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Photo by Staff Sgt. Cecilio Ricardo

Making a splash

Staff Sgt. Wayne Foy, a C-17 loadmaster from the 17th Airlift Squadron, gets a big send off after his final flight before PCSing to Pope AFB, N.C. Hosing him off and bidding farewell are (left-right) Airmen 1st Class Derek Howard and Paul Guenther, Staff Sgt. Kevin Collette and Tech. Sgt. Barry Moorefield, all from the 17 AS.

AF promotes 20,793 to staff sgt.

Officials at the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas, have announced a 64.63 percent selection rate to staff sergeant for the O1E5 promotion cycle, the highest in the 30-year history of the Weighted Airman Promotion System.

The Air Force selected 20,793 of 32,170 eligible senior airmen for promotion to staff. The selection rate represents a 13.89 percent increase from last year's previous record 50.74 percent. The average selectee has 1.95 years time in grade and 4.73 years in service.

"It doesn't get any better than this," said Chief Master Sgt. Greg Haley, Enlisted Promotion and Military Testing Branch chief. "These are great times for our young airmen to be part of the best Air Force in the world. It's exciting to see so many of them rewarded for their hard work, dedication, and potential to serve in the next higher rank."

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Program purchases environment-friendly products for 437 MXS

By Senior Airman
Melanie Streeter
437 AW Public Affairs

Charleston AFB work centers may be able to receive extra funds to purchase environmentally friendly products.

Through a program with the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight, units that find tools or products, which reduce waste and pollution, can request special funds to purchase them, according to Nicole Shope, environmental engineer and 437th Airlift Wing recycling manager.

The 437th Maintenance Squadron recently took advantage of the program to purchase a number of special paint guns, according to Dale Cook, 437th Logistics Group environmental

protection specialist. The High Volume/Low Pressure paint spray system operates at low pressures, which results in the application of paint at low velocities. Paint is atomized by a delivery of high volume air at a low pressure.

According to Shope, there are a multitude of advantages to the HVLP system. Because the paint particles are delivered at a low velocity to the object being painted, less paint is lost due to over spray, bounce and blow back. This saves money on paint because less is wasted in the painting process. It also is much more environmentally friendly, as less paint particles pollute the air.

"We have \$50,000 at our disposal to purchase products that reduce waste

and pollution," Shope said. "I just don't think everyone knows about it. If you find a product that can do the same job and create less waste, we'll look it over and see what we can do to purchase it."

Cook said the program has been used in the logistics community for years.

"Anybody can use the money though, as long as what they want fits the requirements," Shope said.

Shope also emphasized the importance of recycling and buying recycled products. All government agencies must purchase products made with recycled materials where the products exist, according to Executive Order 13101.

"If you're not buying recycled, then

you aren't really recycling," said Shope. "A lot of the time, recycled products are seen as a lower quality product. This isn't true. There are a lot of products made from recycled materials that are even better than equivalent products that don't contain recycled materials."

One example Shope gave was carpet.

"My mother-in-law decided to move to the area recently, and we are in the process of refurbishing her new home," Shope said. "We went shopping for carpet and found an incredible product made from recycled polyester."

The carpet that Shope found, cost-

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IN THE NEWS

'Candy Bomber' to speak at AF Birthday Ball

By Lt. Col. Ed Memi
437 AW Public Affairs

Charleston's airlift community will learn about the personal experiences of retired Col. Gail Halvorsen, the famed "Candy Bomber," who will speak with about 400-500 airmen during the Air Force Birthday Ball Sept. 14, 6 p.m., in the Charleston Club.

The ball will also feature the U.S. Air Force band "Airman of Note" from Bolling AFB, Washington D.C., which will perform a variety of jazz tunes after dinner.

The all-night event will be mess-dress or semi-formal. Civilian community leaders and spouses will also be invited.

"Our goal is to keep the cost down for our E-3s and below and to encourage maximum attendance," said Maj. Edward Joslin, Air Force Birthday Ball project officer and 17th Airlift Squadron chief of staff. Joslin says planning efforts for the ball are progressing well, and he wants everyone to mark their calendars now. Reservations for the ball, in the upcoming weeks, can be made through unit points of contacts, which are expected to be appointed soon.

