraft commander, will lead three aircraft to airdrop a total of 60 paratroopers, primarily from the Army's 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., as part of the airfield seizure demonstration.

Capt. Lenny Richoux, wing executive officer and 14th

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Looks good

Carl Brown, 315th Aircraft Generation Squadron aircraft technician, performs a visual post-flight inspection on a C-17. The C-17 will be the main attraction at Air Expo 2000 Saturday. Charleston AFB's gates open to the public at 9 a.m.

Photo by Senior Airman Jason Smith

Charleston AFB set for 2000 HQ AMC base appearance competition

Commentary by
Capt. David Scharf

437CES chief, maintenance engineering

Time to roll up our sleeves and get dirty cleaning up our base for the Air Mobility Command Base Appearance Competition. A \$200,000 first prize is at stake. It could be used to build playgrounds, improve the dormitory campus or any other quality of life improvement project. We could also earn the distinction of being the "Best

in AMC." Therefore, it is important we get together, show our Team Charleston pride and get our base ready.

The headquarters team, led by Col. Michael Fitz, chief, operations division Headquarters AMC Civil Engineer, and accompanied by evaluators from the operations, logistics and support communities will arrive here Wednesday and place our base under a microscope for the entire day Thursday. Throughout the day, four evaluators will comb every

square inch of the base looking closely at general base appearance items such as architectural compatibility, signage, infrastructure, landscaping, roads, airfield areas and long-range improvement plans.

The team will assess the exteriors of almost every building on base, including dormitories and military family housing. They will look at the interiors of the dining facility, fitness center, chapel, lodging desk, billeting rooms, child development center,

family support center, passenger terminal, base operations, education center, library, personnel customer service, base theater, bowling center, housing office and youth center.

To get our base in a condition we can be proud of, we will have another "Pride Day" Monday. However, we should all keep in mind that every day is pride day here, and we should all do our part each and every day.

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IN THE NEWS

Taxiway repair lets planes enter, exit runways quicker

By Lt. Col. Ed Memi
437 AW Public Affairs

C-17s and transient aircraft will return to normal taxi operations as a result of recent reconstruction to a taxiway.

The reconstructed Taxiway E "ladder" had been partially demolished in 1999 by the 823rd Red Horse Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla. The work stopped when they were deployed on short notice to Kosovo. As a result of the closure of this taxiway and an adjoining taxiway, C-17s had to take the long way around to reach Runway 21, which crosses over near the perimeter road on the northwest side of the base. The work was recently completed under a contract issued by the Navy Public Works Center, Naval Weapons Station. After some last minute cleanup, the taxiway reopened to aircraft Wednesday.

"Reopening Taxiway E will allow greater use of Runway 15," said Capt. David Morrissey, 437th Operations Group standardization and evaluation office. "It will make it more convenient and will alleviate some of the ground congestion on the taxiways from the fixed-base operators, commercial side and us."

"Not only was Taxiway Echo closed, but so was Taxiway Delta from Taxiway Echo to the approach end of Runway 15, which resulted in a longer taxi to use Runway 15," said Gloria Evans, duty officer for base operations. "It would sometimes result in a back taxi down Runway 15, which caused delays in departures from

Runway 15."

The Navy did the work under their Job Order Contract program, which is very similar to the Air Force's Simplified Acquisition Base Engineering Repair contracts. Both programs use a pre-assigned contractor for smaller, non-military construction projects. The \$1 million contract was awarded to J.A. Jones Management Services, who have a local office in North Charleston. They acted as the prime contractor for Pavkov Contracting Company, of Sumter, S.C., who performed the site and pavement work. The work consisted of tearing up old concrete, which was recycled, and replacing it with more than 6,000 square yards of new concrete that was 15 inches thick. The contractor removed and replaced 18 by 20 foot concrete slabs for about 650 feet, along with the associated lighting.

The heavy-duty repairs to the taxiway required the primary runway to be shut down for 53 days and it took 24 days to place all the concrete. The airfield manager's office made the arrangements for the various closures and notified all the key agencies.

"When we gave it to the Red Horse folks and they had to deploy, we had a taxiway that we could no longer use and we needed to get the work done quickly," said Rob Crossland, pavement engineer for the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron. "We had to obligate the money before the end of the fiscal year or we would lose it, so we turned to the Navy because they

could execute quickly and get the job done. We appreciated their quick response."

"It was challenging to pick up on someone else's work," said Brandon Works, a field construction manager for the Navy Resident Officer-in-Charge of Construction office in Bldg. 247 here. Works and Charlie Creech, the ROICC inspector, also had the responsibility of doing frequent site inspections. "The site had collected a lot of water and the soil base was like Jello. We also found some soil contamination that needed to be cleaned up. We had to jump over a number of hurdles including two work stoppages."

Todd Martin from the Naval Facilities Engineering Command in North Charleston, designed the extensive project. "The contractor, J.A. Jones and his subcontractor, Pavkov, did an admirable job considering the differing site conditions, work stoppages and soil contamination," Works concluded.

Crossland said the base has several taxiway projects programmed and Taxiway Echo Phase II under

design to improve the current taxiway system. "We have a \$3-6 million project designed to repair Runway 03/21 in Fiscal 01 (pending funding). We never have enough money to do all that is needed, but the command has surveyed all the airfields, and our airfield is in better shape than some of the airfields at other Air Mobility Command bases. According to HQ AMC, we're in the middle of the pack in the command when it comes to condition of airfield pavements."



Photo by Senior Airman Jason Smith

Robert Dennis, Pavkov Contracting Company and Sumter, S.C. resident, holds a compression joint seal as it is installed during the repairs to Taxiway E.

CAFB prepared for October's National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

By Lois Idleman
437 MDG nurse educator

All women are at risk for breast cancer. The two most significant risk factors are being female and getting older. Breast cancer is the leading cancer among American women and is second only to lung cancer in cancer deaths. This year 182,800 women and 1,400 men will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer.

Since it is not known what causes breast cancer, the best protection against this disease is early detection and prompt treatment. The American Cancer Society recommends the following steps:

- Women should have annual screening mammograms beginning at age 40. Women under age 40 with a family history of breast cancer or

other concerns should consult a medical professional about when to begin mammography.

- Clinical breast exams should be performed by a medical professional every three years beginning at age 20 and annually after age 40.

