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## Commuter incentive program drives down travel costs

If commuting back and forth to work is stressful, take advantage of the new Department of Defense Transportation Incentive Program set to reimburse base airmen the fees they pay to use mass transit.

Beginning Sunday, the program allows commuters to avoid the daily hassle of driving in traffic.

Base officials are encouraging airmen to use local commercial vans or buses instead of their personal cars.

Military members and civilian employees, including guardsmen and reservists serving on active duty, are eligible to sign up for the program. The expanded program is modeled after the program in the National Capital Region that has been in effect in Washington, D.C. since Oct. 1.

The Federal Workforce Transportation program is designed to improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion and improve quality of life for federal employees. Participants will receive transportation vouchers or reimbursement, not to exceed their actual commuting costs, for a maximum of \$65 per month. In 2002, the monthly benefit

increases to a maximum of \$100 per month.

No statistics currently exist on how many base members use mass transportation, but Capt. Robin McKinley, project officer for the new program and chief of the 437<sup>th</sup> Military Personnel Flight, is hoping to create some interest in the program.

"Our goal is to encourage base members to avoid the day-to-day stresses of driving to and from work, while saving money and wear and tear on their car," McKinley said.

On April 21, 2000, former President Bill Clinton directed all federal agencies to establish transportation fringe benefit programs in order to reduce federal employees' contributions to traffic congestion and air pollution, and to expand commuting alternatives.

In support of the executive order, DOD worked with the Department of Transportation, and on Oct. 1 established a mass transit benefit program for employees in the National Capital Region who use conveyances such as buses, trains and vanpools.

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Photo by Senior Airman Melanie Streefer

### Lubing the gear

Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Keith Glenz, 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron, lubricates the landing gear of a C-17 during a home station check. Over 100 inspections, including preventative maintenance, are performed during the HSC. Each aircraft undergoes inspections every 120 days. Almost every 437 MXS flight takes part in the process.

## Charleston AFB C-17 crew gives baby girl second chance at life

A Charleston AFB C-17 crew from the 15<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron played a major role in saving the life of a two-day-old girl.

Lauren Trevino, daughter of Army Cpl. Kristopher Trevino and his wife, Shana, was born June 13 at Tripler Army Hospital, Hawaii. Lauren was suffering from a severe bacterial infection acquired at birth, causing her lungs to fail.

Lauren's chances of survival were very slim, her doctors said. She could have died.

The 15 AS aircrew was getting

ready to depart Hickam AFB, Hawaii, when they were notified of the air evacuation mission. A Wilford Hall Medical Center team from Lackland AFB, Texas, arrived on scene with the girl and immediately placed her on an extra corporeal membrane oxygenation system. The baby and the machine were boarded on the C-17.

"One of the doctors said if they could get to the baby back in time, then there would be an 85 percent chance she would survive," said Maj. Cade Black, 15 AS aircraft commander. "They had to get her on a

heart-lung machine within 24 hours. We were worried, but we knew if everything went well on the flight the odds would be pretty good for the baby."

The crew was notified by the command post and was only two hours away from taking off for a channel mission to Travis AFB, Calif. They quickly downloaded nine of the 18 pallets to make room for a medical team.

"Capt. Jeff Sparrow (15 AS pilot) was getting ready to go to aircraft commander school," said Black. "This was good practice for him acting in

command. He did a super job."

The aircraft flew a little lower than usual, 27,000 feet, to keep the cabin pressure around 5,000 feet, according to Black. At that altitude, the plane could also fly a little faster, around mach .8.

"Another thing we did was always ensure there were two sources of primary power in case of a malfunction," said Black. "The number of outlets in the C-17 was more than enough. Everything went very smooth

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## IN THE NEWS

# Americans targeted

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Moore  
437 SFS anti-terrorism manager

Terrorism is in the news on an almost daily basis.

Recently, the execution of Timothy McVeigh, and the trial of those responsible for the bombings of the embassies in Tanzania and Kenya have made headlines worldwide.

In both incidents, hundreds were killed or injured. On June 25, 1996, a fuel truck loaded with a large amount of explosives pulled along the perimeter of Khobar Towers, Saudi Arabia, and exploded, killing 19 service members.

This week marks the five-year anniversary of the Khobar Towers bombing. Terrorists are not concentrating as much on overseas targets, but rather actively gathering intelligence about targets within the borders of the United States. No person, facility or installation is completely safe. However, many people believe a

terrorist will never strike here, maintaining a false sense of security.

Bobby Sands, a former member of the Irish Republican Army once said, "When it comes to terrorism, you have to be lucky all the time. I only have to be lucky once."

According to the FBI, in 2000 there were 273 acts of terrorism. Of the 273 terrorism acts, 111 affected interests

of the United States. These represent the lowest numbers since 1970. The bad news is 440 people died and over 5,700 were injured. These numbers are the highest since 1970. Terrorism is down, but lethality is up.