"It is a great opportunity to hear an

outstanding speaker on one of the Air Force's greatest accomplishments," Joslin said. "It's a terrific opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of one another and have a great time. It will be a first-class event."

In July 1948, Halvorsen volunteered for the recently initiated Operation Vittles, more commonly known as the Berlin Airlift. During that operation, he flew C-54 aircraft, delivering essential food, coal and other supplies to the Soviet blockaded city of Berlin, Germany.

It was during this period that Halvorsen, then a lieutenant, became affectionately known as the "Candy Bomber, Chocolate Pilot, Raisin Bomber, Schokoladen Flieger, Uncle Wackelfluger and Uncle Wiggly Wings," after he started dropping small, candy-laden parachutes to the children of Berlin. This self-initiated act of kindness, on behalf of the starving children of Berlin, blossomed into a unique activity within the "Big Lift" and was called Operation Little Vittles.

After a trip back to the United States on behalf of Operation Little Vittles, the operation became a national crusade supported by several towns and cities and by U.S. candy companies. He and other volunteer

aircrews even dropped goodies to the children of East Berlin, until the Soviets protested.

By January of 1949, Halvorsen had air dropped more than 250,000 parachutes loaded with candy on the city of Berlin, bringing a little joy to the nearly 100,000 children of Berlin during the Russian blockade. He was awarded the Cheney Award for his efforts during the Berlin Airlift.

"This self-initiated act of kindness became the humanitarian heart that kept the aircrews going, fueled the hope of all Berliners, and set the mold for all future humanitarian airlift. It also provided a catalyst for widespread support throughout the United States for what airlifters were trying to achieve - keep Berlin free from the Soviet yoke," is how the Airlift/Tanker Association website at www.atalink.org describes Halvorsen's accomplishment.

Halvorsen was selected as an Airlift/Tanker Association Hall of Famer and is considered one of the legends of the airlift community.

He retired from the Air Force in August 1974, with more than 8,000 flying hours and 31 years of service.

Air Mobility Command recently honored Halvorsen when the Next

Generation Small Loader was named after him during a ceremony at the AMC Museum near Dover AFB, Del. During that ceremony, Halvorsen talked about the value of airlift.

"Airlift is the business of hope," said Halvorsen. "In Berlin (during World War II), we brought supplies, rations, and cargo to those in need. This provided them with hope."

Halvorsen said it wasn't the chocolate that was important to the people of Berlin, it was knowing someone in the United States was fighting for them.

"Someone once told me (during World War II) 'I can survive on thin rations, but not without hope.' God bless the men and women in uniform who put service before self," said Halvorsen. "The greatest thing in life is not money, but serving others."

Joslin says he needs some volunteers to help with fundraising activities and to help with setup in the club.

If you have questions about the Air Force Birthday Ball or want to volunteer, call Joslin at 963-6401.

(Quotes from Halvorsen were taken from a story by Airman Andrew Svoboda, 436th AW Public Affairs.)

Promotion

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Last month's technical and master sergeant promotion rates were also at an all-time high. These record-setting percentages continue partly because of force stabilization.

"During the drawdown in the early to mid 90s we just weren't able to promote people because there were limited vacancies," Haley said. "Now that the force has settled and end-strength numbers have leveled off we've got more vacancies."

Chief Master Sgt. John Hagin, 437th Maintenance Squadron, said the increased percentage of selectees is a good thing but will pose some challenges.

"Many of the people being promoted have only had four-five years in the service," Hagin said. "They're still developing as technicians and now must develop as leaders also."

More vacancies have been created by more first- and second-term airmen than expected choosing not to reenlist the past couple of years. When 'retention' is low, it leads to more staff sergeant slots that are then filled through promotions, Haley

said.

Hagin said it is a good time for airmen to be in the Air Force, and they have an incredible opportunity to progress in rank.

Senior Airman Jason Gates, 437th Aerial Port Squadron, is one of these airmen who took advantage of a high promotion rate and made E-5 on his first try, even though it means he has the highest line number on Charleston AFB, 20,750.

"I put on senior airman below the zone in January," Gates said. "I made the cut-off for the test cycle by two days. I'm pretty excited."

Gates said he was surprised he made it.

A two-year-old Air Force initiative that increases the number of E-5, E-6 and E-7 vacancies has also improved promotion opportunities. Previously, the percentage of 'Top Five' noncommissioned officers was limited to 48.5 percent of the enlisted force, a number that officials anticipate will continue to rise.