- Women should practice monthly breast self-examination beginning by age 20.

During the month of October, the 437th Medical Group will be emphasizing breast cancer awareness. There will be free brochures, pamphlets and other give aways with information about breast health awareness, mammograms and the proper way to do a breast self-exam. The medical group has recently increased its staff with a Women's

Health Nurse Practitioner, Maj. Carol Sheehan, and a Breast Cancer Nurse Educator, Lois Idleman. Sheehan will be performing women's health exams and Idleman will be providing breast cancer information and teaching patients how to perform breast self-exams.

To schedule an appointment with Sheehan, call 963-6880. For more information, stop by the base clinic, or call Idleman at 963-6738.

(Author's note: The Charleston Chapter of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is sponsoring the annual Race for The Cure, Oct. 28. Anyone who would like to participate may contact the race hotline at 792-9186, or register online at www.charlestonrace4cure.org)



Charleston AFB 2000 CFC

28 Days remaining...

Q: "I work for a living. I pay my own way. I'm not getting to use these services, so why should I support them?"

A: It's possible you may never need or use any CFC supported services. Some people give because they want to maintain the services in case they do need them, like disaster assistance, home health care for an elderly relative or youth development programs. A number of people even give because there are people who cannot pay their own way, people who can't help themselves as much as they would like. (Submitted by Capt. Chuck Nesemeier, 2000 CFC base coordinator.)

County to provide ambulance service

By Senior Airman Jason Smith
437 AW Public Affairs

The Charleston County Emergency Medical Service will be responsible for all on-base ambulance responses starting Monday.

According to a fact sheet on ambulance outsourcing for Charleston AFB, the Air Force Audit Agency recommended the active duty ambulance service here be converted to a civilian service.

Calling 911 will still be the appropriate way to call for an ambulance, according to Senior Airman Geoffrey Gunn, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron, fire alarm communications. "The procedure for an ambulance won't change," said Gunn. "For instance, if I get an ambulance call, I'll take all the information and call Charleston County EMS instead of the base ambulance service. The fire department will respond also, just like we've done in the past."

The change in service will afford base Emergency Medical Technicians the opportunity to transfer to clinic positions, according to 2nd Lt. Greg Chapman, 437th Medical Group TRICARE operations officer. "This change will allow the reallocation of EMTs

to optimize our primary care service. Basically, we will be able to provide even better service to our customers."

The new service does come with a small price tag for military family members.

TRICARE Prime enrollees will have an out-of-pocket expense of \$10 for E-1 through E-4 family members, \$15 for E-5 and above family members and \$20 for retirees and their family members. Active duty members will still pay nothing.

The clinic, the fire department and the 437th Security Forces Squadron are in agreement the change should go very smoothly.

"They have answered all of our questions, and it will not affect our day-to-day services," said Tech. Sgt. Pamela Tobin, 437 SFS police service.

Chapman said many people don't know that Charleston County EMS already provides support to the base.

"In the past, if we've had someone in the clinic with symptoms of a heart attack, we call Charleston County," said Chapman. "They already have the equipment in their ambulances and the training to deal with cardiac arrest."

For more information, call the Health Benefits Advisor at 963-6706.

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Airlift Squadron airdrop instructor aircraft commander, will then lead three aircraft to land on the airfield. Loadmasters Senior Airman Troy Firzlaff, 14 AS, Staff Sgt. Gary Ferguson, 15 AS, and Staff Sgt Kevin Collette, 17th Airlift Squadron, will perform engine running offloads of Army M1A1 Abram tanks and M2A2 Bradley fighting vehicles, and the C-17 will take off again.

All seven C-17s will join overhead again at the end of the airfield seizure demonstration. "We'll land in sequence, with minimum spacing," Meyers said.

"It is a great opportunity for us to show how we integrate with the Army to provide for the defense of this nation," said Capt. Jeff Pierce, Air Expo airboss and 15 AS instructor aircraft commander.

Later in the day, Richoux and crew will take off one more time to airdrop the Wings of Blue, and Meyers and crew will take off and perform a second C-17 demonstration to conclude the airshow.

Other highlights of this year's show include A-10 Thunderbolt II and Navy F-18 Hornet demonstrations,

OH-58 Kiowa Warrior and UH-60 Blackhawk attack helicopters in action, and aerobatics demonstrations by the Korean War-era T-33 "Vintage Thunderbird," Red Eagle bi-plane and Marchetti fighter trainer.

Also in the skies, the A-10 will join a World War II-era P-51 Mustang for a heritage flight, and there will be performances by vintage aircraft such as the T-34 Mentor warbird, the B-25 bomber and UC-78 trainer. The Tora 101 Japanese A6M Zero and P-51 Mustang team will put on a dogfight show including "Hollywood style" pyrotechnic explosions.

On the ground, there will be many aircraft on display for visitors to tour, including the AC-130 Gunship, F-15 Eagle, F-117 Nighthawk, KC-135 Stratotanker, B-1B Lancer and the star of the show, the C-17.

The Air Expo will feature many exhibits and demonstrations geared toward children, from miniature aircraft simulators that allow children to experience the sensation of flight, to an Explosive Ordnance Disposal robot teaching about the dangers of unexploded ordnances, and more. Sparky the Fire Dog, McGruff the

Crime Dog, Andy the robot ambulance, and mascots from all of the local sports teams will also be on hand.

Other ground acts and displays include the Citadel Summerall Guard Elite Precision Drill Team, a military working dog demonstration and military vehicles and equipment including Army tanks, Coast Guard boats, Navy model ships and a C-17 engine display. There will be many television and radio station promotional vehicles on hand to join in the festivities.

"This was a tremendous effort to make this happen," said Maj. Petra Sharrett, Air Expo director and 15 AS aircraft commander. "It was only due to the hard work and efforts of practically everyone on base to pull this off, but particularly the many long hours of the nearly 100 key airshow staff who have been working this hard for at least the past six months."

Food and beverages will be available at the air expo for purchase. Performances and static displays are subject to change without notice.

As a reminder, there will be a party after Air Expo 2000, Oct 14, 5-9 p.m., in the nose dock hangar. The event is free and open to all base personnel. There will be live entertainment and Frogmore Stew.

For the latest information on Air Expo 2000, the public may call 963-EXPO, or check out Charleston AFB's web site at <http://www.charleston.af.mil>.



