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Army paratroopers drop in for national convention

By Lt. Col. Ed Memi
437 AW Public Affairs

The "ooh's" and "aah's" could be heard from the crowd as 191 paratroopers landed on Charleston AFB's airfield Aug. 9.

The paratroopers jumped from three C-17s as part of a salute to those attending the annual 82nd Airborne Division National Convention Aug. 8-12.

About 1,400 former members of the 82 AD, Fort Bragg, N.C., attended the convention, held for the first time in Charleston. The mass parachute jump by 82 AD members is an annual tradition for the convention.

Several hundred conventioners and base members watched the demonstration from the flightline where the heat index soared to 110 degrees. Upon landing on the airfield, 27 members of the 82 AD Chorus sang a number of crowd-pleasing Army and patriotic songs. Immediately following the performance, the remaining 82 AD members marched in review for the crowd.

Ben Beekman, national president of the 82 AD Association, 65, thanked the base and the Army for the exciting demonstration.

"These C-17s are really some aircraft," Beekman said after observing one of two C-17s on static display. "I can't believe how big that thing is. It is like jumping out of a hotel room or something. I understand you can get four sticks of people in there and walk down the middle and not touch a single one of them."

"In the old aircraft, you were climbing over people," continued Beekman. "It was tough to get around those old aircraft without stepping on someone or bumping something." One of the C-17 static displays was rigged for the airdrop of paratroopers and the other was rigged for heavy equipment.

Beekman, from Jamestown, Ohio, served at Fort Bragg from 1954-1957 and jumped out of C-47, C-119, and C-124 aircraft. He said this was one of their largest conventions ever, and he attributed the large turnout to Charleston's close proximity to Fort Bragg.

The 82 AD Association is open to all military qualified parachutists or those who have been assigned to the 82 AD.

"We have veterans from the 11th, 101st, and 17th Airborne Divisions and even Navy SEALs that are members," Beekman said. "Our connection with the active-duty division is great, and it helps to get the veterans in here. You get veterans from World War II right up to the present day soldiers to meet and talk with one another. We just have one hell of a time for three days."

The jumpmaster on each aircraft ensures the paratroopers get out of the aircraft safely, and that they are mentally and physically prepared. The C-17 aircrew also plays a key role in getting the jumpers to the right place at the right time. The jumpmaster is the last person to exit the aircraft.

Capt. Todd Groomes, a C-17 air-

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Jeremy Lock, 1 CTCS

A member of the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., prepares to land on Charleston AFB's airfield during the 82 AD National Convention Jump Aug. 9.

Base homes have air shut off during hot hours: Load shedding cuts air conditioners to keep CAFB under max energy usage

By Senior Airman
Jason Smith
437 AW Public Affairs

The recent selective shutting down of air conditioning units in Charleston AFB family housing is a result of a concept called load shedding.

Groups of air conditioners are usually turned off for a period of seven minutes, once or twice an hour, to conserve electricity during the peak-

usage hours of the day.

Load shedding is not a new concept, according to Darrell Guidry, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron Energy Management Office. The Energy Policy Act of 1992 and Presidential Executive Order 13123 have set energy reduction goals that mandate this type of action for CAFB.

The base cannot go above a 15,131 kilowatt-hour demand. Once power consump-

tion reaches 14,800 kwh, a computer system shuts down air conditioning units. This usually occurs during the hottest part of the day, according to Guidry.

William Gaines, 437 CES Energy Management Office, credits the energy demand to high temperatures and humidity.

"The air conditioners are set to operate most efficiently when the temperature is 92

degrees or below," said Gaines. "When the heat index gets us higher than that, they use more and more energy to keep running."

"It's comparable to using your truck to haul something," continued Gaines. "You're going to have less power and use more gas when you have a bed full of dirt."

The load-shedding burden is shared equally among base housing. Gaines said each

house is in a system. Once a system is turned off, it won't be turned off again until all other systems have subsequently been turned off also. Then, the cycle starts again.

The systems aren't set up by streets, so it's possible for someone to have their air cut off when a next-door neighbor's isn't, said Gaines.

The peak hours for CAFB

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IN THE NEWS



Charleston AFB July 2001 Justice Files

Senior airman does cocaine, does time

Airman first class has sex with girl under 16

Airman doesn't go to appointed place of duty

By Senior Airman Geoffery Gunn
437AW Paralegal

Court-martial

A senior airman was convicted by a general court-martial for wrongfully using cocaine. His sentence included a bad conduct discharge, reduction to airman basic and five months confinement.

Article 15 actions

An airman first class committed the offense of carnal knowledge with a female under the age of 16.

Punishment: Reduction to airman, 21 days extra duty and a reprimand.

An airman failed to go to his appointed place of duty and used his Bank of America Government Visa card for non-official purposes totaling, \$203.39.

Punishment: Reduction to airman basic, restriction to Charleston AFB

for 60 days and 30 days extra duty.

Suspension

An airman first class had his reduction to airman suspended for good behavior.

Vacation action

A senior airman had his suspended reduction from a previous Article 15 vacated for being absent without authority from his place of duty.

An airman first class had his suspended reduction from a previous Article 15 vacated for failing to maintain his government quarters.

Administrative discharges

Two airmen were discharged for minor disciplinary infractions with general discharges.

A staff sergeant was discharged for a mental disorder with an honorable discharge.

An airman basic from the 437 LSS told his first sergeant and supervisor he was getting in trouble on purpose. Before his court-martial, he says...

'I want out of the Air Force'

An Airman Basic, assigned to the 437th Logistics Support Squadron, was court-martialed at Charleston AFB Aug. 1-2.

The airman pleaded guilty at a special court-martial to violating Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (Disobeying a Lawful Order).

He was arrested Feb. 25 for driving while under the influence of alcohol on CAFB. He was found to have a blood alcohol level of .12. As a result, his on-base driving privileges were revoked and he was ordered not to drive on base for one year by Lt. Col. Connie Davis, 437th Support Group deputy commander at the time.