"We think these opportunities, with earlier promotions and pay increases, should be a great incentive for airmen to stay in the Air Force," the chief said.

People who tested will receive score notices, which let members see how their Promotion Fitness Examination and Specialty Knowledge Test scores rank against those they competed with for promotion within their Air Force Specialty Code.

The average score for those selected was 263.67 points based on the following averages:

- 130.00 Enlisted Performance Reports
- 50.43 Promotion Fitness Exam
- 52.60 Specialty Knowledge Test
- 17.96 Time in Grade
- 11.71 Time in Service
- 0.84 Decorations

Those selected will be promoted to staff beginning in September through August 2002.

The Air Force released the names of those promoted the first duty hour July 19 (July 20 for those units across the international date line). The complete list of selectees is posted on the Air Force Personnel Center's home page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil. For the complete list of CAFB selectees, see page 3. **(AFPC. Senior Airman Melanie Streeter also contributed to this article.)**

Recycle

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ing \$25 per square yard, is thicker and more durable than comparable products, she said. While the standard carpet at that price had a face weight of 35 ounces, the one made from recycled products had a face weight of 91 ounces. The density of the standard carpet was 2250 ounces per cubic yard, compared to the recycled products density of 4765 ounces per cubic yard.

Shope said the carpet made with recycled plastic can be offered at a lower price because the companies that bought the original plastic product absorbed most of the production costs.

For more information about recycling or the money available from the environmental flight, contact Shope at 963-2690.



Photo by Nicole Shope

Hayden Inabinet, son of Master Sgt. Scott Inabinet, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron, was caught recycling during an environmental flight "dumpster dive."

CAFB promotes 349 to staff sgt.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Spotlight

Change of command: The 437th Mission Support Squadron is holding a change of command today, 10 a.m., at the Charleston Club. Maj. Charles Capps will assume command from Lt. Col. Vic Sowers. All 437 MSS customer service support functions will be closed from 9:30-11:30 a.m. today to attend the ceremony.

Wing promotion: The 437th Airlift Wing will hold the monthly promotion ceremony Tuesday, 3 p.m., at the Charleston Club.

Retirement: The 437th Supply Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Susann Fairchild Thursday, 11 a.m., at the Charleston Club. RSVP to Staff Sgt. Jeannette Tinkey at 963-4824 or Gwin Ballard at 963-4882 by Tuesday.

Change of command: The 437th Communications Squadron is holding a change of command Aug. 3, 9:30 a.m., at the Charleston Club. Maj. Jeffrey Schwefler will assume command from Maj. Douglas Taylor. For more information, call 963-3505.

Around the base

Closure: The right turn lane from Dorchester Road onto the base will be closed Aug. 4, 8 a.m., and will reopen Aug. 5, 5 p.m. A sewer main is being replaced. Vehicles may still enter the Dorchester gate by making a sharp right turn at the light.

Physicals: The Flight Medicine Clinic and Family Practice Clinic will be conducting school and sports physicals on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Aug. 7-9. All interested beneficiaries need to sign in at the Family Practice Clinic window between 4-5 p.m. on those days. Please bring pertinent school forms that need to be filled out and shot records. These dates are set aside for school and sports physicals only. A separate appointment will have to be made if there are other issues involved.

Shoppette: Due to work requirements in replacing the main canopy over the gas pumps, the Shoppette Gas Station will have a temporary gas pump closure, with no gas available Aug. 6-8. Limited gas pumps will be available Aug. 9-10 and 13-17. The Shoppette

expects all pumps to be available by the weekend of Aug. 11-12, and anticipate work to be completed by Aug. 18.

Consignment shop: The Consignment Shop will reopen Thursday after being closed during July for summer break. Starting Aug. 7, the shop will be open 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.

Sergeants Association: The Charleston Chapter of the Air Force Sergeants Association meets on the second Tuesday of every month, 4:30 p.m. at the Charleston Club. The groups mission is to advocate improved quality of life and economic fairness for Air Force enlisted members and their families. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Tundra Gatewood at 963-6901.

Parenting class: The clinic will offer a free, six-session "Common Sense Parenting"

class beginning Aug. 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m. The class will meet for six consecutive Tuesdays. For more information and to register, call Jim Hernandez at 963-6504.