CAFB Master Sgt. to help find MIAs

By Tech Sgt. Dan Murphy
437 AW Public Affairs

A Charleston master sergeant will leave Thursday for Vietnam with the Joint Task Force for Full Accounting to find remains of service members still listed as missing in action.

Master Sgt. Phillip Scott, 437th Operations Support Squadron assistant NCOIC aircrew life support flight, was selected to take this temporary duty for 45 days.

"I volunteered and was chosen to augment the JTF/FA at Hickam AFB, Hawaii," said Scott. "This is a dream come true for me. I am truly honored to be part of this mission."

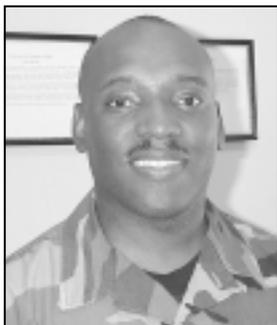
The mission of the JTF/FA is to open, investigate, analyze and possibly close all cases involving

unaccounted for Americans from the Vietnam War, said Scott. "This may include crash and burial sites and incidental or circumstantial losses."

Scott has an extensive background in survival, search, rescue and aircraft accident investigation. Earlier this year Scott was a member of the accident investigation board for the C-130 crash at Al Jaber, Kuwait, in December 1999.

"I will help with the unearthing of known aircraft crash sites to ensure it was one of ours," said Scott. "I will be there to help identify human remains, aircraft life support systems, and aircraft debris."

Scott added this will be by far the most rewarding TDY during his 19-year career. "I believe we owe this to the MIAs who gave their lives so we can enjoy the freedom and the life style we as Americans enjoy today."



Master Sgt. Phillip Scott

Air Expo 200 shuttle bus schedule for base residents

Charleston Air Expo 2000 will be held Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Shuttle service for on base residents will be as follows:

Bus Route #1 – Bus will start running at 8:30 a.m. and run every 15 minutes until 11 a.m.

From 11 a.m.-3 p.m. the bus will run every hour. After 3 p.m. there will be three buses running from the flight line back to base housing until the flight line is clear. The bus stops are as follows:

Alaska Avenue and Kansas Avenue (both ends)

Colorado Avenue and Alaska Avenue

Colorado Avenue and Georgia Avenue

Commissary Parking Lot

Batson Drive and Hodge Avenue

Batson Drive and Richardson Drive

Batson Drive and Gross Avenue

Parking lot of Bldg. 164 (Passenger Terminal – drop Off)

Bus Route #2 – Bus will start running at 8:30 a.m. and run every 30 minutes until 11 a.m.

From 11 a.m.-3 p.m. the bus will run every hour. After 3 p.m., there will be two buses running from the flight line to base housing until the flight line is clear. The bus stops are as follows:

West James Avenue and West Jackson Dr.

West Jackson Drive and West Rhodes Avenue

East Jackson Drive and East Frick Avenue

East Jackson Drive and East James Avenue

Parking lot of Bldg. 164 (Passenger Terminal – drop off)



Appearance

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You may be asking yourself, "What can I do to help?" Well, each of us should take pride and clean up in and around the facilities we work in, focus on improving what you already have, and don't worry about creating something new. Here is a list of some simple things you can do:

Exterior:

- Clean up around the outside of your building
- Pick up litter everytime you see it
- Sweep sidewalks and remove weeds from cracks
- Remove weeds from streets and curbs
- Weed eat sidewalks and around buildings
- Prune shrubs and hedges

- Clean up smoking areas and cigarette butts

Interior (Facilities listed on page 1):

- Spot paint facility interiors
- Clean up office areas
- Remove extra furniture and reduce "clutter"
- Focus on improving the entrance to your facility (first impression)
- Clean marks off walls
- Ensure items hanging on walls are framed
- Neatly organize bulletin

boards

■ Remove materials from the tops of cabinets and cubicles

Housing:

■ Mow, edge, and trim grass between Oct. 17 and 18

■ Remove all weeds from cracks

■ Trim all bushes and hedges

■ Ensure your yard presents a neat appearance

Pine straw will be available at the Self Help Store for enhancing existing shrub beds, only. These are just a few things you and your organization can do to show your Team Charleston pride, and remember, "Every day is pride day."

The Base Appearance Working Group is the focal point for the base appearance effort. If you have questions, please contact the following individuals: **Wing project officer**-Capt. David Scharf at 963-5010, **logistics**-Lt. Col. Henry Haisch at 963-2288 and Senior Airman David Guevara at 963-2326, **medical**-Timothy Simons at 963-6806 and Staff Sgt. Britian Yocum at 963-6740, **operations**-Lt. Col. James Kirby at 963-5516, **support**-Lt. Col. Connie Davis at 963-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Kaminsky

Tech. Sgt. Gary Wright, 437th Communications Squadron, removes weeds from a crack.

2200 and Capt. David Scharf at 963-5010, **wing staff**-1st Lt. John Woodruff at 963-5203 and **315th Airlift Wing**-Lt. Col. Terri Hams at 963-5450 and Chief Master Sgt. Virgil Childers at 963-2054. *(Editor's note: As part of the preparation for the Base Appearance Team, dorm residents will not be authorized to park on the grass along Davis Drive Sunday through Oct. 20. The 437th Security Forces Squadron will be enforcing the "no parking area" during the above dates.)*

Air Expo 2000 safety

By Staff Sgt. James Brown
437 AW Safety Office

The Charleston Air Force Base Air Expo promises to be a particularly exciting event this year. From the precision aerial displays to many static aircraft displayed on the parking ramp, our senses will be overwhelmed with the activity and power of this event.

It is important, however, to keep in mind some of the hazards associated with this unique environment.

Smoking areas and fire control lanes: The entire aircraft-parking ramp is a NO SMOKING area. Additional NO SMOKING areas and fire control lanes will be designated near the aircraft-parking ramp.

Waste receptacles: Aircraft inlets must be kept free of foreign objects that could be inadvertently ingested. Because of this, trash and other waste must be placed in appropriate waste receptacles. They will be placed throughout the display area.

Bicycles, skates, roller blades and skateboards: Bicycles, skates, roller blades and skateboards are banned from the ramp and hanger areas.