The motto of Air Force Security Forces is "Defensor Fortis," or defenders of the force. The 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron can't act as a stand-

alone agency in combating terrorism on Charleston AFB. It takes an integrated team approach. From troops on the flightline and personnel in offices to residents in the housing areas, everyone should report suspicious people.

Col. Rusty Findley, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, places extreme importance on the safety and well being of all military personnel.

"Force protection is something we can never take lightly," said Findley. "It is something that each and every one of us must factor into all we do to keep the Air Force at the leading edge of preserving the peace in our world.

"We've made great improvements in our awareness and our procedures over the past few years, but vigilance is the overriding sentiment that still must dominate our thoughts and actions as we set forth to do our duty in this expeditionary era," Findley continued.

To make CAFB a safe place to work and live, members are asked to do their part, remain vigilant and practice sound security measures. If you see an unusual or suspicious event, contact the 437 SFS at 963-3600, or dial 911 for emergencies. For more information, call your unit antiterrorism manager or the wing antiterrorism office at 963-6146.



Courtesy photo

A photo taken of Khobar Towers, Saudi Arabia, shortly after the June 25, 1996 bombing. Nineteen service members died in the bombing.

## ISR helping the warfighters; leader speaks to Swamp Fox Flight

By Lt. Col. Ed Memi  
437 AW Public Affairs

The world of Air Force intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance has made tremendous strides in its ability to gather timely, useful information on potential adversaries. This was the main thrust of remarks by Brig. Gen. Dan Goodrich to the Swamp Fox Flight of the Order of Daedalians June 21 at the Charleston Club.

Goodrich should know. He is the deputy director for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, and a former KC-135 and jet trainer pilot, with a strong operational background for a good portion of his career. He highlighted the trend in the intelligence community of using a mixture of manned and unmanned aircraft, and space based systems, which he referred to as intelligence collection platforms. Goodrich highlighted what the ISR community does on a daily basis.

Goodrich said the day is near where the "shooters," those who fly fighters and bombers, will have real-time intelligence data in less than 10 minutes. He applauded the daily efforts of intelligence flights at the local wings

across the Air Force that keep people out of harms way.

"Everyday, all-day, your intelligence flight is working toward making your life a little bit safer," Goodrich said.

Goodrich says today's intelligence community is more focused on collection platforms, exploiting the information to their advantage and using it in a targeted way, while providing full spectrum support for the war fighter.

"Exploitation of information is really just looking at what you get in and asking just what is this really," Goodrich said.

During his briefing, Goodrich described a wide variety of collection platforms such as the RC-135V/W Rivet Joint and the U-2 Dragon Lady. He talked about several planned upgrades to the RC-135s with new sensors and engines.

"We collect information on a daily basis about people who we'd like to have some data on," Goodrich said. "The systems are very complex."

Goodrich described high-deployed rates for most of the people on these collection platforms, since there are never enough to go around.

The backbone of the high altitude collection efforts is the 35 U-2s assigned to Beale

AFB, Calif.

"Three of them are from the 1960s when Gary Powers was shot down over Russia," said Goodrich. "In the meantime, we have taken the rest of them and developed different capabilities for their radars and optical systems. Although there are 35, each one is different. If someone wants a certain type of imagery, there may be only one or two airplanes that can get it."

A couple of years ago my daughter was working on the F-22 and one day she said to me out of the cold blue, 'You know dad, we just don't need you pilots anymore,'" Goodrich said of the evolving transition from manned to some unmanned aircraft. "In reality, a part of what we do for a living is going unmanned and it is the future. For someone like me out of the flying world, it may seem like craziness but actually its not."

He added the Air Force will always have manned flights, but the unmanned ones are ideal for the higher risk missions.

"Right now, today, the RQ-1A Predator is flying over areas over Southwest Asia that we would not want to put a manned vehicle because the Iraqis would shoot at them," Goodrich said.

Goodrich said Predators fly as high as 25,000 feet at speeds around 60 to 110 knots. He said the Air Force does not have enough of them and is still devising all types of ways to use them.

Another unmanned aircraft he talked about was the Global Hawk RQ-4A. Global Hawk is a high altitude, long dwell time collection platform that has a 12,500 nautical mile range and can remain airborne for 40 hours.

"We just recently flew one from Southern California to Australia non-stop," said Goodrich. "It's completely computerized. We landed and flew 12 missions while down there and brought back a multitude of things that we were testing for and flew back, all without a pilot. It allows us to free up manned aircraft to do other things.

"All this information is no

good if you cannot get it from the collection aircraft to the people who can determine what the information really is and then get it forward to the warfighter," he continued. "That is what the deployable ground systems are all about."

The information can be sent to three deployable ground systems via satellite for analysis before being sent to a forward location, such as an Air Operations Center.