Load shedding: Due to high temperatures and humidity experienced on Charleston AFB July 11-12, the Energy Management Control System initiated its load shedding function. Load shedding is a systematic shut down of electrical loads, such as air conditioners, for short periods of time to reduce electric power usage. The system activated, and will continue to activate, to keep CAFB electric usage below a set maximum point. All Military Family Housing air conditioning units and some industrial facilities on base are connected to the EMCS. Housing air conditioning units are set to shut-down for a period of seven minutes and then restart. This should not occur more than once an hour. However, depending on base-wide electric usage, it could happen twice in an hour or not at all. The 437th Civil Engineer Squadron plans to add more industrial facilities to the system to reduce the burden

on base housing. For more information, call Darrell Guidry at 963-5029.

Stress management: A skill-based, comprehensive stress management program is now available on the Internet. Titled "Take Charge of Your Life," the program has four lessons and three levels of learning available. To use the program, go to www.charleston.af.mil/437MDG_B_S/TakeChargeOfYourLife_files/frame.htm.

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.

City Colleges: City Colleges of Chicago is offering various courses, which fulfill Community College of the Air Force degree requirements. Registration is now-Aug. 2. For more information, call 552-5959 or

visit their representative at the Base Education Center.

Embry-Riddle: Embry Riddle Aeronautical University's registration for the fall term is going on now-Aug. 6. Fall term classes begin Aug. 6 and run through Oct. 6. Classes are held at the Base Education Center.

SIU: Southern Illinois University is having open fall registration, now-Aug. 13, for its one-year Workforce Education and Development program. Enrollment is open to military members, dependents, retirees and civilians. The program starts Aug. 28 and runs through August 2002. For more information, call 552-7320.

Family Support Center

Pre-Deployment Briefing: Monday, Aug. 6, 13, 20 and 27, 8 a.m. and Thursday, Aug. 9, 16, 23 and 30, 4 p.m.

Sponsorship Training: Wednesday, 8:30-9:30 a.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.

Charleston Profile

Senior Airman Ashok Kori
437th Airlift Wing Protocol

Senior Airman Ashok Kori is a protocol specialist with the 437th Airlift Wing Protocol Office.

Kori is assigned to the protocol office for one year from his regular duties as a managed care representative with the 437th Medical Support Squadron.

"I don't like just working at a desk all day," said Kori. "I like getting out and meeting people. We are constantly doing different things everyday."

Kori said protocol is the advisor for the wing on ceremonies such as retirements, change of commands and promotions.

"The most important thing we do is taking care of the distinguished visitors that come to the base," said Kori.

Kori, who hails from Springfield, Va., said his goal is to someday fly for the Air Force.

"I have about a year-and-a-half to complete my bachelor's degree," said Kori. "Then I will apply to Officer Training School."

His duties have given Kori a new perspective about the wing and the Air Force.

"I feel this is one of the best jobs in the Air Force," said Kori.

In his spare time he volunteers as a member of the base honor guard.

"It is an awesome program," said Kori. "We should pay our final respects to all the veterans who have served."

We can always use more people as we never have enough," said Kori. "If anyone is interested they can call 963-3334."

If anyone is interested in joining the protocol team call 963-5644.



Photo by Master Sgt. Dan Murphy

COMMENTARY

CAFB cleans up during recent OTS board

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By Col. Rusty Findley
437 AW commander

I am pleased to report that we did extremely well during the most recent Officer Training School Board 0107 with a 71 percent selection rate, one of the highest selection rates in the command. Selected for OTS were: **Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Dent**, 437th Contracting Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Manolito Figueroa**, 437th Aerial Port Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Russell A. Lang**, 437th Medical Support Squadron; **Senior Airman Keith Schneider**, 437 Aircraft Generation Squadron and **Airman 1st Class Frank J. Shoaf**, 437 AGS.

Commissioning opportunities have never been better. Commissioning programs include OTS, Reserve Officer Training Corps and the U.S. Air Force Academy. Interested airmen can apply at the base education office. For more information, contact Diana Roebuck or Anessa Hamilton-Woods at 963-4579 or 4578.

Once again, it was my honor and privilege to recognize our top performing airmen at the Wing Quarterly Awards breakfast on Tuesday. My congratulations to all the squadron, group and wing nominees.