During the airman's trial, testimony revealed he disobeyed the order not to drive on base between Feb. 25 and May 25. He admitted to at least seven instances where he violated the order.

Evidence showed the airman violated this order on several other occasions as well.

On May 22, the airman was stopped by the 437th Logistics Support Squadron first sergeant in the dining facility

parking lot as he began to drive to lunch. He was instructed to surrender his CAFB vehicle sticker so his vehicle could not be driven onto the installation. The sticker was surrendered May 23 and destroyed.

The airman was spotted driving his vehicle again May 25. The 437th Security Forces Squadron was notified and located his vehicle on base. His vehicle was found to have an Offutt AFB, Neb., base sticker on the windshield with an expiration date of 2003.

The airman was located by security forces and taken into custody for disobeying a lawful order. He was released to the custody of his first sergeant.

Later, while in the presence of his first sergeant and supervisor, the airman stated he would continue to drive his vehicle on base, and he was deliberately getting in trouble so he would get thrown out of the Air Force.

At the conclusion of the trial, the military judge, having considered his plea of guilty and his prior misconduct, including several recent civilian convictions, found him guilty of disobeying a lawful order.

The airman was sentenced to four months confinement and a bad conduct discharge. (Submitted by the 437th Airlift Wing Military Justice Section.)

Jump

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drop-qualified pilot and instructor pilot in the 17th Airlift Squadron, has dropped Army 82 AD jumpers many times.

"The biggest thing that you worry about when dropping jumpers is timing," said Groomes. "In the Army world, as long as you get it on the dropzone within the specific amount of time, they are happy. In the airdropper's mind, we want to be within a couple of seconds of being on time. If we are more than 30 seconds away from that time on target, we're not happy."

Groomes said safety is another consideration. "As the aircraft commander, you are not just in charge of your crew but in charge of X amount of jumpers. If you drop 102 jumpers, then we are more concerned with are they in the right place, is the DZ (drop zone) clear, and can we drop them without dropping them on top of some obstacle?"

"Also, if we have a hung

jumper, that's when the loadmaster really comes into play because he becomes our eyes and ears to tell us what happened," continued Groomes. "If their equipment hangs them, then they cut themselves free. If they are hung by anything else, then it's the aircraft commander's decision whether or not to retrieve the person or to cut him free and for them to use their reserve parachute.

"It's very exciting to airdrop paratroopers," continued Groomes. "You are throwing a living body out of your airplane willingly. It tends to up the stakes a little bit. When you throw a pallet of equipment, you may damage it, but you are not going to kill it."

Retired Army Capt. Alvin Ferguson, Kansas City, Mo., 78, remembered jumping from aircraft.

"I joined the 82 AD in 1945, but did not see any action in World War II, but did get to jump in to fight major forest fires overseas," said Ferguson.

He rose to sergeant major rank, and then became a

warrant officer before he retired as a captain.

Ferguson said he has been coming to these conventions for years and looks forward to having fun with the guys.

Ferguson said he was impressed with the size of the C-17, but said his favorite aircraft to jump out of was the C-47.

"It was an old warbird, and there weren't too many people in the plane," said Ferguson. "You could trust it."

One Army officer from the 82 AD summed up the day: "What you have seen here today is a magnificent example of the wonderful Army and Air Force team. We work hand in hand to ensure that we can do the nation's business."

Because of the 10 a.m. jump, the airport and the Rivers gate were closed temporarily for about two hours as the jumpers fell from the C-17s. The last jumper landed at around 10:40 a.m. Two jumpers had minor injuries, one fractured his foot and the other hurt his shoulder.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Cecilio Ricardo, 1 CTGS

(Left to right) Sgt. 1st Class Noel Rivera and Staff Sgt. Martin Leyva, both from the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., and Tech. Sgt. Fred Fox, 15th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, pull in remaining static lines after 191 members of the 82 AD jumped from three Charleston AFB C-17s.

Courts-martial are open to the public. For more information about attending future trials, or the court-martial process, call 963-5502.

INFOCON system warns against attacks on DOD computers

By Senior Airman
Jason Smith
437 AW Public Affairs

The Information Operations Condition system is a structured and coordinated approach to react to adverse attacks on DOD computer and telecommunication systems.

Established by the Secretary of Defense, INFOCON is becoming a more commonplace term around Charleston AFB.

The INFOCON system has five conditions, normal, alpha, bravo, charlie, delta, much like THREATCONs. However, it's important not to get the two confused, according to 2nd Lt. Rodney Bagley, 437th Communications Squadron Help Desk officer in charge.

"People are going to hear more and more about INFOCON," said Bagley. "They need to differentiate between that and the Force Protection condition. While they have

the same condition names, they're totally different."

Bagley said INFOCON procedures are applied and activated to minimize and reduce disruptions to telecommunication and computer systems and networks. CAFB is currently in INFOCON Alpha.

"The Red Worm virus is our concern right now," said Bagley. "It seems to target government computers. By going into alpha, we're in more of a protective posture. When we went into alpha, we ran checklists and followed guidance to keep our systems safe."

The Air Force Network Operation Center, Kelly AFB, Texas, provides that guidance and advises the base on current INFOCONs, according to Bagley. AFNOC also monitors networks and scans them for suspicious activity.

No matter what the current INFOCON, there are steps computer users can use

Information Operations Conditions

- INFOCON Normal: Normal activity
- INFOCON Alpha: Increased risk of attack against information systems
- INFOCON Bravo: Specific risk of attack against information systems
- INFOCON Charlie: Limited attack has occurred against information systems
- INFOCON Delta: General attack has occurred against information systems

to protect their systems and the base server against attacks. Running Norton AntiVirus Corporate Edition with the latest definition is the best way to stay protected, according to Staff Sgt. Mike Childers, 437 CS boundary protection specialist.

"You have to be running Realtime Protection for your e-mails to be scanned before you open them," said Childers. "If Norton detects something in an attachment, it will usually quarantine the e-mail and let you know."