"During Allied Force, we would image a truck with a U-2 system, send it to the mobile stretch system and then send it to a satellite at Beale," said Goodrich. "At Beale, it was interpreted and then sent it to the combined air operations center that sent it to the wing that would put the bombs on target. We were successful in many, many situations."



Courtesy photo

The RQ-1 Predator unmanned intelligence platform flies over areas where manned vehicles would be at risk.

# AFCOMAP gets new officers off on the right foot

By Lt. Col. Ed Memi  
437 AW Public Affairs

When young officers first come on active duty, sometimes senior NCOs or field-grade officers will take them under their wing and mentor them to keep them from making mistakes.

Now, Charleston AFB cadets and officers have a more formal program that can help ease the transition from civilian to military life as well

as guide them through the "first assignment blues" that commonly plagues every new second lieutenant.

The new program is part of the Lowcountry Palmetto Chapter of Air Force Cadet Officer Mentor Action Program established June 20 during a ceremony held at the Charleston Club.

AFCOMAP is a non-profit, service organization developed to strengthen future Air Force leaders through

mentorship. Chapter membership requires no dues and is open to all officers regardless of rank.

Brig. Gen. Darryl Scott, deputy assistant secretary for contracting, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., and national president of AFCOMAP, presided over the ceremony.

"Why AFCOMAP? In 20 years, the senior leaders of the Air Force will be the lieutenants and cadets coming in now," Scott said in his speech. "What is unique about the Air Force is that we do not recruit mid-level managers because we strictly grow our own. The investment we make in young officers ensures we can deliver on our promises to the nation."

"The latest census tells us that in 2020, we are going to have a much higher percentage of minorities and women," Scott continued. "The pool that we traditionally looked at to build our leadership today will be much smaller. The minority workforce will be much larger. The people of tomorrow will be very different from those of today. One of the toughest things to do is to mentor people that are not like you, whether they look different or have different backgrounds. All of us have to be able to work together as a team and we will have to find ways to develop their skills and talents to benefit our common mission."

Scott defined mentorship

as a relationship in which a person with greater experience and wisdom provides their guidance to another person to develop them personally and professionally. The program has three primary objectives: foster professional development and career enhancement for all officers regardless of background; support recruiting and retention of minority officers; and assist newly commissioned cadets with their transition to active duty life.

Col. Bob Allardice, 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Group commander, in his remarks cited the importance of mentorship in his own career when a retired colonel had taken him under his wing.

"Author John Maxwell says leadership is influence, nothing more, nothing less," said Allardice. "Mentoring is leadership. It is kind of neat that we are forming an organization that has a passion for leadership mentoring. We acknowledge that this is something that just doesn't happen automatically, but it takes effort."

Capt. Warren Wright, chief of the 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Military Equal Opportunity office, said he remembers his transition to active duty and an AFCOMAP chapter could have helped him.

"When I came into the Air Force, I was that lieutenant who had no clue," Wright said. "I needed a mentor. I did not know anything and did not even know how to put my uniform on properly. Fortu-

nately for me, a couple of NCOs and my squadron commander explained it all to me. If it wasn't for them, I would have separated because I felt like I was just blowing in the wind."

The Charleston AFCOMAP chapter is the fourth one formed this fiscal year and is one of 16 active chapters. AFCOMAP was founded in June 1989 at the Pentagon. The Lowcountry chapter's first president is Lt. Col. Ivan Sherard, 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Support Squadron commander.

"Our mission in creating AFCOMAP was to create a chapter that would be efficient in getting the word out and to ease the transition for cadets as they come into the military," said Sherard. "We plan to be that resource for these individuals as they come into the Air Force. Our vision is to reach out and provide valuable information and more opportunities to interact with Air Force members who have greater experience and insight. We want to sponsor lots of meaningful professional development and to diversify."

Scott said the most important thing leaders can do is prepare those who will follow. He asked the audience to be counted on and make the Air Force better for future generations. Scott concluded by saying, "It is up to you to mentor those young officers and cadets coming into the Air Force and take them along the right path."

To join AFCOMAP, call Wright at 963-3662.



Photo by Ed Kelly

Brig. Gen. Darryl Scott, deputy assistant secretary for contracting, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., and national president of the Air Force Cadet Officer Mentor Action Program, speaks to Charleston AFB members June 20 at the opening of the Lowcountry Palmetto Chapter of the AFCOMAP. The CAFB AFCOMAP chapter is one of 16 active chapters in the Air Force.

## Baby

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in the aircraft."

The mission from Hickam AFB to Kelly AFB, Texas, took seven hours. The crew, Black, Sparrow, Capt. Steven Funanich, Master Sgt. Dennis Moore, Staff Sgt. Michael Getlinger and Senior Airman Eugene Guse, all from the 15 AS with the exception of Getlinger, 701<sup>st</sup> Airlift Squadron, and Guse, 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Generation Squadron, transported 21 passengers and used litter stanchions to support equipment used to keep the nine-pound baby alive.