Unsafe viewing stands:

Spectators will not be allowed to use maintenance equipment, vehicles, portable facilities, roofs of buildings, exterior aircraft surfaces or anything that is considered unsafe for a viewing stand.

Pets: Pets are prohibited on the flight line. Dogs for the disabled are allowed.

Tripping hazards: Be alert for power cords, aircraft grounding wires and uneven pavement. There will be plenty of activity in the air above you, but remember to look down when you walk.

Thunderstorms and lighting: If thunderstorms develop near the local area, be prepared to evacuate the aircraft-parking ramp. Open fields, isolated trees and metal or electrically conductive objects (like aircraft exteriors) should be avoided. Large metal-framed buildings (hangers), automobiles, buses and other vehicles with metal tops and bodies are suitable shelters from lightning.

If these simple rules are kept in mind and followed, the Air Expo will prove to be a fun-filled and exciting event to remember.

For more information, call the safety office at 963-5595.

NEWS BRIEFS

Around the base

Military widows: The Trident Area Military Widows Association meets for an informal buffet luncheon on the fourth Wednesday of each month (holiday meetings vary) at the Charleston Club. All military widows are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 552-2726 or 875-7913.

MWD Rambo: Military Working Dog, Rambo/V029, died Oct. 6 of heart failure. Rambo was a 9-year-old Belgian Malinois that entered service on October 1993.

While conducting daily training, Rambo collapsed. Senior Airman Reeves, 437th Security Forces Squadron and Rambo's handler, quickly transported him to the base veterinarian clinic, but Rambo could not be saved.

Tests are being conducted to determine the exact cause of death.

Rambo was assigned to Charleston AFB in November 1993. He served with the 437 SFS ever since. "Rambo was more than a dog, he was my partner," said Reeves.

According to Staff Sgt. Denis Woods, 437 SFS kennel master, Rambo was loyal to his handlers and served his country well.

"Rambo was one of the best dogs I've ever seen," said Woods.

Rambo's most recent accomplishment was during a TDY to El Paso, Texas, where he and Reeves were responsible for detecting over \$4 million worth of illegal narcotics.



Fire extinguisher recall: The Consumer Product Safety Commission announced a voluntary recall of the First Alert fire extinguisher model number FE1A10G. The extinguisher may fail to discharge when the trigger is activated. The extinguisher was sold from Sept. 1, 1999 to September 2000. The extinguisher can be returned at the place of purchase. For more information, call 1-800-323-9005.

CGOC meeting: The Company Grade Officer's Council will meet Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Zabrina Robinson at 963-4239.

ESC Halloween Gathering: The Enlisted Support Club will meet at the Charleston Club Oct. 24, 6:45 p.m. to car pool to the Trade Winds Restaurant. After dinner, the group will walk through the Summerville Main Street Park to view the scarecrow exhibits. Those who don't wish to car pool can meet directly at the

Charleston Profile

Capt. Jeff Pierce

15th Airlift Squadron/Air Expo 2000 airboss

Capt. Jeff Pierce, a C-17 instructor pilot, has taken on the task of airboss for Air Expo 2000. He volunteered for the position in December and has been in the forefront of preparations for the event, which takes place Saturday.

"It's been a fun learning experience," he said. "I've been able to deal with a variety of agencies on a different level."

Pierce's responsibilities include coordinating the schedule of events and times with the Federal Aviation Administration, the Charleston County Aviation Authority and Headquarters Air Mobility Command. He also coordinates the cleared airspace needed for the air show with traffic controllers.

"This is the first year we're conducting the show without airline windows," Pierce said. Airline windows are the time throughout the airshow when the aerial demonstration take a hiatus and the local airlines can make their scheduled departures and landings. "So I've also had to work closely with the commercial airlines (flying in and out of the Charleston International Airport)."

Pierce, an Essex, Mo., native, has been in the Air Force for more than 10 years. He's been assigned to Charleston and the C-17 for two and one-half years. As an instructor pilot, he ensures that new pilots are upgraded and qualified to fly in a timely manner. Prior to his current assignment, he flew the C-141 Starlifter at Travis AFB, Calif., and the T-37 training plane at Vance AFB, Okla.

Pierce and his wife, Corey, have two children; a 7-year-old son, Court; and a 5-year-old daughter, Alex. When he's not at work, Pierce likes to play with his children, go to movies and watch football.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Pamela Smith

restaurant. For more information, call Victoria Thaman at 552-1984 or Sabine Charls at 552-6772.

Boo Grams: The 437th Operations Support Squadron will deliver a Boo Gram anywhere on the base in costume. The cost is \$2.50 and the delivery date is Oct. 30. To order, call Senior Airman Marissa Linden at 963-4769 or Airman 1st Class Heather Reid at 963-5623.

OSA Arts and Crafts Show: An arts and crafts show, sponsored by the Charleston AFB Officer's Spouses Association, will be held Oct. 28, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in the Aero Club hangar. Admission to the show is free and open to the public. The OSA is looking for crafters who are interested in selling their items during the show. Show spaces cost \$25. For more information, call Christine Memi at 871-8604.

Awards breakfast: The 437th Airlift Wing will recognize quarterly award winners at the Quarterly Awards Breakfast Nov. 8, 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.

Career discovery: The base education office now offers the Strong Interest Inventory and Discover programs. These two inventories can assist in identifying career objectives, educational goals and job titles

that reflect an individual's interests and preferences. Both inventories will generate a detailed report consistent with the information provided. For more information, call 963-4575.

LEAD program: Unit and wing commanders can nominate highly qualified airmen to attend the USAF Academy Preparatory School, followed by an appointment to the academy through the Leaders Encouraging Airmen Development program. Interested airmen can obtain eligibility criteria and applications at the base education office. For more information, call 963-4575.

AACP: The next Airman Education and Commissioning program cutoff date is Dec. 15. The program is open to airmen who wish to pursue a bachelor's in meteorology, computer engineering, electrical engineering, foreign languages or foreign area studies. For more information, call the base education office at 963-4575.

Claim notice: Col. Rusty Findley, 437th Airlift Wing commander, regrettably announces the death of Senior Airman Christopher White, 437th Maintenance Squadron. Anyone having claims against, or indebtedness to the estate of White should contact 2nd Lt. Clint Fisher, 437th Maintenance Squadron section commander, at 963-4657.