Receiving top honors were: Airman of the Quarter, **Airman 1st Class Kevin B. Hammer**, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron; NCO of the Quarter, **Staff Sgt. John Masters**, 437th Medical Group; Senior NCO of the Quarter, **Master Sgt. Robert Cole**, 1st Combat Camera Squadron; Junior Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, **1st Lt. Joseph Grindrod**, 14th Airlift Squadron; Senior CGO of the Quarter, **Capt. Craig Fleming**, 437th Support Group; Civilian (Category I) of the Quarter, **Holly Mehringer**, 437th Comptroller Squadron; Civilian (Category II) of the Quarter, **Kim Patterson**, 315th Logistics Group; and Honor Guard Member of the Quarter, **Airman 1st Class Dwayne Norman**, 437th Comptroller Squadron.

It was a busy, busy week. We bid farewell to **Lt. Col.**

Jerry Bateman, 437th Operations Group, who retires today with more than 25 years of service, as both enlisted and officer. Jerry was a former 437th Supply Squadron commander and was most recently involved with our C-17 integration efforts. We wish Jerry and Pam our best! They plan to stay in the local area.

We also welcome our new 437th OG deputy commander, **Col. Russ DeLuca** and his wife, Kathye. The DeLucas join us from Ramstein AB, Germany, where he was the commander of the 623rd Air Mobility Support Squadron. They were previously assigned to Charleston, where he once flew C-141s in the 1980's. They bring a wealth of knowledge to the group, and we welcome them to our team.

We welcome our new director of Special Capabilities in the 437th OG, **Col. Tim Lewis**, Monday. Colonel Lewis, along with his deputy, **Lt. Col. Rudy Gravely**, will be our focal points for the Special Operations Low Level II mission, a critical mission for Team Charleston. Col. Lewis comes to us from an overseas assignment in Southwest Asia.

Maj. Charles Capps assumes command of the 437th Mission Support Squadron today from **Lt. Col. Vic Sowers**. We welcome Chuck and his wife, Kay, on board. The Capps comes to us from the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph AFB, Texas. Vic is moving on up to become the deputy commander of the 437th Support Group.

As mentioned last week, we hosted a number of senior officers this week. Lt. Gen. Paul Carlton Jr., Surgeon General of the Air Force, arrived Sunday and spent most of Monday meeting with our 437th Medical Group staff. During his visit, he also gave us a vision briefing on where healthcare is headed and the many improvements and challenges that they face in the coming years. He had a good message overall. We were also pleased to give General Carlton some one-on-one

time with our younger airmen—it was a rewarding experience for everyone. A special thanks to project officer **Maj. Adam Bearden**, 437th Medical Support Squadron, and our always top-notch Protocol staff.

We were also pleased to host Maj. Gen. Nick Williams, 21st Air Force commander, for a visit this week. His visit gave us an excellent opportunity to brief him on our pertinent issues that we are working and to solicit his help on moving some of these issues forward. However, the best part of these visits is that we get to show off some of our young folks and give him a chance to interact with them.

We also showed him our great facilities and highlighted some of our facility needs. He flew in a C-17 Special Operations Low Level II training mission and got to experience one of our most demanding missions. Key to this particular visit was a luncheon we held with about 40 honorary commanders. We continue to make great progress with the local community, and the luncheon was just one more example of increased interest from the community. A special thanks to project officer **Capt. Jay Copher**, 17th Airlift Squadron, and our Protocol staff for making all the arrangements for yet another successful visit.

We honored our new senior NCOs at the annual SNCO Induction ceremony on Thursday. The fifth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Robert Gaylor, was the guest speaker. This was a great event to honor our senior NCOs, and we were fortu-

nate to have the Chief and Mrs. Gaylor here. We're very honored to be able to name our new dining hall in his honor today at 2 p.m. See next week's *Airlift Dispatch* for more details about Chief Gaylor's remarks.

I plan to fly with our airlift professionals Sunday-Wednesday to Germany and Turkey and back. These flights give me a chance to see firsthand how our "airlift machine" functions. It is a great opportunity for me to get out of the office and see our people in action. I am always impressed!

