

# NEWS BRIEFS



## Charleston AFB 2000 CFC



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### Spotlight

**Retirement dinner/ceremony:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing is hosting a retirement dinner for Lt. Col. Jeffrey Armstrong and his wife, Doris, Thursday at the Charleston Club. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. The cost is \$15 for officers and \$13 for enlisted. There will be a retirement ceremony for Armstrong Oct. 6, 3 p.m., at the Charleston Club. All base personnel are invited to both events. RSVP for the dinner today by 4:30 p.m., by calling 963-5498.

**Retirement ceremony:** All base personnel are invited to attend a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Sadina Gibbs Oct. 6, 10 a.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call 963-3553.

### Around the base

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

**Piñata Party:** A Piñata Party will be held at the Youth Center, Saturday, noon-4 p.m., as part of Hispanic Heritage Month. The event is open to children of all ages. Food and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Senior Airman David Guevara at 963-2326.

**Contracting closed:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Contracting Squadron will be closed Wednesday. In case of an emergency, call Master Sgt. Crystal King at 412-0528, or page her at 965-0528.

**VA Hospital visit:** The First Six is sponsoring a VA Hospital visit Oct. 6. A bus will leave the Charleston Club parking lot at 1 p.m., and return around 3:30 p.m. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Lisa Barkman at 963-6336.

**Commissary closing:** The Commissary will be closed Oct. 10 in observance of Columbus Day. It will reopen Oct. 11.

**Instructors needed:** The 373<sup>rd</sup> Training Squadron, Detachment 5 is looking for highly motivated technicians to fill three instructor positions in the following AFSCs: 2A452, 2A655 and 2A656. For more information, call Master Sgt. Lee Woody at 963-2948, Master Sgt. Kevin Mrozinski at 963-2947 or Master Sgt. Dennis Edwards at 963-2870.

**Logo contest:** Air Mobility Command has just announced Fiscal Year 2001 as the "Year of Retention and Recruiting," known as YoRR. To kick off the new initiative, AMC is holding

a YoRR logo contest. The purpose of the contest is to develop a logo that exemplifies the YoRR vision: "The AMC team - a dedicated total force, recruiting for today, retaining for tomorrow." All military members, family members and civilians are eligible and encouraged to submit inputs for the YoRR logo. The winner will receive a \$500 cash reward. The deadline for entering is Oct. 11.

Send questions and submissions to: YoRR@scott.af.mil

**Special needs:** A support group for active duty and retired military families with special needs family members is being formed at Charleston AFB. A planning meeting for this parent-led organization will meet Oct. 12, 7 p.m., at the base clinic annex, Bldg. 1000. For more information, call Jim Hernandez at 963-6504.

**Air Expo 2000 party:** 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. No tickets are necessary. For more information, call 963-3809.

**High Year of Tenure:** A High Year of Tenure extension program is being offered to certain senior airmen through senior master sergeants with HYT in Fiscal Year 2001 and 2002. Eligible personnel may request their HYT dates for a period of two years. This extension program

may close or change anytime without notice. For more information, call 963-4563.

**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.

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

**Commissary coupons:** Commissary register tapes now have valuable manufacturer's coupons printed on the back.

**Mentors needed:** The Drug Education 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.

## Charleston Profile

### Staff Sgt. Leda Feaster 437<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Squadron

Staff Sgt. Leda Feaster is the wing resource advisor and customer service agent for the 437<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Squadron.

Feaster is responsible for handling the wing staff budget. While she wouldn't say exactly how much money that was, she did promise it was more than she had in her personal account.

"I have the ultimate Air Force job," said Feaster. "I have to keep Lt. Col. Armstrong (437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing director of wing staff) informed, but it's exciting to think about all the money I'm responsible for tracking."

Feaster said she is very busy handling Fiscal Year 2000 closeout issues. Her plans for the future are uncertain, but she knows money will be involved.

"I want to handle mortgage lending eventually," said Feaster. She is currently enrolled at Southern Wesleyan University in North Charleston, and she finished last semester with a 3.6 G.P.A. "I want to finish my bachelor's and then my master's within six years."

Feaster has a husband, Vincent, and two sons, Mark, 15, and Aaron, 10. She was born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and she said she is a big supporter of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Feaster said she places a lot of importance on customer service, and she thinks 100 percent customer satisfaction is possible. "My personal mission is to have customer service running so smoothly that everyone on the entire base is satisfied."



Photo by Senior Airman Jason Smith