Mentors needed: The Drug Edu-

cation for Youth program needs volunteers to mentor children between 9 and 12 years old. DEFY is an Air Force sponsored program that offers physical challenges, educational field trips and interactive workshops for children. DEFY is also looking for licensed bus drivers. For more information, call Deborah Wheeler at 963-6849.

Family Support Center

Hearts Apart: Hearts Apart is an on-going program for spouses of deployed service members. The program offers such services as e-mail, morale calls, videophone calls and free oil changes. For information, contact Tech. Sgt. Ken Fisher at 963-5630.

TAP three-day, Tuesday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Mini Job Fair, Thursday, 3-5 p.m.
Marketing Yourself for a Second Career, Oct. 20, 9-11:30 a.m.

Troops to Teachers, Oct. 23, 10-11 a.m.

Resume II, Oct. 24, 9-10:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.-noon.

Kids-n-Kash, Oct. 24, noon-2 p.m.
Deployment and Reunion, Oct. 25, 10 a.m.-noon.

Car Buying, Oct. 25, 1-3 p.m.
Smooth Move, Oct. 26, 8:30 a.m.-noon.

Interview Techniques, Oct. 26, 1-4 p.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.

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Air Expo 2000 will wow the crowds

By Col. Rusty Findley
437 AW commander

Air Expo 2000 is Saturday and the many months of extensive preparations and planning should give the public a better appreciation of what we are all about. It should be a great time for family and friends. Maj. Petra Sharrett, Air Expo 2000 director and 15th Airlift Squadron aircraft commander, and the Air Expo team have put together a great schedule of events. I'm excited about meeting the public and telling them about our Air Force. Public support is a necessary ingredient for what we do and the Air Expo is the perfect opportunity to build upon that support. For some members of the public, this is their only opportunity to set foot on the base and learn about the premier airlift wing on the face of the planet!

We had a great time in the softball match Oct. 4 between the Top 3 senior enlisted members and the colonels. I have to congratulate the Top 3 for their victory. I knew we were in trouble when I saw the guys on the team in spandex "pro" uniforms. It was a tight game, but in the end they got us, 14 to 9. It was a lot of fun for all. Thanks to Senior Master Sgt. Carl Hunsinger for suggesting that we play. We are waiting for the next challenge!

I had a great chance to host about 50 members from the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce "Leadership Charleston" for a mission briefing and base

tour Oct. 5. As explained in last week's column, Leadership Charleston is comprised of future business leaders who meet for 10 months to discuss community-wide issues and learn more about local businesses and government. I enjoyed meeting many of them and it was a unique opportunity to discuss the important role we play in our nation's defense. Many had never visited the base before and they were surprised to learn just how busy we are doing our nation's business. The feedback that I got from them is that they truly appreciate everything that you do day-to-day.

I went to McGuire AFB, N.J., on Tuesday and Wednesday to participate in the 21st Air Force change-of-command ceremony. Lt. Gen. (sel) John Hopper Jr., has done a great job for 21st Air Force. I hate to see him go, but am glad to see him get promoted and move on to become the vice commander of Air Education and Training Command at Randolph AFB, Texas. We welcome the new 21st Air Force commander, Maj. Gen. Nick Williams, the former Air Mobility Command director of Operations at Scott AFB, Ill. We look forward to hosting Gen. Williams at Charleston in the future.

The Air Expo 2000 golf tournament on Thursday was a complete success as expected. About 100 golfers participated in the annual tournament. The event is held to thank the many corporate and business sponsors of our



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Clements

Col. Rusty Findley, 437th AW commander prepares for a force out at second base during the Top 3 vs. Colonels softball game Oct. 4. The Top 3 won the game 14-9.

annual air expo, whose support is essential. A special thanks to Senior Master Sgt. Bill Couture, 15 AS, and the golf course staff who arranged for the tournament.

I will meet with the new Company Grade Officers Council president, 1st Lt. Randy Ackerman, and their vice president, 2nd Lt. Charles Rock today.

In the past, membership in the CGOC has been waning and we are hoping that membership could be improved through an aggressive campaign to reach out to the more than 400 company grade officers who are eligible to join.

The CGOC have their first general membership meeting Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. at the Charleston Club. They are trying to get the CGOC going even stronger, but they can't do it alone without the active participation of our company grade officers. If you are interested in joining, please contact Rock at 963-5520.

Next week, we are gearing up for a visit by the Base Appearance Team. The base looks very good day-to-day and everyone does their part to pitch in. Visitors often compliment

us on how good the base looks. This is the time of year where we need to take that extra minute to make it look even better. See the article on page 1 for additional details.

Oktoberfest, the annual Junior Enlisted Block party, will be held Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. between the dormitories near Arthur Drive. Free food, drink and entertainment will be provided to all E-6s and below. There will be lots of door prizes and it should be a great time. Master Sgt. Matt Harless, base career advisor, and his Oktoberfest committee have organized this year's event. Matt also recently returned from the career advisor course and I'm pretty excited about this new wing position. Additional details will be provided in an upcoming issue of the *Airlift Dispatch*.

The Hispanic Heritage Fiesta has been rescheduled for Nov. 3, 6 p.m., at the Charleston Club. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be a wide variety of entertainment followed by a dance afterwards. It is a chance to finish out our month-long celebration of Hispanic heritage.

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 the information needed to contact you.



FEATURE

Air Force, Army to attack, seize runway

By Senior Airman Jason Smith
437 AW Public Affairs

The runway here, which is shared with the Charleston International Airport, is going to be attacked and seized by a joint Air Force-Army operation Saturday.

The airfield seizure, part of Air Expo 2000, will start around 12:55 p.m., and should last a little over an hour and a half.

"This is the first time Charleston AFB, or anyone as far as I know, has tried a scenario this in depth as part of an airshow," said Capt. Steve Erickson, 437th Airlift Wing plans officer and Air Expo 2000 drop zone control officer and airfield seizure planner.

The demonstration will start with an A-10, from the 23rd Fighter Squadron, Pope AFB, N.C., flyby to include pyrotechnic destruction of simulated ground targets. Next, three OH-58 Kiowa Warrior attack helicopters, from the Army's 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., will perform a landing zone security demonstration, taking out simulated enemy positions.

