

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.