The Air Mobility Command base appearance inspection is next week, and I know there has been a lot of publicity out there about the inspection and everyone is doing lots of good things to prepare. We need to step it up a little bit and take that extra measure so that our base looks even better. Each group and squadron is responsible for the appearance of its assigned areas on the base. I ask every member of the wing to pitch in and do his or her part to help show how truly great we are here at Charleston.

We have some great facilities, and I know we can take the top prize this year. Charleston has come so far because of a lot of good work by a number of folks. I am very proud of the base. We just need to show that pride, professionalism and passion when these folks are on base and walking around our areas. Let's be ready and make sure the base is in "tip top" shape. After all, we are the premier airlift wing on the face of the planet!

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.





Off duty--Around town



Sports:

Riverdogs: Saturday, 7:05 p.m., Sunday, 5:05 p.m., and Monday, 7:05 p.m., vs. Asheville. For more information or for tickets, call 577-DOGS.

Battery: Tonight, 7:30 p.m., vs. Cincinnati. For more information or for tickets, call 971-GOAL.

Summerville Speedway: Late models, NASCAR divisions and bicycle races Saturday. Gates open at 5 p.m., race starts at 7 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 dependants from the Outdoor Recreation Center. For more information and for prices, call the Information, Tickets and Tours Program at 963-5271.

Entertainment:

Live music: The Blue Dogs perform today at the Alive After Five weekly concert series, 5-9:15 p.m., Maritime Center, 10 Wharveside Dr. The performance costs \$5 at the door. Proceeds benefit the Medical University of South Carolina's Children's Hospital Fund. For more information, call 856-9922.

Live music: Charr and Gumbo present a night of jazz at The Renaissance Room next to The End Zone, 5140 Ashley Phosphate Rd., Fridays 8-11 p.m. Charr, a.k.a. Charlene Lowe, is a reservist with the 315th Mission Support Squadron.

Live music: Fred LeBlanc, of Cowboy Mouth, performs solo tonight at The Windjammer, 1008 Ocean Blvd., Isle of Palms. The Karl Shuman Band will also perform. Tickets cost \$8. For more information, call 886-8948.

Live music: The North Charleston Cultural Arts Program presents

Sumertime with Brazil, featuring Qiana Parker on vocals, Sunday, 7 p.m., at the Felix Davis Recreation Center, Park Circle. The event is free. For more information, call 745-1087.

Theater: The Flowertown Players open their 2001 season tonight, 8 p.m., with "The Nerd," a comedy by Larry Shue. Another performance is scheduled for Saturday, 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$13 for students and seniors. A meet the cast reception will follow tonight's performance at the James F. Dean Community Theatre, 133 S. Main St., Summerville. For more information, call 875-9251.

Theater: The Charleston Guerrilla Theatre performs the Pulitzer Prize-winning "Wit" every Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m., at the Dock Street Theatre, 135 Church St. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$12.50 for seniors and students. For more information, call 965-4032.

Events:

Pier tournament: There will be a pier tournament at the Folly Beach Pier Saturday, 6 a.m.-4 p.m. Awards will be given to the three largest fish and King Mackerel. Awards will be presented at 4:15 p.m. The tournament costs \$4 plus daily fishing fee. Call 588-Fish for more information.

Family day: The Gibbes Museum of Art, 135 Meeting St., is offering a free family day and studio open house Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The open house will offer hands-on art projects, tours, demonstrations storytelling, games, refreshments and more. For more information, call 722-2796.

Night walk: Francis Beidler Forest, 336 Sanctuary Rd., Harleyville, offers a guided night walk along a boardwalk through virgin swamps Saturday, 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$6, and reservations are required. For more information, call 462-2150.

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

Camp Happy Days gets a helping hand from CAFB volunteers

Story and photos by
Tech. Sgt. Scott Reed
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When most think of "Happy Days" they think of the half-hour television show featuring the wise guy Fonz, or shy and naive Ritchie.

However, for several Charleston members "Happy Days" brings a new twist of emotions and memories. These military members spent a week, June 30-July 7, volunteering at Camp Happy Days, a weeklong camp for children terminally ill with cancer and their siblings.

Senior Airman Mike Bullecks, 437th Airlift Wing Maintenance Aircraft Coordination Center, said being a counselor was a life changing experience.

"I wasn't sure exactly what to expect," Bullecks said. "You expect the kids, due to their illness, not to be able to do a lot, and yet they are so full of life and energy."