The OH-58s will depart the area, and then forty members of the 82 AD and 20 members of the Tactical Air Control Party from the 14th Air Support Operations Squadron, Pope AFB, will jump from three C-17s. They will move

off to fighting positions to prepare to take control of a fuel pump station on the flightline, firing all the way.

The minute the paratroopers hit the ground, three UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters, from the Army's 1/17 Cav will fly through and destroy any targets which may have been missed by the A-10. The UH-60s will be escorted by OH-58s, which will then land and offload 24 members of the 437th Security Forces Squadron.

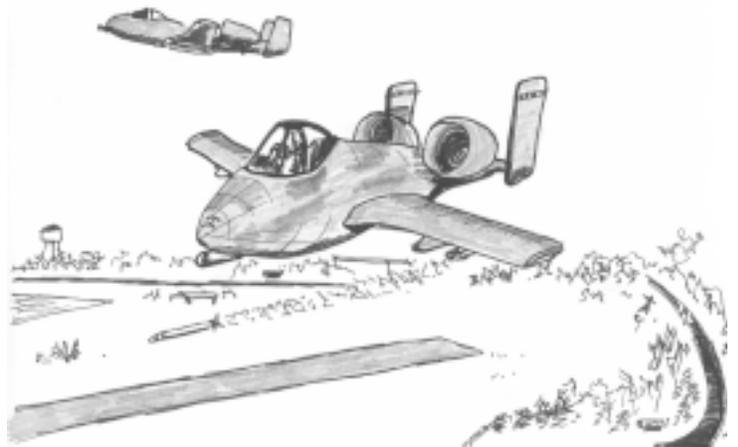
The assault team, made up of two security forces squads led by Tech. Sgt. James Scott, will be firing M-60, M249s and M-16 machine guns, providing a diversion for the paratroopers as they take fighting positions for the assault on the fuel pump station.

According to Erickson, the security forces squad will be showing their heavy fire power capabilities. "A lot of people don't know the same folks working the gates each day are highly trained and qualified air base defenders.

They can bring some serious fire power to the fight, and it will be interesting to see them practice their wartime mission."

"I think this will steal the show," said Capt. Jeffrey Prindle, 437 SFS

Stage 1: A-10 flyby with destruction of ground targets.



Illustrations by Staff Sgt. Alan Campbell, 437 OSS

operations officer. "It's going to show the capabilities of the C-17 as well as security forces capabilities to deploy from the C-17 and helicopters. It's going to be awesome!"

Amidst the firing, the UH-60s will deliver three 105 mm Howitzers and members of the "Bravo" Battery, 1st Battalion, 72nd AD. The Howitzers will be fired at enemy positions across the airfield to simulate clearing a larger perimeter.

When the Howitzers begin firing, three C-17s will land and offload the Immediate Ready Company, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga., including two M2A2 Bradley fighting vehicles and two M1A1 Abram tanks. The tanks will maneuver into position near the crowd to support ground troops, and the backs of the Bradleys will open with troops running out.

After a small artillery raid, the UH-60s will pick up the Howitzers and security force members and fly away.

"The crowd will be able to see just how quickly the 82 AD can come in and seize an airfield, with paratroopers, the Kiowa Warrior and UH-60s, to take control of an airfield in a very short time," said Maj. Michael Pyott, 1/17 Cav Operations Officer.

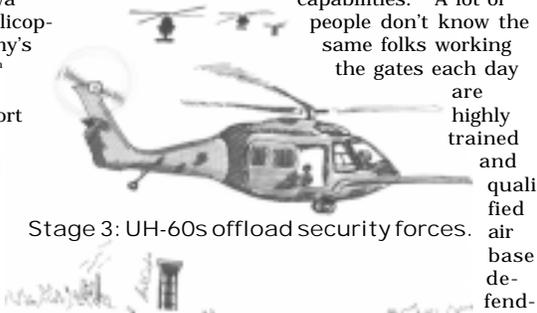
The seizure demonstration not only is intended to awe the crowd, but also is a training exercise for those involved.

"The airfield seizure is one of the basic missions of the 82 AD. The training value of conducting or participating in the Charleston airshow builds on our proficiency level for executing in operation," said Pyott.

The show will end with a C-17-seven ship overhead recovery. The recovery will include a formation with the planes landing one at a time, symbolizing follow-on airland delivery that typically follows an airfield seizure.

"This is the C-17 wartime mission," said Erickson. "It's as real a scenario as you can have."

Stage 3: UH-60s offload security forces.



Stage 2: OH-58s demonstrate landing zone security.



Stage 4: C-17s perform paratrooper airdrops and airland heavy tanks.



Vintage USAF Thunderbird aircraft to perform at Air Expo 2000

By Lt. Col. Ed Memi
437 AW Public Affairs

As an 11-year old child living in Hanahan, S.C., next to the Charleston Air Force Base airfield, Fowler Cary was ready to become a pilot. As a child, he loved to watch the F-86 and F-101 aircraft takeoff and land on the flightline in the 1960's. His dream finally came true as a pilot of a high performance 1950's era fighter aircraft.

Cary is the pilot for the Lockheed Martin T-33 that will perform what he calls a "graceful" aerial demonstration for the crowds as part of the Air Expo 2000 Saturday.

The T-33 is restored to look exactly like a U.S. Thunderbird demonstration aircraft of the 1950s. The T-33 is a two-seat version of the F-80, the first jet fighter that shot down MIG-15s in the Korean War. An Allison J-33-35 Turbojet engine with



Courtesy photo

Fowler Cary flying in the cockpit of his restored T-33 aircraft. Cary is ready to perform at Air Expo 2000.

4,600 pounds of thrust powers the immaculately restored T-33. The jet has distinctive external fuel tanks on each end of its wings.

Cary's dad was a lieutenant colonel assigned to the air base wing at Charleston AFB. "I saw my first jet in 1953 when I was living at Bitburg AB, Germany. I was only about 6 years old, and it was a T-33. I always wanted to fly fast jets. I grew up in an Air Force family, and my dad was career Air Force, and his last duty station was at Charleston AFB. I was born in the Hanahan area and moved to the Batesburg-Leesville area in 1963," Cary said.

He graduated from the Batesburg-Leesville High School and later attended the Citadel for two years. "I couldn't get into a military flight program while at the Citadel because I had unacceptable eyes for the military," Cary said. Instead he finished his college at another school and then pursued his private pilots license. He's been flying ever since and has flown just about everything on the civilian side.