Lauren's chances of survival are now 80 to 90 percent. She was removed from the ECMO machine June 21 and will stay at Wilford Hall for another couple weeks. (AFP. Senior Airman Jason Smith, 437 AW Public Affairs also contributed to this article.)

## What is ECMO?

Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation uses a heart-lung machine similar to the one in open-heart surgery. There are two types of ECMOs for children.

Venoarterial ECMO uses an artery and a vein, and venovenous ECMO uses one or two veins. A doctor decides which is right for children on a case-by-case basis.

A pediatric surgeon places tubes into large arteries or veins on the right side of a child's neck or groin. The ECMO machine then does the work of the child's lungs by taking the blue blood out of the right side of the heart and pumping it through the artificial lung on the machine.

The blood, now red, is warmed and filtered before returning to the child. (Information from the ECMO Center at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.)

## Commuter

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"Right now, this is a fairly new program, and I'm not sure many people on the base know much about it," said McKinley. "We are just trying to get the program off the ground and encourage as many people as possible to use mass transportation. It is another benefit that you can use to save money. The program has been very successful in Washington and it is great that it been expanded to include areas like Charleston."

The Charleston Regional Transportation Authority operates buses for the local area and has a stop in front of the Dorchester Gate. Commuters can place a bicycle on the front of the bus as part of a "rack and ride" program to commute further into the base. The CARTA web site, www.ridecarta.com, encourages commuters to discover the routes and times available to get riders there and back.

"Routes connect you to Charleston

area's major employers, with special rush hour runs and basic service available seven days a week," according to the CARTA Web site.

People interested in signing up for the program must complete an application and forward it to the customer service desk of the MPF. Commercial vanpool riders must complete the primary and supplemental applications. The vanpool vehicle must have a capacity for at least eight adults (not including the driver) and at least 80 percent of the mileage use must be for the purposes of transporting employees in connection with employment and trips.

Complete information about the program and applications are available on the Air Force Financial Services Center Web site at www.saffm.hq.af.mil/affsc/transip/transip.cfm. For more information, e-mail McKinley at robin.mckinley@charleston.af.mil, or call 963-4461. (AFPS. Lt. Col. Ed Memi also contributed to this article.)

## NEWS BRIEFS

## Charleston Profile



Photo by Senior Airman Jason Smith

### Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Lara Martin 437<sup>th</sup> Transportation Squadron

Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Lara Martin is a light-duty, vehicle general-purpose mechanic for the 437<sup>th</sup> Transportation Squadron.

Martin is responsible for keeping Charleston AFB's vehicles running through scheduled maintenance and repairs. If a vehicle needs repair other than scheduled maintenance, transportation customer service writes a work order for what needs done and gives it to Martin or one of the other mechanics.

"I'm still a three level, so I have a supervisor with me when I'm working," said Martin. "I have three more months to go before I finish my CDCs (Career Development Courses) and can earn my five level."

Martin said after she gets a five level, she'll be able to do more work without supervision, even if it means rebuilding an engine.

"I've rebuilt two already," she said. "I had help from my supervisor, but I know how to do it. We're pretty much always in training. All vehicles are designed different and you have stay on top of the changes."

Martin said she likes the steady work schedule she has at transportation, but she hopes to get the chance to travel soon. She also wants to continue working toward her criminal justice degree.

When not working, Martin participates in a variety of activities including playing pool, singing karaoke, going to the beach and playing softball.

"I'll do anything once," Martin said. "I don't have one particular hobby. I try all kinds of new things."

Being a female mechanic doesn't bother Martin at all. She said it's not only a good job, but a valuable skill she can use for the rest of her life.

"Don't think just because you're a female you can't do this type of work," said Martin. "You can do anything you set out to do."

come. The program seeks imaginative and motivated retirees who are self-starters and available to spend three hours a week at the base or help out at home. For more information, call retired Col. Raymond Borelli at 963-2228.

**Petshipment:** Air Mobility Command, in cooperation with Commercial Patriot Express, is initiating a 3-month test program, allowing movement of pets with containers weighing up to 150 lbs on all AMC missions. This test program will begin immediately and run until Aug. 31. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Shawn White at 963-3066.



**TMO:** The peak season for shipments of personal property is here. Personnel should report to the TMO office as soon as they receive their orders. Three-four weeks are needed to confirm requested move dates. Personnel shipping vehicles overseas must have all proper documentation upon arrival at the Vehicle Processing Center. Required documentation now includes permanent change of station orders and either the title or letter of authorization from the lienholder or lease company before shipment can be accomplished. For more information, call 963-2255, or visit their Web site at [www.charleston.af.mil/CHAS/437AW/OG/TMO/index.htm](http://www.charleston.af.mil/CHAS/437AW/OG/TMO/index.htm).