Senior Airman Tina Pitts, 437th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron, is a two-year veteran of the camp.

"I recommend everyone help out at the camp at least once, it is a great experience and helps me keep focused on reality," Pitts said.

As a child, Pitts was diagnosed with cancer, but has been in remission for 13 years. She attended a similar camp as a child. She said it is strange reversing roles going from the child camper to the adult counselor, but each year as the time for camp gets closer she still gets filled with anticipation of the experience and memories she will have.

Camp Happy Days is only a small part of the overall organization Happy Days and Special Times, developed by Debbie Stephenson. The first camp was held 19 years ago with 29 kids in attendance. This year 187 children attended the

camp.

"The camp isn't only for children with active cancer or in remission, it is also for the siblings," said Stephenson. "Often times, after a child is diagnosed, the siblings miss out on a lot of opportunities because they become so involved with their brother or sister, helping them through their treatment.

"We enjoy and look forward to working with volunteers from the base. They bring a unique perspective to the events."

Another Charleston member was fortunate enough to work with most every child at the camp. Airman 1st Class Laura Anderson, 437th Operations Support Squadron, worked in the arts and crafts center assisting the kids in creating unique and interesting souvenirs.

Anderson said she was so happy she was able to go and experience the magic the camp offers.

"It opened my eyes," Anderson said. "What I face each day compared to these kids is nothing. They are so incredibly strong, and they act as if what they go through doesn't affect them."

One of the most memorable times at camp is the "Prom." In preparation the girls get their hair, nails and make-up done by professionals, then get in their dresses, which are tailored to fit by an on-site seamstresses. Once they have donned their dresses and look stunning, they get picked up in a limo and are driven to the dance.

"It was a real emotional time," said Anderson. "I realized some of the girls and boys are experiencing something here they may never get a chance to do, because their lives are sometimes shortened."

For more information on "Happy Days" activities call 571-4336 or visit their web site at www.happydaysnspecialtimes.org.



During the "Balloon Ceremony," held the last day of the weeklong adventure at Camp Happy Days, Airman 1st Class Laura Anderson, 437th Operations Support Squadron, sheds both tears of joy and sorrow. Anderson said she bonded with numerous kids while working in the Arts and Crafts center. Her tears of sorrow came as she found out her cousin died of cancer in the early hours of the morning.



Left: In preparation for the "Prom," a formal dance held each year at Camp Happy Days, Senior Airman Tina Pitts, 437th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron, applies make-up to the face of Dakota Kirby, as Pitt's other campers anxiously await their turns.

Right: Senior Airman Mike Bullecks, 437th Airlift Wing Maintenance Aircraft Coordination Center, assists Will Austin, a camper who has been in remission from cancer for one year, complete his custom pinewood derby car. Austin's car won first place for his age group in the pinewood derby.



Commentary: 'Lifers, maggots and ate-up troops'

**By Chief Master Sgt.
Lew Monroe**

6th AMW command chief

Over the last five or six years I've put a lot of thought into the big question of what has changed so much in America's Air Force and why. I'm not talking about the changes we've endured as part of the vision and direction of our executive leaders, but more on the changes in the personality, attitude and character of our enlisted force.

While attending a recent retirement ceremony for a dear friend of mine, I was again reminded how much our personality has changed. Senior Master Sgt. Sherman Coleman told the audience that when he entered the Air Force in 1975 it was filled with "lifers," "maggots" and "ate-up troops."

He challenged young airmen to think about bringing back those affectionate terms. I spent the next week or so mulling

wondering why those terms of endearment had gone by the wayside.

Well, it hit me as I was sitting in the Senior NCO Academy auditorium listening to a former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force. Our sixth CMSAF, Jim McCoy, was describing the Air Force of 1979 when he was appointed as the top enlisted member of our service.

In addressing the graduates of the SNCOA, the chief said, "As I walked across bases in the Air Force, you guys were hanging out of the dormitory windows yelling 'lifer' and 'maggot' at me, and I WAS."

What the chief's comments made me understand was we're missing those willing to stand up and say they are lifers, maggots and "ate up."

So, I'm calling all lifers, maggots, and ate-up troops to step up and join in bringing back the personality of our enlisted force.