Childers said some computer systems on base are set up to always run Realtime Protection, but some aren't. If Realtime is currently active, a small yellow shield icon will be showing on the bottom right corner of the computer screen. If a red circle with a line covers the shield, it is not running. Right clicking the shield and selecting "Enable File System Realtime protection" can turn it on.

Along with Norton, Bagley said unplugging a system from the network at the first

sign of something suspicious could prove to be vital. He cited one recent instance when an airman received a suspicious e-mail.

"She unplugged the LAN connection and contacted her workgroup manager," said Bagley. The manager contacted us, and sure enough, it turned out to be a virus.

"Preparation is the key," he continued. "As the user on the network, you must ensure you are running the latest virus definition. If you think your system is infected, disconnect from the network immediately. Don't power it down. Next, report it to your workgroup manager, functional system administrator or the Network Control Center Helpdesk."

Everyone who uses a government computer should be aware of the INFOCONs and be educated about how to protect this vital government resource.

437 CES airman claims John Levitow Award

Senior Airman Tory Billings, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron, earned the Sgt. John L. Levitow Award during Airman Leadership School Class 01-E, and was presented with the honor at the graduation dinner Aug. 9 at the Charleston Club.

Senior Airman DeMario Gandy, 437 CES, received the Academic Achievement Award and the Distinguished Graduate Award.

Senior Airman Kristi Burton, 373rd Training Squadron, Detachment 5, also received a Distinguished Graduate Award.

Senior Airman Jeremy Miller, 437th Supply Squadron, earned the Leadership Award.

Graduates from the course also include the following senior airmen:

1st Combat Camera Squadron- Aaron Allmon, Mark Elwartowski; 14th Airlift Squadron- Gregory Ford; 15th Airlift Squadron- Roy Cruz; 17th Airlift Squadron- Jonathan Troupe; 315th Aircraft Generation Squadron- Ber-

nard Graham; 437th Aircraft Generation Squadron- Gregory Harris, Justin Mace, Andrew Marchak, Chris Neldner, Ryan Vaughn; 437th Aerial Port Squadron- Shannon Gasper, Justin Hill, Regina Ulferts, Christopher Vinyard; 437 CES- Joshua Mal; 437th Comptroller Squadron- Bradley Newsome; 437th Communications Squadron- Wendy Grimsley, Erik Sonnenberg; 437th Medical Group- Marcus Jesses; 437th Mission Support Squadron- Shanta Singleton; 437th Maintenance Squadron- William Kusar, Kevin Posey, Jill Reinhart, Rushad Stroman; 437th Security Forces Squadron- Toma Ferguson, Daniel Prosymchak; 437 SUPS- Chad Winn; 437th Services Squadron- David Roche; 437th Transportation Squadron- Kasondra Crain.

The guest speaker at the was Tony Kolgaklis, GEICO Direct field representative for the Charleston Area and Honorary 437th Mission Support Squadron Commander.

Charleston AFB throwing birthday party for Air Force

Charleston AFB will host the Air Force Ball Sept. 14, 6 p.m. Ticket prices are: E-1 through E-4-\$10; E-5 through E-6-\$18; E-7 and above and all officers-\$22. More information and tickets are available through squadron POCs as follows:

437th Airlift Wing – Capt. Hugh Hamilton at 963-5874
 437th Aerial Port Squadron – 1st Lt. Zabrina Robinson at 963-3070; Master Sgt. William Brown at 963-2266; Master Sgt. Oscar Thompson at 963-3357; and Staff Sgt. Kelly Burgess at 963-3238
 14th Airlift Squadron – Joyce Anchors at 963-2158
 15th Airlift Squadron – 2nd Lt. Eric McUmber at 963-2266
 17th Airlift Squadron – Lt. Lance Hofer at 963-2914
 437th Operations Support Squadron – 2nd Lt. Michael Morrison at 963-5625
 437th Aeromedical Dental Squadron – Capt. William Reynolds at 963-6173; Capt. Elaine Washington at 963-6747
 437th Medical Operations Squadron – Master Sgt. Frank Lisenbee at 963-6780
 437th Medical Support Squadron – Airman 1st Class Brian Thompson at 963-6898
 437th Civil Engineer Squadron – Staff Sgt. Jeffery Smith at 963-5262
 437th Communications Squadron – Capt. Jon Bakonyi at 963-2935
 437th Mission Support Squadron – Master Sgt. James Brady at 963-4410
 437th Security Forces Squadron – 2nd Lt. Sara Fisher at 963-3612
 437th Services Squadron – 2nd Lt. Veronica Parnell at 963-6257
 437th Logistics Group – Capt. Robert Whetzel at 963-2395

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are from noon-4 p.m. Guidry said the temperatures are the highest then and most people are working. Once 4:30 p.m. rolls around, the power usage decreases considerably.

"Everyone is turning off their computers and heading home," said Guidry. "You can sit here and watch the meter drop. This is a problem we didn't have 15 years ago. With the information age, everyone has a computer and

printer at their desk."

Most industrial shops aren't on the load-shedding system now, but they are slated to be added next summer.

Guidry said base shops can still help prevent load shedding now, even though they're not connected.

"Shops can minimize their

lighting, turn off computers and monitors not in use, turn off copiers, coffee pots and radios, and keep doors and windows closed," said Guidry. "Simple steps can reduce the energy demand and prevent us from having to turn off air conditioners in housing."

Housing residents can use the same steps as shops to reduce energy consumption. Guidry also suggests not using washing machines, dryers and ovens during peak hours to help offset power use.

There is hope that CAFB can prevent air conditioners from being turned off. A collective effort by the majority of base members will eliminate the need for load shedding, according to Gaines.

"People should look at the big picture and do what they can to help," said Gaines. "We don't have it near as bad as California, but that should be a warning sign to all of us."

All base members can help conserve power and try to eliminate the inconvenience of load shedding.