### Family Support Center

**Pre-Deployment Briefing:** Monday, July 9, 16, 23 and 30, 8 a.m. and Thursday, July 12, 19 and 26, 4 p.m.

**Educational Opportunities Assistance:** July 10, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Positive Attitude and You:** July 11, 1-3 p.m.

**Newcomer's Tour:** July 12, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

**TAP Three-Day Workshop:** July 17-19, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Sponsorship Training:** July 18, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Employers Panel and Mini Job Fair:** July 19, 2-4 p.m.

**Troops-To-Teachers:** July 23, 10-11 a.m.

**Smart Women Finish Rich:** July 23, 6-8 p.m.

**Resume II:** July 24, 9-10:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.-noon.

**Couples Communication:** July 25, 1-3 p.m.

**SMOOTH Move:** July 26, 8:30 a.m.-noon.

**Interview Techniques:** July 31, 1-4 p.m.

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

### Spotlight

**Scholarship winners:** The Charleston Chapter of the Order of the Daedalians selected Cadet Brian Buschur, Charleston Southern University, and Rylan Jager, Auburn University, Ala., as the recipients of their \$750 scholarships. The national chapter will double the amount of the scholarships.

**Change of command:** Col. David Snodgrass will accept command of the 437<sup>th</sup> Support Group from Col. Dennis Kaan during a ceremony Monday, 9 a.m., in Bldg. 519. A reception will follow immediately in Salon D at the Charleston Club.

**Retirement:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Senior Master Sgt. Reese Jones Jr. July 13, 3 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Romeo at 963-5805.

### Around the base

**Giant voice:** Charleston AFB Command Post will use the giant voice system to alert base personnel of tornado warnings. In the event of a tornado, command post will make a voice announcement, sound a three-five minute steady tone and make another voice announcement. The system is tested every Friday and the first Monday of each month at noon.

For more information, call 963-2531.

**Closure:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday. If emergency care is needed, call 911. For urgent care, call the Primary Care Manager line at 963-6790. The clinic will resume normal hours of operation Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

**Closure:** The Commissary will be closed Wednesday in observance of Independence Day and will reopen with normal hours of operation Thursday.

**Closure:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Military Personnel Flight Customer Service Office will be closed July 9-10 for DEERS/RAPIDS system upgrade and training. For more information, call Senior Airman Angela Hawkins at 963-4536.

**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. All Team Charleston members are welcome to attend the meetings. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Tundra Gatewood at 963-6901.

**Education Center:** The Air Command

and Staff College is offering a seminar for majors, major selectees, and GS-11s and above. The Air War College is offering a seminar for lieutenant colonels, lieutenant colonel selectees, and GS-13s or above. Both courses begin Aug. 6 and run through mid-June 2002. For more information, call 963-4575.

**Scholarships:** The Airlift/Tanker Association is offering Scholastic Assistance Awards of \$500 and \$250. All active duty, guard and Reserve members in the rank of E-6 and below are eligible. Application packages are available at the Base Education Center or the Family Support Center. The deadline for submitting applications is July 18.

**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.

**Volunteers:** The Retiree Activities Office has a variety of volunteer opportunities available to assist in enhancing and expanding the program serving military retirees in the greater Charleston area. Military personnel, spouses and widows from all branches of the service are wel-

# Air Force, Army join for Lariat Response in Hungary

**By Senior Airman  
Melanie Streeter**  
*437 AW Public Affairs*

Charleston AFB members recently teamed up with the U.S. Army and the Hungarian military to test readiness, response time and the ability to rapidly deploy forces in the European theater.

Exercise Lariat Response marked the first time this kind of operation was performed.

"We crossed boundaries that had never been crossed before," said Capt. Todd Groomes, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing combat tactics officer. "It was a European Command exercise supported by Air Mobility Command."

Four aircrews and 45 other personnel from CAFB traveled to Ramstein AB, Germany, June 6 to participate, Groomes said. The deployment order came June 8, and aircraft from Aviano AB, Italy, and Ramstein AB performed an airfield seizure at Kecskemet, Hungary, securing the field for the landing and offloading of CAFB's C-17s.

"This airfield was a no-kidding, forward-operating

base," said Groomes. "The only stuff we had was what we brought in."

"The maintenance personnel with us did an incredible job of establishing forward operations," Groomes continued. "We had a problem with the hydraulic system on one of the aircraft. They got out and fixed the jet and had it up and running that evening (June 8). They worked in some of the harshest conditions possible. We had them work a 20-hour day. They were only off for two or three hours, and they came back to launch us and did it with a smile. They deserve a lot of credit."

From June 9-11, the Army ran its exercise with the Hungarian military, Groomes said. While that was going on, Charleston's aircrews had a chance to practice search and rescue operations with the Hungarians.