"When I was a youngster at CAFB, I would ride my bike in from Hanahan to the base three or four times a week," said Cary. "I would either end up behind the old Hawthorne Aviation terminal where they had a yellow J-3 cub that had been beaten up in a hurricane and would hangar fly that for hours on end, or I would go down to the approach end of runway 15 and slip into the tall grass and

watch the F-86s and F-101s land over the top of my head."

The T-33 aerial demonstration has always been a crowd pleaser, according to Cary. "What people tell me they enjoy is it seems very graceful, fluid and it's a beautiful aircraft in flight as it has a great silhouette with those big drop tanks on the end of each wing. It is not a loud aircraft by today's standards and is non-afterburning. It's very graceful in the sky and a real joy to fly."

He performs a variety of basic fighter maneuvers during his 20-minute demonstration. "It has a about a third of the thrust-to-weight ratio that modern jet fighters have. You basically have to dive the aircraft at 5,000 feet to wind up the energy to around 500 mph so that when you hit show center with your initial speed, you can do your maneuver and then pop it back up to 5,000 feet and do a role reversal. You are basically yo-yoing the aircraft up and down to keep the energy up and keep the speed up at around 500 mph."

The aircraft, number 58-665, was one of the last jets off the production line. "I found an old country boy like myself, called Randal Hanes, who bought the aircraft, which was one of the last ones built in 1958. He had it restored and was looking for a partner to put it on the airshow circuit. We became business partners and blood brothers and had a ball for

four and half years until he was killed in a general aviation accident in 1996."

Cary arranges for all the maintenance on the T-33. "Parts are still pretty plentiful as there are still a couple of Air Forces flying the aircraft, the Canadians being the most popular.

It's a very dependable aircraft and we do a whole lot of work ourselves. Every year, we pull the tail off and the engine out and do a complete hot section, which is twice the cycle frequency of Air Force depot maintenance. I'm real particular about what I fly."

He said that keeping an old fighter flying is expensive and it doesn't pay for itself. "You can't really charge as much as you need to cover your expenses. But it's a labor of love and something I've always wanted to do and have always worked very hard to do. The only way to make it pay for itself is to have a big corporate sponsor."

"I have my favorite shows and my repeats like Charleston. It's a place near and dear to me and I have a lot of friends living there. I have a number of business clients living in the area also. It's a great city and my oldest daughter graduated from the College of Charleston. My whole family will be down there. I love to come back year after year. I can't think of any place better to go down and fly."





MAGNOLIA PLACE DINING FACILITY

On the Menu



Today

Lunch- sauerbraten, pork snitzel, bratwurst, rice, german potato cakes, peas and carrots, simmered cabbage, spinach

Dinner- caribbean jerk chicken, fish portions, oven-brown potatoes, macaroni and cheese, squash, asparagus, carrots amandine

Saturday

Lunch- roast beef, chicken patties, rice, potatoes au gratin, cauliflower combo, pinto beans, fried okra

Dinner- jaegersnitzel, hot and spicy chicken, franconia potatoes, rice, corn o'brien, collards green, carrots

Sunday

Lunch- chicken a la king, lemon-baked fish, rice, baked potatoes, vegetables, lima beans, broccoli

Dinner- roast pork, salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, rice, carrots amandine, squash, green beans

Monday

Lunch- szechwan chicken, stuffed pork chops, buttered potatoes, jefferson noodles, spinach, brussels sprouts, polonaise blackeye peas

Dinner- lasagna, roast veal, rice pilaf, mashed potatoes, calico corn,

lyonnaise green beans, fried okra

Tuesday

Lunch- swiss steak with mushrooms, manicotti, fried catfish, rice, baked-potato halves, carrots, asparagus, cauliflower

Dinner- country chicken, yankee pot roast, rice, mashed potatoes, scalloped corn, bean combo, okra and tomato gumbo

Wednesday

Lunch- salisbury steak, chicken tenders, baked ham, rice, mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, southern style greens, beets

Dinner- breaded pork steaks, swedish meatballs, egg noodles, au gratin potatoes, green peas, stewed tomatoes, asparagus

Thursday

Lunch- roast turkey, chicken parmesan, fried fish, rice, mashed potatoes, savory-bread dressing, herbed broccoli, corn, peas with mushrooms

Dinner- hungarian goulash, veal steaks, rice, macaroni and cheese, green beans, carrot and celery amandine, brussels sprouts

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Air Expo 2000 Schedule of Events

9 a.m. - Gates open

- Radio controlled aircraft demonstrations

10:20 a.m. - Wing commander welcome

10:35 a.m. - The Citadel Summerall Guard Elite Precision Drill P1a-toon

11 a.m. - USAF C-17 Globemaster III seven-ship flyby

11:10 a.m. - USAF Academy Wings of Blue parachute team

- T-34 Mentor warbirds circling

11:20 a.m. - UC-78 (WWII trainer)/B-25 (WWII bomber) Heritage Flight

11:30 a.m. - C-17 demonstration

11:40 a.m. - T-33 "Vintage Thunderbird" demonstration

Noon - Red Eagle, Magic in the Air, aerobatics

12:20 p.m. - Marchetti (Italian SF-260) aerobatics

12:35 p.m. - Tora 101 Japanese Zero and P-51 Mustang (WWII dogfight aircraft)

12:50 p.m. - USAF A-10 Thunderbolt II and P-51 Mustang Heritage Flight

12:55 p.m. - Airfield Seizure demonstration (until 2:30 p.m.)

- A-10 demonstration

- OH-58 Kiowa Warrior (Army attack helicopter) landing zone security

- UH-60 Blackhawk (Army assault helicopter) with OH-58 escort

- Army 82nd Airborne Division airborne assault

- C-17 engine running offload of equipment

- Small unit movement

- Artillery raid, UH-60 delivers Howitzers

- Army equipment/personnel movement

- C-17 seven-ship overhead recovery

2:40 p.m. - Marchetti aerobatics

2:55 p.m. - T-33 demonstration

3:15 p.m. - Wings of Blue

3:30 p.m. - F-18 Hornet demonstration

3:45 p.m. - C-17 closing demonstration

Airshow schedule is subject to change without notice.