Load shedding facts

- The peak hours on Charleston AFB for power consumption are noon-4 p.m.
- Industrial shops can help ease the load shedding burden for housing residents
- Next summer, many shops will be added to the load shedding system

For more information about load shedding and energy conservation, call 963-5019 or 963-5029.

NEWS BRIEFS

**Detour****Part of Hill Blvd. to close temporarily**

Davis Avenue from Simpson Avenue to Hill Boulevard will close Monday, 8 a.m., and re-open Aug. 24, 4:30 p.m. The road will be closed for water and electrical work involved with the renovation of Bldg. 322. Traffic will be routed around the area by the way of Graves Avenue and Arthur Boulevard. Questions can be directed to the following POCs:

Will Coker, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron, 963-4961
Mark Jordan, Hitt Contracting, 200-2450
Ralph Barno, 437th Contracting Squadron, 963-5188

Spotlight

Change of command: Col. W. John Hill will assume command of the 437th Medical Group from Col. Regina Aune in a ceremony today, 9 a.m., at the Charleston Club.

Retirement: The 437th Services Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Tech. Sgt. Brenda McCoy Aug. 29, 3:30 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Romeo at 963-3813.

Around the base

Clinic closure: The 437th Medical Group will be closed today, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., for a change-of-command ceremony. All services and departments will be closed until 1 p.m., including the pharmacy. In case of an emergency, call 911. For the on-call provider, call the 437 MDG answering service at 963-6790.

OSA: The Officers' Spouses' Association will host a special activities coffee Tuesday, 6 p.m., at the Charleston Club. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at this free event that is open to all officers' spouses.

Parenting class: The base clinic is offering a free, six-session "Common Sense Parenting" class beginning Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. The class will meet for six consecutive Tuesdays. For more information, call Jim Hernandez at 963-6504.

School committee: The base school committee is holding its first meeting for the 2001-2002 school year Tuesday, 7 p.m., at the Family Support Center. The meeting is open to all active-duty parents of students in the tri-county area. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Terrie Powell at 963-2202.

STU: All single, unaccompanied airmen are invited to attend a Stripes to Uniforms cookout Aug. 28, 5:30-7 p.m., on the dorm campus between Bldgs. 473 and 466. There will be free hot dogs, burgers and sodas. Airmen can bring one blue shirt and one BDU shirt and have stripes sewn on for free. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Carmen Taylor at 963-6238.

Dining out: The 14th Airlift Squadron's Order of the Pelican is holding a dining out, Nov. 9, at the Charleston Club. All present and former Pelicans are invited to attend. For ticket information, call Capt. Eric VonTrotha at 963-2980 or 1st Lt. Cassius Bentley at 963-4767.

Scholarship winners: The Airlift/Tanker Association has announced the following \$500 scholarship winners from Charleston AFB for 2001: Tech. Sgt. Rosa Stokes, 315th Mission Support Squadron; Staff Sgt. Sandra Robinson, 17th Airlift Squadron; Senior Airman Heather Reid, 437th Operations Support Squadron.

Consignment shop: The Consignment Shop has reopened after being closed during July for summer break. The shop has extended its hours to

include Tuesday nights, 6-8 p.m. Consigning will be available from 6-7:30 p.m. Also, the shop will allow consignment of 24 items on Tuesday night instead of the standard 12 items during the month of August only. The Consignment Shop is located in Bldg. 203, Graves Avenue and can be reached at 963-3294.

Customer service: The 437th Comptroller Squadron would like to encourage all customers to use their customer service mailbox, 437cptscustomerservice@charleston.af.mil, for any military, civilian or travel pay inquiries. All e-mails will receive a response within 24 hours during the duty week, or by Monday for messages received on the weekend.

Reunion: Members of the 435th Organizational Maintenance Squadron are having a reunion for members assigned from 1975-1985. The reunion will be held Oct. 12-14 at Myrtle Beach. For more information, call Stanley Miller at (910) 867-6508, or e-mail him at flymiller@mindspring.com.

Palace Acquire: The Air Force Personnel Center is accepting applications through Aug. 17 for vacancies in the Palace Acquire Intern Program. The Palace Acquire Program targets college graduates and offers two-three years of formal, on-the-job training in a variety of career fields.

For more information, go to <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cp/recruit/paq.htm>.

Student jobs: The Office of Personnel Management and the U.S. Department of Education recently opened www.studentjobs.gov for high school and college students to find temporary employment with the government.

Clinic: Children under 12 must be escorted by a parent or adult guardian at all times while in the base clinic. Children must remain in the waiting area under adult supervision while their parents are receiving medical care. If necessary, medical appointments will be rescheduled until parents find appropriate childcare.

Family Support Center

Pre-Deployment Briefing: Monday and Aug. 27, 8 a.m., and Thursday and Aug. 30, 4 p.m.

Troops-To-Teachers: Monday, 10-11 a.m.

Job Search Basics: Tuesday, 9 a.m.-noon.

Positive Parenting: Wednesday, 1-3 p.m.

Car Buying Workshop: Aug. 27, 10-11:30 a.m.

Resume II: Aug. 28, 9-10:30 a.m., and 10:30 a.m.-noon.

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

Airman 1st Class Maria Green
437th Mission Support Squadron

Airman 1st Class Maria Green is a customer service representative for the 437th Mission Support Squadron.

Green's job includes making IDs, working base in-processing issues and maintaining unit personnel records.

The Charleston native was assigned to Charleston AFB in November 1999, and it's her first assignment.

"It's nice not worrying about taking leave and traveling to see my family," said Green. "It's also nice to have a good meal."

Volunteering for extra duties is no problem for Green. She serves as a dorm counselor for Bldg. 479 and is a member of the CAFB Honor Guard.

Green said she decided to be a part of the Honor Guard because of things she learned while in the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps and also because she enjoyed watching them on TV.

"I like it (Honor Guard) because it means a lot to the people we do things for," said Green. "You got to be dedicated. I have the mindset to do it, and I really want to do it. If you don't want it, it will be hard."