"The aircrew was told to land their C-17," Groomes said. "We took them off the plane and put them on Army Blackhawk helicopters. They were taken to a desolate area and given the objective to be at a certain

place at a certain time for extraction. The area they were in was some of the roughest terrain around. The next day we informed the Hungarian's NATO search and rescue team that a C-17 aircrew was down 30 miles northeast of Budapest. They went out and found the guys, did a medical evaluation, and extracted them back to Budapest. It was excellent training with NATO SAR."

In addition to the SAR training, CAFB's crews had the chance to practice overseas airdrop, anchored air refueling and low-level operations in a foreign country, Groomes said. They also had a chance to test defensive systems, perform engine-running and combat offloads, and practice backing.

According to Groomes, the crews also tested the active air defense system by intentionally flying within the kill range of an SA-6 to see how well the C-17s threat avoidance tactics work.

"This exercise was a great chance to build cohesion between AMC and USAREUR," Groomes said. **(All photos by Staff Sgt. Cecilio Ricardo, 1CTCS.)**



Above: A UH-60 helicopter moves in to pick up a simulated downed aircrew during the search and rescue training scenario at Exercise Lariat Response June 10.

Right: Staff Sgt. Rene DeLaRosa, 17<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, helps marshal out a C-17 after offloading armored personnel carriers into Hungary during the Lariat Response exercise.

Below: Capt. Mark Jeffrey, 15<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, uses a compass to find his heading during a search and rescue training scenario at Exercise Lariat Response. The crew was "rescued" by the Hungarian's NATO search and rescue team.



# ATURE



Above: A Ramstein AB aerial port member waits as two armored personnel carriers are prepared for loading on a Charleston AFB C-17 during Lariat Response.



Above right: Charleston AFB aircrew members navigate their way through a search and rescue exercise in the Hungarian countryside during Lariat Response.

Right: Army personnel from Velsek, Germany, stand guard on a Charleston AFB C-17 in Hungary as part of the Exercise Lariat Response.



Below right: A Charleston AFB C-17 is unloaded in Hungary during Lariat Response, as Army personnel stand guard.

Below: Charleston AFB maintenance personnel repair a C-17 on the ground in Hungary during Lariat Response. Lariat Response was the first joint exercise incorporating the U.S. Air Force and Army, and Hugarian military. The exercise combined live fire, search and rescue operations, air assaults, air drops and live helicopter jumps.



## COMMENTARY

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## Master Labor Agreement signed, benefits everyone

By Col. Rusty Findley  
437 AW commander

It was no surprise that our negotiations with the American Federation of Government Employees Local 1869 went so well and culminated in the signing of a new Master Labor Agreement Monday for our 900-plus civilian employees. From the onset of the negotiations, everyone was committed to ensuring the mission gets done and our civilian employees are well taken care of. This new easy-to-understand agreement will allow that to happen. I applaud everyone on the negotiating teams for their hard work in establishing an outstanding agreement in record time. We hope to have a number of training sessions on the agreement in the upcoming months, stay tuned for more details.

We broke ground on the program to rebuild the primary runway at North Auxiliary Airfield Wednesday. The project will consist of resurfacing the 9,000-foot runway with 14 inches of asphalt in the middle and 14 inches of concrete on each end. The \$8.75 million contract will take about 80 days to complete. Hardly a day goes by when North AAF is not used by our aircraft. It is an important training facility for us, and we hope everything goes smoothly.

We had a great showing for the Annual Retiree Appreciation luncheon in the Charleston Club Tuesday. A special thanks to all the agencies that had information booths for the retirees and the Retirees Activities Office for organizing this event. Retired Maj. Gen. Richard Murray, president of the National Association for Uniformed Services, was the guest speaker. General Murray spoke about the many improvements made to the

"Tricare for Life" program for retirees older than 65. It was welcome good news for our retirees, and I could tell everyone was excited about the expanded benefit programs that will be available later this year. It was my honor to thank our retirees for their service.

At Monday's staff meeting, I was happy to present the Blood Drive Trophy to the 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron for giving the "gift of life." I was also honored to present the Air Mobility Command Communications and Information Awards in the following categories to the 437<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron: Company Grade Officer Category, Capt. Craig Fleming; Senior NCO Category, Senior Master Sgt. Randall VonHoldt; and Information Assurance, Staff Sgt. Todd R. Walker.

It's with our heartfelt thanks that we bid farewell Monday to Lt. Col. (select) Rick and Sue Cornelio, commander for the 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Generation Squadron. They have made an immeasurable contribution to this wing, running one of the largest squadrons on base. We are going to miss them and wish them our best as they head to the Pentagon to work the tough logistics issues. We welcome aboard Maj. Gerry and Lisa Frederick, who came to us from Ramstein AB, Germany.