Fitness & Sports

Sports line

Flag football standings

Team	Win	Loss
APS	4	0
NNPTC	5	1
MXS 1	4	1
CS	4	1
AGS	4	1
Med Gp/SVS	5	2
Navy Hosp.	3	2
1 CTCS/OSS	3	2
1189 th	2	2
CES	2	3
Flyers	2	4
NPTU	2	4
SFS	1	4
LGT	1	5
MXS 2	0	6
SUPS	0	4

Flag football schedule

(All games are played at the Hurricane Field unless otherwise noted)

- Monday**
 Flyers vs. 1189th, 5:30 p.m.
 NPTU vs. SFS, 6:30 p.m.
 AGS vs. SUPS, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday**
 CS vs. Flyers, 5:30 p.m.
 SUPS vs. Navy Hosp., 6:30 p.m.
 SFS vs. AGS, 7:30 p.m.
 1189th vs. NPTU, 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday**
 1 CTCS vs. MXS 2, 5:30 p.m.
 Med Gp/SVS vs. APS, 6:30 p.m.
 CES vs. LGT, 7:30 p.m.
 NNPTC vs. MXS 1, 8:30 p.m.

Top 3 beat the Colonels, 14-9, in rematch action

The Charleston AFB Top 3 defeated the Colonels, 14-9, in the third Top 3 vs. officers matchup this season Oct. 4.

"These games are all about promoting esprit de corp," said Senior Master Sgt. Carl Hunsinger, Top 3 president. "It adds to what we already try to do to promote the true meaning of Team Charleston."

The Top 3 beat both the company grade officers and the field grade officers earlier this year.

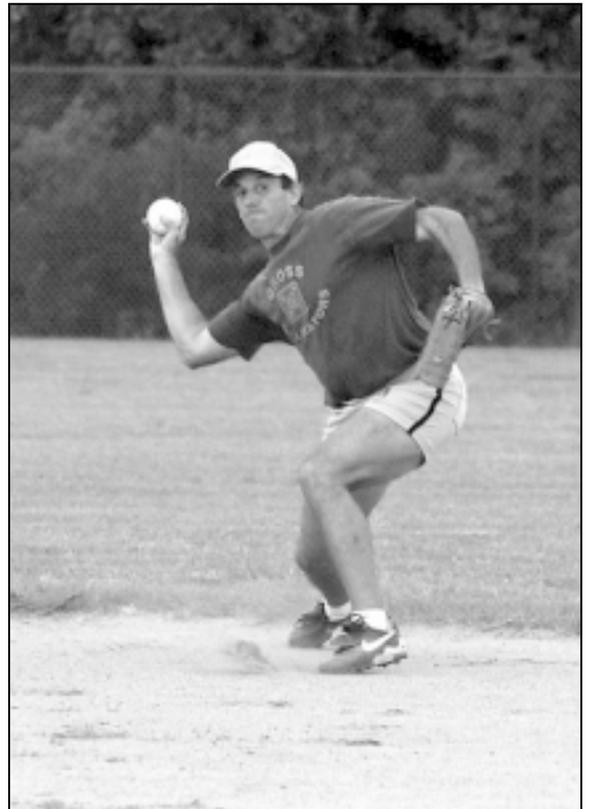
"We are now offering up a challenge to the First 6 Association," Hunsinger said. "We'll take them on any time, any place." *(Compiled by 437th Public Affairs)*



(Left) Senior Master Sgt. Carl Austin gets a base hit against the Colonels.



(Below) Lt. Col. Jeffrey Armstrong pitches his last game for the Colonels. He retired from the Air Force Oct. 6.



Retired Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Don MacArthur, now the director of youth sports at the Charleston AFB Youth Center, makes a play during the Top 3/Colonels softball game Oct. 5.

Photos by Staff Sgt Corey Clements

Swami sez, 'Giants trounce Cowgirls this week'

By The Swami
Pigskin Prognosticator

The Swami is coming off another rough week, but is looking for big things this weekend. The matchup that the Swami likes is the Giants and "Cowgirls." The Swami was quoted as saying, "The 'Girls' couldn't lose last week (they had a bye week)," so the Swami is sure they are looking forward to a beating by the Giants. It won't be pretty. Maybe the "Cowgirls" should change their colors to pink and white. They sure would look pretty then.

In week 6 action, Ron Desautels edged out five others with his 10-4 record. It was a close race between all six involved. Desautels had the best tiebreaker score for the Monday night game beating out Don Krahn, Tom Smith, Stephen Sabol, Matthew Winters and Jeff Martinez. The Swami squeaked out a 7-7 record. The cellar-dweller this week belongs to

"Speedra." Little "Speedy" had a 4-10 record. And the Swami thought he had a rough week. If The Swami ever has a performance like that, his contract is done. Speaking of done—how bout them Braves? (HA-HA) Go Yankees and Mets!

When making your less-than-perfect picks, keep an eye on the Patriots. The Pats have won their last two and seem to be on a role.

Also, the Steelers could be a team to watch for. They have won their last two against good teams.

Will the Chargers win a game this year? The Swami feels sorry for all the San Diego fans out there (all two or three of them). It must be difficult cheering for a perpetual loser. The Swami has never tasted defeat, so he wouldn't know what you're going through.

The Swami wants to remind his readers that there is a Thursday game next week, so make sure you have your wrong picks in by 4 p.m., Thursday.

Week Eight

Name/Phone #: _____
 Comments: _____

Thursday, October 19
 Detroit @ **Tampa Bay**

Sunday, Oct. 22, 2000

Arizona @ Dallas

Buffalo @ **Minnesota**

Chicago @ **Philadelphia**

Cleveland @ **Pittsburgh**

Denver @ Cincinnati

New Orleans @ **Atlanta**

New England @ **Indianapolis**

San Francisco @ **Carolina**

St. Louis @ Kansas City

Tennessee @ **Baltimore**

Seattle @ **Oakland**

Washington @ Jacksonville

Monday, Oct. 23

Miami @ **New York Jets**

Monday night total points: _____

Swami's Monday night points: 36



Swami's picks are in bold and underlined.

The Swami's e-mail address is Swami@charleston.af.mil
 Picks can also be dropped at the Public Affairs office in Bldg. 1600.
 Picks must be submitted by Thursday, Oct. 19, 4 p.m.