Green plans on making the Air Force a career. She said she hopes to work for a different squadron sometime in the future to expand her knowledge. She also wants to attend college and earn a degree in a law-related field.

When not working, Green said she watches TV and shops.

"I love shopping," she said. "If I had all the money in the world, I'd still be shopping all the time."



COMMENTARY

Tree City USA awarded to Charleston AFB

By Col. Rusty Findley
437 AW commander

Charleston AFB received the Tree City USA designation at Monday's staff meeting. The "hard to obtain" designation was presented by David Grant, from the S.C. Forestry Commission, on behalf of the National Arbor Day Foundation. The base received this designation because we have an active forestry program, preserving our trees.

You can see the Tree City USA signs at our entrances to the base, and they serve as a symbol to all visitors that we care about the environment. We've held this Tree City USA distinction for the past seven years.

A special thanks to the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron and all our base units that are committed to preserving our environment for future generations to enjoy. Keep up the good work!

I also recognized Senior Airman Michael Morris, 17th Airlift Squadron, for a money-saving idea that earned him a check for \$10,000 under the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program. His idea was simply to remove a piece of equipment, called the Logistic Rail Bridge Assembly, from the C-17, since the equipment was never used in loading cargo onto the aircraft. He saved the Air Force \$68,048.50 based on future production costs of 50 C-17 aircraft.

We have had five \$10,000 check winners within the past year, and I applaud the initiative of our airmen who are looking out for our Air Force by trying to make things a little better while saving the American taxpayer some money.

Keep submitting those great ideas under the IDEA program. It is easy to do! All you need to do is point your browser to <https://ideas.satx.disa.mil> to complete the form. Or, you can call Master Sgt. Terry Ray, 437th Manpower and Organization Office, at 963-5479 for more information.

CAFB has a great relationship with the Boeing Field Services Team. Recently, one of our C-17s had an in-flight emergency, and a Boeing engineer saved the day. I was pleased to recognize the outstanding efforts of Boeing engineer Dave Grzesiak at staff meeting.

Dave found a technical solution to the problem and fixed it. Dave's been with the C-17 program at Charleston since the first one arrived. We are extremely fortunate to have him on Team Charleston. He is the expert on C-17 hydraulics!

We flew Lt. Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, deputy chief of staff for air and space operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., on a C-17 from Dover AFB, Del., to Frankfurt, Germany. A special thanks to the aircrew for their pride, passion and professionalism. Taking good care of the general on his flight to Europe were Capt. Joe Szucs, Capt. Rob Luzader, Capt. Mike Prodeline, Staff Sgt. Kevin Simmons and Senior Airman Jim Lucas, all from the 17th Airlift Squadron.

We welcomed our new 437th Medical Group commander, Col. W. John Hill, and his wife, Linda, to Team Charleston today following the change-of-command ceremony.

John was the former 48th Medical Group commander at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, United Kingdom. We are glad to have them on our team.

I was pleased to address the Charleston Lowcountry chapter of the Air Force Cadet Officer Mentor Action Program yesterday. AFCOMAP looks to provide mentorship to our cadets and new officers. They are always looking for officers of all ranks to join. Please contact Capt. Elaine Washington at 963-6747 to join.

Maj. Ed Joslin, 17th Airlift Squadron and project officer for the Air Force Birthday Ball, has done a superb job of getting everyone ready for the big event Sept. 14. Tickets will go on sale soon and we want a large turnout for the event. It will be a first-class event for everyone, so do not forget to mark it on your calendar!

Craig L. Vara, Air Mobility Command director of operations and training aircrew force management, visited us Tuesday-Thursday to become familiar with all phases of our aircrew training programs.

In his position at Scott AFB, Ill., he is in charge of the C-17 aircrew flying hour program and monitors aircrew upgrade training timelines.

The purpose of the visit was to give him some first-hand exposure to training for the mobility mission and to fly him on a two-ship airdrop and formation air-refueling sortie. This is a great initiative by AMC to give headquarters members a better perspective on the challenges we face in upgrading our aircrews and keeping them proficient in various skill areas.

The Combined Federal Campaign will be starting soon and I would like to have a successful campaign for the base. The CFC is our annual program where each of us can make a substantial difference in the lives of others by our generosity.

We have done well in the past and I know we can do better as the campaign kicks off in the fall. Capt. Randy Ackerman, 437th Aircraft Generation Squadron, and 1st Lt. Wade Cornelius, 437th Maintenance Squadron, are our base CFC project officers.

Let's keep up our participation in the ATWIND program going. McGuire AFB, N.J., has pulled further ahead in the competition, but it is still not too late to regain the lead. We have until the end of the month to beat them. Remember, family members, Reservists and retirees can play.

There will be a Logistics Officers Association luncheon meeting Aug. 21, 11 a.m., at the Charleston Club. We ask everyone to go through the buffet line first, before the meeting starts. The guest speaker is Col. Tommy Hixon, 437th Logistics Group commander. His topic of discussion will be the Air Force Chief of Staff's logistics review. Col. Hixon worked extensively with this review while assigned to the Air Staff. The LOA is open to all professional logistics officers and civilian equivalents.

We welcome South Carolina Air National Guard Maj. Gen. Earl Morris and the South Carolina Selective Service Commission members for their annual planning session August 24-26. The 315th Airlift Wing will be their hosts.

President George W. Bush nominated Air Force Gen. John W. Handy to be the next commander in chief of U.S. Transportation Command and commander, Air Mobility Command Aug. 6. General Handy has a wealth of knowledge about the command, having previously served as commander of 21st Air Force from 1997-1998, USTRANSCOM's director of operations and logistics from 1993-1995, commander of AMC's Tanker Airlift Control Center from 1991-1993, and commander of the 437th Airlift Wing from 1990-1991.