We also bid farewell to Col. Dennis and Betty Kaan, commander of the 437<sup>th</sup> Support Group Sunday. Their change of command is scheduled for Monday, 9 a.m., in the C-17 Nosedock. They are moving on to become the wing commander team at Tinker AFB, Okla. They have been a dynamic duo, and all you have to do is look at the many programs and renovated buildings on Charleston to know that they have

been leading the charge to make the base a better place to work and live for everyone. Betty's contributions were recently singled out when she was selected as the 21<sup>st</sup> Air Force nominee to Air Mobility Command for the Joan Orr Spouse of the Year award. They have left a lasting impact on Charleston and have provided outstanding

support to the base in all facets. We wish them continued success.

I would like to congratulate our senior airman below-the-zone selectees for the second quarter. Congratulations to the following airmen: Shawn Oxford, Joseph Sanagustin, Ryan Thompson, Reginald Williams, Joshua Morgan, Laura Anderson, Joy Kouba, Chad Sharpe and Terence Williams.

We continue to lead the command in the Around the World in Eighty Days campaign, more commonly called ATWIND. We need to keep charging so we can benefit from the \$30,000 the command plans to award to the base with the most increased participation. We need to sustain the momentum! ATWIND is a lot of fun to play and a great chance to win something. 181 people at Charleston have already won something. Active duty, retirees, family members, reservists and civilians can all play while enjoying some of the finest services squadron facilities in the Air Force.

As July is just around the corner, start getting ready to run your semi-annual self-inspection checklists. It is important to look for



Photo by Lt. Col. Ed Memi

Keith Livermore (left) and Trudy Pendergast (right), both from the American Federation of Government Employees Local 1869, sign the new Master Labor Agreement Monday as Col. Rusty Findley, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, looks on.

better ways to do our job, and the self-inspection program is just one tool to make sure we do that. Let's make sure we are doing things the right way.

I had the honor to be the reviewing officer last Saturday for a parade at the Citadel. More than 275 cadets in Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps programs from 14 different states participated in the summer encampment. It was a pleasant experience to meet with the cadets and parents. I am sure many of the cadets will eventually join the Air Force.

We continue to meet the demands of the wing's mission, and I thank everyone for the great job during the past few weeks. I know a lot of people have been putting in extra time to fix, fly and support our aircraft as the pace of operations has picked up some. I do not want anyone to think it has gone unnoticed by me or your commanders. We appreciate the daily sacrifices that you make to get the mission done right and safely each and every day. Keep up the good work as you continue to show everyone that we are the premier airlift wing on the face of the planet!

## Action line

Q: I live on base, and recently we had a tornado scare. When the weather started to intensify, the "giant voice" came on with instructions and warnings. However, there is no bell, buzzer or horn to let residents know something is about to be announced. In turn, we miss half the message the majority of the time. I

think if the system had a "preparatory" bell or siren, the message could be heard in its entirety.

A: Thank you for your input to the Action Line. People like you are the reason we are continually improving our processes on CAFB. Command Post has implemented the following solution. The checklist for the use

of Giant Voice has been amended so every announcement will start with "Attention on base, attention on base, this is the Command Post ..." The Giant Voice message will follow. There are not any bells or sirens other than a steady or wavering tone on the Giant Voice system. These are specifically reserved for warnings and attacks.

## 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.**

**"Kingdom Come" – LL Cool J**

The best and the worst of the Slocumb family are on display when Woodrow "Bud" Slocumb keels over from a stroke. As the town swelters in the summer heat, family tensions reach a boiling point as the Slocumb clan comes together to remember their dearly departed. **(PG) 95 minutes**

**Saturday, 7:30 p.m.**

**"Angel Eyes" – Jennifer Lopez**

While pursuing a suspect one night, Officer Sharon Pogue nearly becomes the victim of a fatal ambush until a mysterious stranger named Catch intervenes, disarms the assassin and saves Sharon's life. A stroke of luck? A twist of fate? Maybe, but Sharon and Catch have met once before. **(R) 104 minutes**

**July 6, 7:30 p.m.**

**"What's the Worst that Could Happen?" – Martin Lawrence**

A billionaire catches a thief robbing his mansion. To get even with him, he takes the thief's lucky charm ring, telling the cops it's his own ring. The story becomes a battle of wills as the thief tries to get his most treasured possession, his luck. **(PG-13) 98 minutes**



## Off duty--Around town



### Sports:

**Riverdogs:** Tonight and Saturday, 7:05 p.m., vs. Columbus. For more information, or for tickets, call 577-DOGS.

**Swamp Foxes:** Saturday, 7:30 p.m., vs. Richmond. For tickets call 554-6060.

**Battery:** Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., vs. Indiana. For tickets call 971-GOAL.

**Summerville Speedway:** Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Dominos Pizza 499 NASCAR Super Truck event plus 4 NASCAR divisions. For more information, go to [www.summervillespeedway.com](http://www.summervillespeedway.com) or 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 Air National Guard Band of the South will play at various locations in the Charleston area today-July 4. The jazz band will perform at the Charleston Club tonight, 8-10 p.m. The ceremonial band will perform Saturday in Hangar Bay 3 on the U.S.S. Yorktown, 2-3 p.m., and at a Riverdogs game, 5:30-7:15 p.m. The concert band will perform at the South Carolina Aquarium Sunday, 2-3 p.m. and with woodwind and brass quintets Monday, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. The jazz, Dixieland and concert bands will perform Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the South Carolina Aquarium. Wednesday the jazz and concert bands will play in Summerville, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. For more information, call (770) 919-4078.