This is all you need to

"Maggot" means you are the epitome of standards in uniform. Your boots are shined to a mirror finish, you have clipped every loose thread from your uniform, just as we learned in basic training, and your uniform starched before putting it on.

Your hair is always within dress-and-appearance standards and you never put your hands in your pockets other than to retrieve your keys or change. More important, you are compelled to correct anyone regardless of rank who violates any of these standards, because they represent all of us.

Now, to be "ate up" is going to take some work. You have to have the principles of our profession, the standards of your vocation and ideals of our nation in your heart. You must be willing to do what's right all the time, even when only you and God are present. You have to put your nation, the Air Force, and unit above all else.

take a backseat for the good of your mission.

Finally, to consider yourself "ate-up," it's imperative you give your best in everything you do. If the qualifications of an "ate-up" troop sound familiar they should; they add up to "Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do," the core values of your chosen profession.

You know as well as I what a "lifer" is, but first I want to tell you what a "lifer" is not. It's not the overweight NCO wandering the hallway with a coffee cup stuck to a finger talking about how bad things have gotten since they joined the Air Force and how badly they want to retire. No, that is a slug and you don't want to be that.

A "lifer" is the super-sharp NCO who is willing and able to share the benefits of a career in the Air Force with anyone with a minute to listen. A "lifer" is the one whose family shows up to the annual

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Chief Master Sgt. Lew Monroe,
6th Air Mobility Wing command chief

"America's Air Force" T-shirts and hats and wears them proudly.

"Lifers" love to be sponsors for incoming troops and families because they are proud to show off their base and open their homes to the new arrivals. "Lifers" are dedicated to serving their nation and Air Force and preparing their subordinates to carry on after they retire; this is what you want to be.

Now take this to the bank and remember you heard it here first: we still have lifers, maggots and ate-up troops in America's Air Force. We just need to stand up and let everyone

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 963-2102.

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.

"Swordfish" – John Travolta

Suspenseful action drama in which Gabriel Shear, a charismatic and dangerous CIA operative fed up with American bureaucracy, uses sexy associate, Ginger, to coerce a computer hacker just released from prison to steal \$9 billion from a DEA slush fund. **(R) 97 minutes**

Saturday, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

"Atlantis: The Lost Empire" – Animated

Milo Thatch dreams of completing the quest begun by his late grandfather. When a long-lost journal surfaces, providing new clues to the location, the action shifts into high gear. Milo leads Commander Rourke and his team to the elusive undersea kingdom, but what they find there defies their expectations. **(PG) 96 minutes**

Aug. 3, 7:30 p.m.

"The Fast and the Furious" – Vin Diesel

Domenic is the leader of a street gang that race Japanese cars. He is under suspicion of stealing expensive electronic equipment. An undercover police officer attempts to find the person responsible for stealing the equipment, and winds up falling for Domenic's younger sister. **(PG-13) 107 minutes.**

Fitness & Sports



Above left: Terrie Reeves, an accredited aerobics and fitness instructor, keeps spirits up as she leads a class through the Cardio Kickbox Boot Camp.

Above: Terrie Reeves stretches out and gives her class members a minute to catch their breath before launching back into the boot-camp style workout.

Left: Shouting out commands with the voice of a drill sergeant, Terrie Reeves leads workshop attendees through a vigorous, high energy exercise regimen.

Kickboxing boot camp packs a powerful punch

**Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Lisa Zunzanyika
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The Charleston AFB Sports and Fitness Center sponsored a Cardio Kickbox Boot Camp Jam July 21.

The program was conducted by Terrie Reeves, certified by the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America. Reeves is the owner and manager of EnergyQuest Future Fitness in Charlotte, N.C.

Tech. Sgt. Denese Bellamy, a personal trainer and aerobics instructor and a member of the 437th Aerial Port Squadron, organized the workshop for the benefit of fitness enthusiasts, instructors and aspiring instructors

“We had a blast,” Bellamy said. “It was a hardcore workout.”

The workshop focused on combining elements of Kickboxing, Pilates, Yoga, martial arts, dance and athletic conditioning, providing a complete cross training workout. Reeves ran the workshop like boot camp, with a lot of military-like drill, according to Bellamy. Reeves also presented a lot of information regarding fitness and aerobics.

“She was very high spirited,” said Bellamy. “She made it easy for everybody. It was really great, and we had an awesome time.”