Gen. Charles T. "Tony" Robertson will retire after 33 years of honorable service. He has served concurrently as USTRANSCOM CINC and AMC commander since September 1998. We thank Gen. and Mrs. Robertson for the many years of dedicated service to the Air Force.

Thank you for your hard work each day. It is a great honor to be a part of the premier airlift wing on the face of the planet!

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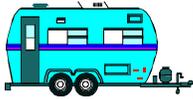
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To ensure you receive a response to your concerns, please leave your name and the information needed to contact you.





Off duty--Around town



Sports:

Golf: Charleston County Sheriff's Office Drug Abuse Resistance Education Annual Golf Tournament, today, Snee Farm Golf Course, Highway 17, Mount Pleasant. Entry fee is \$55. For more information, call Sue Barteo at 740-5800.

Riverdogs: Today, 7:05 p.m., vs. Hickory. Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, 7:05 p.m., vs. Kannapolis. Sunday, 5:05 p.m., vs. Kannapolis. The Riverdogs' last regular season home games are scheduled for Aug. 27-30, 7:05 p.m. For more information about other games, call 577-DOGS.

Battery: Saturday, 7:30 p.m., vs. Atlanta, and Aug. 31, 7:30 p.m., vs. Richmond. For more information, call 971-GOAL.

Summerville Speedway: Faith's Racing Collectables 250 - NASCAR Late Model event, Super Mini-Cup cars plus four NASCAR divisions, bicycle, scooter and Mini Truck races. Gates open at 5 p.m., racing starts at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 871-8331.

Tickets for sports events, as well as many other attractions in the area, may be available at a discount price for active-duty military, reservists, military retirees, Department of Defense civilians and their dependents from the Outdoor Recreation Center. For more information and for prices, call the Information, Tickets and Tours Program at 963-5271.

Entertainment:

Theater: "Tony and Tina's Wedding," an Italian wedding comedy, complete with a pasta buffet dinner, plays today and Saturday, 4:30 p.m., at the Brookgreen Town Center, 730 Coleman Blvd., Mt. Pleasant. Tickets are

\$20. For more information, call 856-1579.

Live music: Yeehaw Junction bluegrass band plays Moe's Tavern tonight, 10 p.m. For more information, call 722-3281.

Live music: The Plantation Singers, an a cappella and percussion gospel band, perform for free Saturday, 1-3 p.m., at the Family Christian Bookstore in the Citadel Mall. For more information, call 766-4205.

Live music: Sheldon performs Saturday, and Stewart and Winfield play Monday at the Music Farm, 32 Ann St. Both shows start at 10 p.m., and tickets are \$5 at the door. For more information, call 772-8904.

Theater: "Love's Labour's Lost," presented by The College of Charleston's School of the Arts, plays Thursday, 8 p.m., at the Chapel Theatre, 172 Calhoun St. For more information, call 953-5604.

Events:

Recycling: Free Back to School Recycling Party for children today, 6 p.m., at South Windermere Shopping Center. Children will learn how to reuse, recycle and reduce their school supplies.

Storytelling: Free storytelling and puppetry with Brian McCreight, Aug. 25, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Hutson Street, between Meeting and King Streets.

College: Limestone College is holding an information session for adults interested in resuming or beginning college Aug. 29, 6 p.m., at the Cummins Building, 4500 Leeds Ave. For more information, call 740-2900.

Listings are published on a space-available basis at the discretion of the editor of the Airlift Dispatch. Events listed are subject to change without notice. Those interested in attending an event should call ahead to confirm the date and time. To submit an event for Off duty, send a fax with all pertinent information and a call-back number to 963-5604.

FEATURE



Honor Guard proud to have extra duty, honor fallen airmen

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
437 AW Public Affairs

They stand motionless, in precise formation, through the heat of a Southern summer afternoon. Beads of sweat stand out on their faces as Taps is sounded, bidding farewell to a fallen hero.

They do not waiver in their dedication to lay to rest, with honor, another fellow airman who fought well, lived and died for his country. They are the Charleston AFB Honor Guard, and they are proud to serve.

The Honor Guard, comprised of 42 members, is an all-volunteer unit, according to Staff Sgt. Josh Glover, Honor Guard NCOIC. They lend their services to funerals in 25 counties throughout South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. They also perform for changes-of-command and retirement ceremonies, and provide a saber cordon for distinguished visitors and a color guard for local and regional sports events.

According to Glover, with only 42 members, the unit's activities are limited. Members are often called for critical Air Force missions, leaving them short manned.

Funerals are the number one priority, and since the requirement for funeral detail recently changed from eight members to 10, the unit has had to cancel several engagements.

"I'd like to increase our manning level from a required 50 to 65 personnel," Glover said. "When you have enough people, no one is overworked."

Glover has been a member of the Honor Guard for seven years, at Tinker AFB, Okla., and at Ramstein AB, Germany before coming to CAFB.

"Being the NCOIC was something I've wanted to do for a long time,"

Glover said. "The job is a challenge. Nothing is ever the same twice. You'd expect in seven years the job would become redundant, but it's always different.

"I have a love for the job," Glover continued. "There's nothing better than giving back to the people who gave me the opportunity to wear this uniform."

The recent slump in volunteers is hard for Glover and his assistant, Senior Airman Samuel DeMaggio, to understand.

"When I joined, so many people out of my unit wanted to volunteer, they couldn't cover manning in the shop," DeMaggio said.

Glover said he thinks people are turned off by the rumors about the Honor Guard being too much work.

"We have two 30-day rotations and two 15-day standby rotations, so we have coverage 365 days a year," Glover said. "Sometimes we'll work a four-hour day and other days we'll work 18 hours, depending on where the funeral is located. That time takes into account prep time, travel time and the time actually spent at the service."

Another reason for decreased numbers may be traced to decreased manning in the workplace, said Glover.

"With AEFs (Aerospace Expeditionary Forces) and all, a lot of work centers are at minimum manning," Glover said. "When a person becomes an Honor Guard member, that's supposed to be the number one priority. We still ask them to perform their duty even if the shop is at minimum manning. It can be rough on the work center when we ask to pull an Honor Guard member away. Sometimes we don't get all the support we need."