**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 or send an e-mail to [dispatch@charleston.af.mil](mailto:dispatch@charleston.af.mil).**

# To the men and women of the United States Air Force

**By Dr. James Roche**  
*Secretary of the Air Force*

I was recently sworn in as your 20<sup>th</sup> Secretary of the Air Force and became, on that day, a proud member of a magnificent team of active duty airmen, guardsmen, reservists, and civilian employees. You have earned the admiration of our nation, the respect of the world, and the promise of a bright future. I already can tell you that you should be enormously proud of your achievements, from combat operations over Iraq and the Balkans to your recent validation of the Expeditionary Aerospace Force Concept. In the realm of aerospace power, you fly the best, train the best, and maintain the best. As you put it: "No One Comes Close."

We must now turn our focus to the journey ahead, and be responsive to this new century's emerging security environment. I look forward to piloting that journey with you. My focus is on developing new strategies for military aerospace power in this new millennium; improving Air Force retention, professional education, and leadership development; eliminating the inefficiencies in how we do our

business; and developing our acquisition policies and processes to insure innovation and competitive vibrancy within our defense industrial base over the long haul. My vision is an aerospace future just as remarkable as your admired past: undeniable and global reconnaissance and strike superiority. My pledge to you is that I will serve the way you do every day, worldwide - with integrity, selflessness, and in earnest pursuit of excellence.

In 1963, President Kennedy said of military service: "I can imagine no more rewarding career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: 'I served in the United States Navy.'" That sentiment rings very true for me. As you know, I am deeply proud of my Navy career. But, today we are in a new century, with new opportunities, new challenges, new capabilities and vastly different threats to the security of our great nation. In this century, men and women can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: "I serve in the United States Air Force." And now, I am proud to be able to say that too.

## Fitness & Sports

### Sports line

**Golf:** The Order of the Daedalians is sponsoring a golf tournament July 6, 8 a.m., at Wrenwoods Golf Course. The format for the tournament is captain's choice. The \$15 tournament fee includes registration and lunch. Green and cart fees also apply. For more information, call Capt. Scott DeThomas at 963-2970.

**Golf:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Group is holding the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Charitable Fundraiser Golf Tournament July 13, 8:30 a.m., at Wrenwoods Golf Course. There is a \$20 entry fee that includes lunch and range balls. Cart and green fees also apply. Sign up at the golf course, or call Aaron Ludwick at 963-3999.

**Aquatic aerobics:** The HAWC offers aquatic aerobics Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 11 a.m.-noon, at the base pool. For more information, call 963-4007.

### 1 CTCS slips by 437 SFS to take base intramural volleyball championship

**Story and photo by  
Senior Airman  
Melanie Streeter  
437 AW Public Affairs**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Camera Squadron ended a perfect season with a win June 19 in the base intramural volleyball championship game against the 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron.

Competition was intense between the 12-0 CTCS team and the 10-2 SFS team.

The first game went to the 1 CTCS team, 25-20. The 437 SFS team came back in the second game, taking it 25-28. The tiebreaker was close, but the 1 CTCS crew squeaked by 15-13, ending the season and clinching the base intramural volleyball championship trophy.

"We just had a really good team this year," said Heather DePass, 1 CTCS assistant coach. "We have about 20 people on our roster, but with TDYs and

all, sometimes only eight would show up for a game. But we have so many good players, even if some aren't around we still do a good job. I only stepped in as coach for the last few days. Tracey Zimmer was with the team as their coach through the whole season, but had to go out of town, so she missed the game."

The 437 SFS team was proud of their accomplishment this season, despite coming in as runners-up. "This was the first year we were able to compete in a full season and stay competitive," said J.J. Fuqua, 437 SFS coach. "Combat Camera is a great team with a lot of depth."

In third place for the season was the 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Generation Squadron, with a 9-3 record.

The fourth- through sixth-place spots were hotly contested, as the Navy Hospital, 437<sup>th</sup> Supply Squadron, and 437<sup>th</sup> Communication/Services

Squadron all ended the season with 8-4 records.

To determine placement, the greatest point differential during head-to-head play was calculated.

The Navy Hospital was named the fourth-place team with a plus-eight-point differential. The 437 SUPS team came in fifth with a plus-two point differential, and the 437 CS/SVS team placed sixth, with a minus-ten-point differential.



The 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron volleyball team (left) goes up to block a spike by the 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Camera Squadron team during the Charleston AFB intramural volleyball championship game June 19. CTCS won the series in a third tie-breaker game.