

NEWS BRIEFS

Spotlight

Retirement ceremony: The 437th Logistics Support Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Tech. Sgt. William Crosby today, 10 a.m. at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Carl Battles at 963-2286.

Retirement ceremony: The 437th Supply Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Tech. Sgt. Barry Mattison Sept. 8, 10 a.m. at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Curtis Perz at 963-4860 or Tech. Sgt. Barry Mattison at 963-4864.

Around the base

Min Manning Day: Today is a minimum manning day by direction of 21st Air Force. Base offices should support their customers with the fewest people possible. Also, liberal leave and comp time is encouraged for civilians.

Commissary: The Commissary will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day. It will re-open Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Gas pumps closed: Beginning Tuesday, the gas pumps at the Shoppette will be closed for 30-55 days while new "pay at the pump" devices are installed. The Shoppette will remain open and hours of operation won't be affected.

English CLEP: The base education office is giving the CLEP, English with essay, Oct. 12. The deadline to sign up for the test is Wednesday. For more information call 963-4575.

NDTA: The Charleston Chapter of the National Defense Transportation Association will hold a luncheon Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. at the Charleston Club. Retired Gen. William Tuttle, former commander of the Army Materiel Command, will be the guest speaker. The event is open to everyone. RSVP by calling Maj. Darren Baker at 963-3210.

Commissioning briefing: The base education office is holding a commissioning briefing on Sept. 13, 10 a.m. For more information, call 963-4575.

Enlisted Dining-Out: An Enlisted Dining-Out will be held Sept. 16, 6 p.m. at the Charleston Club for all Charleston AFB active and reserve enlisted personnel. The cost is \$10

Charleston Profile



Senior Airman Jason Smith

Staff Sgt. Vicky Hopkins

437th Aerial Port Squadron

Staff Sgt. Vicky Hopkins is an operations scheduler for the 437th Aerial Port Squadron Mobility Flight. Along with keeping track of mobility taskings, Hopkins also follows the appointments of her flight members.

"There are 61 people that I have to track," Hopkins said. "If we get tasked for deployments, I follow the process from the initial tasking until they get back and inprocessed. That includes keeping in touch with them while they're deployed in case they need anything. Our only mission here at Charleston is to be ready for missions where we're needed."

Hopkins said she stays busy due to the high ops tempo of the mobility flight, but she finds time to attend Trident Technical College and work on her Community College of the Air Force degree.

"I should have my CCAF degree as soon as all the paperwork gets done," said Hopkins. I'll also finish my associate's degree from Trident this spring."

When Hopkins isn't busy with work and school, she said she finds time to keep in shape by running.

"I try to run at least three times a week," Hopkins said. "I go about three and a half miles. I don't break any speed records, but it keeps me in shape."

Looking back on her Air Force career so far, Hopkins has this piece of advice to offer others: "Don't underestimate yourself in anything you do."

for E-1 through E-6, and \$12 for E-7 through E-9. A \$3 surcharge will be added for non-club members. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tracy Brewster at 963-3071 or Master Sgt. James Scanlan at 963-2798.

Marriage Enrichment class: The medical clinic is offering a Marriage Enrichment class starting Sept. 26 and meeting for six consecutive Tuesdays, 6-8:30 p.m. The class is free for CAFB members and spouses. For more information, call Jim Hernandez at 963-6504.

OSA Arts and Crafts Show: An arts and crafts show, sponsored by the CAFB 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 interested in selling their items during the show. For more information, call Christine Memi at 871-8604.

Military spouse scholarship: The Aerospace Education Foundation, through the Air Force Association, is

offering \$1,000 scholarships to spouses of Air Force active, reserve and guard members. Applications are available at the base education office and the Family Support Center. All applications have to be received by the AEF by Nov. 1. For more information, call 963-4575.

Telephone survey: The Secretary of the Air Force hired a commercial research firm to conduct a phone survey of Air Force personnel at CONUS bases. The survey will measure the opinions of about 1,200 active duty and civilian employees and it should take about 15 minutes to complete. For more information call Steve Everett at DSN 227-4065.

CE customer service: The 437th Civil Engineering Squadron customer service section has relocated to the main CE building. The new phone numbers for customer service are 963-2392 and 963-4951. For more information, call Master Sgt. David Harvey at 963-5018.

Consignment Shop: The Officers Spouses' Association Consignment Shop offers many items at reasonable prices. The shop is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and the first Saturday of each month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The shop is also looking for volunteers. For more information, call the Consignment Shop at 963-3293.

Flu vaccine delay: The Public

Health Flight has announced a delay in the start of the Influenza Vaccination Program. The program usually begins in October, but due to shortages of the vaccine, it will be delayed. No information on the start date is available at this time. For more information, call Capt. Tracy Middleton at 963-6962.

Honor Guard: The base Honor Guard is seeking a sharp senior airman for a full-time position. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Phil Johnson at 963-3398.

Ladies' Morning Out: Starting Sept. 12, the Protestant Women of the Chapel will be sponsoring special events every Tuesday morning at the CAFB chapel. The events include craft classes, Bible study and women's issue discussions. All events are free and will start at 9:30 a.m. at the chapel. For more information contact Chaplain Dan Morey at 963-2333 or Barbara Washington at 769-7730.

Family Support Center

SMOOTH Move, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Thursday.

Pre-Deployment Briefing, 8-9 a.m., Monday, Sept. 11, 18 and 25, and 4-5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 14, 21 and 28.

Educational Opportunities Assistance, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday.

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

Traffic light to close for repairs

The base traffic light at Hill Blvd. and O'Neal Ave. will be turned off today-Monday for repairs. Stop signs will be placed at the intersection during the maintenance. For more information, call Master Sgt. Hector Mojica at 963-4295.