Glover said he sees a lot of advantages to being a member of the Honor Guard.

"First, it's the only means we have to give back to those who came before us," said Glover. "We know we have a direct effect on people's lives when we perform. It gives a great sense of accomplish-



All photos by Brian Rish

Members of the Honor Guard practice a funeral service during a recent visit by instructors from the Air Force Honor Guard. The instructors put on a five-day course at Charleston AFB.

ment.

"Honor Guard members also receive leadership experience, an achievement medal for each year of service, they get to travel to other cities, they get base-wide recognition, they're exempt from other details, they get to wear distinctive uniforms, which are dry-cleaned free of charge, and they have great EPR (Enlisted Performance Report) information," Glover continued.

The unit recently had the opportunity to be trained by instructors from the Air Force Honor Guard. The training cadre took CAFB Honor Guard members through a five-day course, according to Glover.

"The course went over facing movements and drill and ceremony," Glover said. "We learned

modified basic training movements - modified to perfection. They taught members to post and retire colors, firing party procedures, color guard procedures, pall bearer duties, flag folding and flag presentation."

Glover said the unit is in desperate need of members for many reasons.

"Funerals are indeed our num-

ber one priority," said Glover.

Along with rendering honors at a variety of military ceremonies and events, Glover said the Honor Guard also participates in a list of community functions from posting colors at a Stingray hockey game or Little League Soccer game to holiday parades in the Lowcountry.

"This is the reason we need professional, motivated members on our team," he continued. "People we can count on to perform at their optimum level at any given time. Team Charleston Honor Guard is seeking members to increase our numbers so that we may provide appropriate honors to members deserving."

They sacrifice much to give back to those who sacrificed more. To them, it's no sacrifice at all.



The Honor Guard practices movements with rifles and flags during a five-day training course.

For more information, or to become a member of the Charleston AFB Honor Guard, call 963-3334 or 963-3398.

Students injured, killed in school bus accidents every year

By Staff Sgt. Bart Craven
437 AW Safety

Students from Charleston AFB and the surrounding communities have started a new school year.

Unfortunately, many students are injured or killed each year in school bus-related accidents.

According to the National Highway Traffic Administration, approximately 28 million students begin and end the school day with a trip on a school bus. Laws are in place to protect these students, but they are not always followed.

Drivers are required to stop for a school bus when it stops to load or unload passengers. Drivers following a school bus should mentally prepare for the stopping and loading and unloading of passengers.

Students should also be aware of other traffic when entering or exiting the bus. The National Safety Council encourages parents and guardians to teach their children the following guidelines for getting on and off the bus:

■ While waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid horseplay or other careless behavior; do not stray onto the streets into oncoming

traffic

■ When the school bus approaches, line up away from the street or road; wait until the bus is stopped and the door opens before stepping on the road to enter

■ Use the handrails when getting on the bus, especially in the winter

■ Never put head, arms or hands outside the bus window, even when the bus is not moving

■ Keep the aisle clear at all times; book bags can be tripping hazards and can block the way in case of an emergency

■ Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before standing up; walk to the front, and use the handrails provided

■ When crossing the street in front of the bus, walk at least 10 feet ahead of it, along the side of the road, until you can turn around and see the driver; do not cross the center line of the road until the driver has signaled it is safe for you to continue walking

■ Stay away from the rear wheels of the bus at all times

Children and parents should follow all safety rules to ensure safe practices in and around school buses.



Dental Health Soda kills...teeth

By Staff Sgt. Kris Walker
437 MDG Deily Dental Clinic

While drinking soda can serve as a thirst quencher and caffeine kick, it can also ruin children's teeth.

The introduction of soda machines in schools allows students to get drinks before classes, between classes, lunchtime and anytime. Children can sip on them all day, bathing their teeth in sugar. The result is a high cavity rate.

Besides causing tooth decay, sodas also put children at risk for obesity, diabetes, and hyperactivity, said Dr. Randall Jones, 437th Medical Group preventative dentistry officer.

According to 1999 statistics, soda consumption has gone from 22 gallons per year, per person in 1970, to 56 gallons per year, per person.

If sodas are the drink of choice, the dental clinic recommends consumption in small amounts. Heading to the water fountain directly after drinking soda will help rinse sugar off the teeth. Another alternative might be to drink the soda through a straw. This will

ensure less contact with the teeth.

Brushing after drinking a soda is not necessarily a good idea, said Jones. Subjecting the teeth's enamel to nylon bristles will only aid in breaking it down even faster.

Many other alternatives to soda, such as fruit juices, can be just as harmful. Although they contain less sugar, children who continue to consume large amounts will still end up with similar effects because of the citric acid content of many juices, according to Jones.

Possibly, the only solution to quenching a child's thirst in a healthy way is plain old-fashioned water, said Jones. Before purchasing bottled water, remember only tap water contains fluoride.

Coupled with excessive soda use, unfluoridated water can be detrimental to teeth as well. Most developed urban and suburban areas have fluoridated water. Usually, a community's Department of Public Works is responsible for water fluoridation, as is the case with Charleston AFB and its surrounding communities, according to Jones.

Proper care of the teeth is important for everyone. Drinking less soda can help ensure healthy, bright smiles.

For more information, contact the Deily Dental Clinic at 963-6839 or 963-6842.

Chapel schedule



107 Arthur Drive

Office hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Phone: 963-2536. After duty hours, call the command post at 963-2531 for emergencies only.

Catholic Services

Saturday -- 4 p.m. Reconciliation, 5 p.m. Mass.

Sunday -- 9:30 a.m. Mass, 9:30 a.m. Children's Church.

Weekdays -- 11:30 a.m. Mass, Sacrament of Baptism pre-baptismal classes are held the first Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. For Sacrament of Marriage, call the Catholic chaplain six months prior to the wedding.

Protestant Services

Sunday -- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School in Bldg. 245, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, 11 a.m. Children's Church.

Thursday -- 7 p.m. Praise and Worship contemporary service.

Buddhist: Columbia Shambhala Meditation Center, Suite 109, Columbia, S.C. 29405.

Orthodox: Holy Trinity, Greek Orthodox Church, 30 Race St., Charleston, S.C. Phone: 577-2063.

Jewish: Call Jewish Lay Leader: Senior Airman David Winner at 963-8041.

Islamic: Al-Jami Ar-Rasheed, 1998 Hugo Ave., Charleston Heights, S.C. Phone: 554-1773.

Movie schedule

Admission prices:

Adults/Children -- 99 cents

Any child under 17 years of age requires a parent or adult guardian (21 years old) to purchase an admission ticket for the minor child to view R-rated movies. The ticket office opens 30 minutes prior to start of movie, unless otherwise noted.



Movie schedules are provided by AAFES. Patrons should call 963-3333 to verify movie titles, running times and start times, which are subject to change.

Today, 7:30 p.m.

"A.I.: Artificial Intelligence" – Haley Joel Osment

Sometime in the future of the 21st century, mankind depends upon computers with artificial intelligence to maintain our way of life. Man has also found new friends in A.I. in the form of robots that are used for a variety of functions. A boy robot is on an emotional journey toward becoming something more. **(PG-13) 146 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

"Lara Croft: Tomb Raider" – Angelina Jolie

Based on the video game, goddess Lara Croft has finally come to life. Lady Lara Croft, a voluptuous English heiress, is searching for pieces of a device that can manipulate time. While the villains want it for nefarious means, Lara's motivation is familiar; to see her dead father. **(PG-13) 96 minutes**

Aug. 24, 7:30 p.m.

"Kiss of the Dragon" – Jet Li

Liu Jiuan, China's top government agent, arrives in Paris from Shanghai to carry out a sensitive, top-secret mission. Liu is in Paris to assist Richard, an unorthodox police official with a small army to back him up. The mission goes horribly wrong, as the man Liu had come to help betrays him. **(R) 98 minutes**

Fitness & Sports

Swami sez

It's time to start getting beat by the Swami again

By the Swami

Pigskin Prognosticator

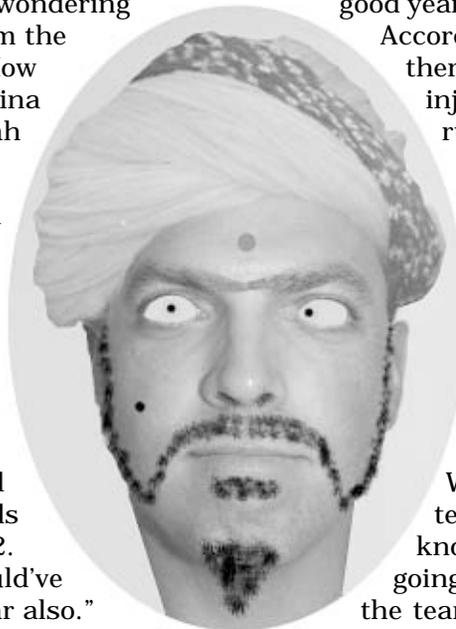
It's that time of year again – football season! Your hero, the Swami, is baaaaaack! He has been drifting around on his magic carpet for the past month checking out the summer camps. “One thing for sure,” said the Swami. “The Cowboys are looking the same. It looks like another long year for the convicts from Dallas. In fact, the Swami just passed right over their camp, laughed and dropped some magic dust over them. They went crazy over the magic dust. About the only thing we can look forward to is seeing what kind of trouble they can get into.”

Okay, enough said about the Cowboys. The Swami promises to go easy this year on the Cowboy fans out there. He just had to get it off his chest early. He realizes that some people have to like the Cowboys, just like someone has to like the Bears, Browns and Bengals. Can you say “losers, losers, losers?”

Therefore, the Swami knows you're sitting there wondering why

he is talking all this trash and who does he think he is. Well now, sit back. For one thing, the Swami can say or do anything he wants. He is one powerful dude. People look up to him for advice. Coaches have personally called on the Swami for painstaking decisions. Flat out, the Swami knows his football. Do not mess with the Swami!

Now you are wondering about what team the Swami likes. How about the Carolina Panthers? “Yeah right,” said The Swami with a chuckle. “They have some 29-year-old rookie who was some college superstar. That is like the Swami playing Little League baseball with 12-year olds when he was 22. The Swami would've been a superstar also.”



The Swami will give you some genuine knowledge that you can share with your friends and family. Remember, people have paid good money to get information from the Swami.

“Look out for the Vikings, Titans and Rams,” said the Swami. The Swami is making a bold prediction that one of these teams is going all the way. Overall, it should be a good year to watch some football.

According to the Swami, there are too many old, injury-prone scrubs running around out there. The Swami heard from some unreliable source that the Steelers are going to have a breakout year. Like the Swami said, “unreliable information.” The Steelers were good...back in the 70's. When you have a quarterback who does not know which way he's going, where do you think the team is going?

The Swami does not see any real standouts, so the competition should be somewhat equal. Last year's fluke SuperBowl winners, the Ravens, are not going to do much with a guy named Elvis at quarterback. Elvis? Give me a break! Look for them to be hurt or in trouble with the law.

This year's Swami competition will be like past years. The Swami always wins. The Swami is just kidding, don't go running into the bathroom crying just yet. He does let others win sometimes. Look for more information and rules in the next few editions of the *Airlift Dispatch*. Of course, the Swami is at a disadvantage because he must submit his picks a week ahead of time. The Swami considers that a gift to his fellow pigskin pickers. He realizes they need more time to think and analyze their picks with their squirrel-sized brains.

The folks from the 437th Services Squadron have graciously donated some great weekly prizes to be given to the top picker. However, do not plan to win too much because the Swami is just that good.