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Photo by Senior Airman Jason Smith

Terrorists attack

Airman 1st Class Renaldo Dupree, 437th Security Forces Squadron, keeps the flightline secure as part of increased force protection measures. Charleston AFB went into Force Protection Condition Delta Tuesday after apparent terrorist attacks in New York, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania. President George W. Bush said the United States will "hunt down and punish those responsible," in a press conference from Barksdale AFB, La. For more information, see the story on page 11.

FPCON Delta

At 8:45 a.m., Tuesday, a Boeing 767 slammed into the World Trade Center's north tower.

About 18 minutes later, a second aircraft flew into the south tower. Both towers eventually collapsed.

At 9:43 a.m., a third aircraft flew into the Pentagon.

A fourth aircraft crashed in Somerset County, Penn.

American military forces worldwide were immediately placed in Force Protection Condition Delta, and Charleston AFB was no exception.

See page 11 for more details.

AF birthday ball postponed

Due to the tragic events on Tuesday, the Air Force Ball scheduled for tonight has been postponed until further notice. Attendees should hold on to their tickets because they will be honored when the event is rescheduled.

BOA to garnish military wages

Delinquent cardholders about to notice smaller paychecks

By Senior Airman Jason Smith
437 AW Public Affairs

Military members who are delinquent on their Bank of America Government Travel Cards may notice less money in their paychecks starting Oct. 1.

According to an AFPN news release, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will begin involuntary payroll deductions for almost 8,000 Air Force members who are more than 120 days late on their accounts.

The deductions will be up to 15 percent of a person's disposable income, said Michael Weber, Air Force Travel Card Program manager, in the release. The deductions will help BOA recoup millions of dollars that cardholders owe on their past due accounts.

Disputed accounts are exempt from

payroll deduction. Initially, BOA will contact undisputed account holders between 90 and 210 days of delinquency, according to an Air Mobility Command fact sheet. The delinquent cardholder will have 30 days to dispute the letter or reconcile their account. If BOA does not receive payment within the 30-day window, BOA may exercise their salary-offset option.

"BOA has been extremely lenient with our Air Force members, and because of it, they have lost millions of dollars," said Barb Lang, 437th Family Support Center personal financial manager. "The contract between BOA and the Air Force set up guidelines in the beginning that stated the repercussions of delinquencies. BOA just wasn't holding our Air Force mem-

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Simply the best

Small business manager named best in AF

By Lt. Col. Ed Memi
437 AW Public Affairs

A member of the 437th Contracting Squadron has been named winner of the Air Force Small and Disadvantaged Business Program Special Achievement Award, individual category, for fiscal 2000.

Donna Barber, director of business operations for the 437 CONS and the base's small business specialist was recognized for her exceptional performance in the course of her everyday duties.

Anthony J. DeLuca, director of the Air Force Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, presented the annual award to Barber Aug. 30 in a Washington, D.C., ceremony. DeLuca retired

the next day.

More often than not, Barber is the person that local companies turn to for answers about how to do business with Charleston AFB and the government. "I do my best to assist vendors with their questions and will spend the time explaining how they can get started," Barber said. "I often must explain how federal procurement laws work and have to refer people to other agencies."

Barber has accumulated 32 years of experience working for the government and has worked in her present position for the past 16 years.

"The award means a great deal to me because I've learned a lot

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IN THE NEWS

Honorary chiefs to be inducted: CAFB Chief's Group nominates wing commander, civilian as chiefs

By Senior Airman Jason Smith
437 AW Public Affairs

The Charleston AFB Chief's Group will initiate two new members into their ranks Oct. 25 at an Honorary Chiefs Induction Ceremony at the Charleston Club.

Col. Rusty Findley, 437th Airlift Wing commander, and Tony Kolgaklis, GEICO field representative, will be named honorary chiefs.

The title honorary chief is reserved for those individuals who have been selected and received a majority vote by the chief's group, according to Chief Master Sgt. Bob Langston, 437th Logistics Group superintendent and Charleston Chief's Group president. The selection process is very particular, and only those individuals who can't earn the rank of chief master sergeant are eligible.

"Tony (Kolgaklis) is basically a military man in civilian clothes," said Langston. "He solely sponsored last year's chief induction ceremony. He's been a guest speaker at ALS (Airman Leadership School) graduations, and he's the MSS (437th Mission Support Squadron) honorary commander. He goes out of his way to support CAFB in a big way."

Langston said since 1995, he's only known three people who have become honorary chiefs. Becoming an

honorary chief is rare.

"Col. Findley is the Air Force's biggest cheerleader," said Langston. "If that man can't get you pumped up and excited, you can't be pumped up. He leads from his head and his heart, and he has done so much for the enlisted corps here."

Honorary chiefs should also exemplify the Chief's Creed, according to Langston. He said both Kolgaklis and Findley are always working toward the betterment of the wing and the Air Force.

Chief Master Sgt. Harvey Hampton, 437th Airlift Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant, said making Kolgaklis and Findley honorary chiefs is a great way to recognize great people.

"They don't have to do all the things they do," said Hampton. "They have a genuine desire to help achieve success of the enlisted goals."

Neither Kolgaklis nor Findley knew they were being considered as honorary chiefs, according to Hampton. He said people aren't nominated on the merits of what they can do, but rather what they've done.

"When I told Tony he was going to

be an honorary chief, he had the same feelings as I did when I found out I was getting promoted," said Hampton. "I could see it in his eyes."

Kolgaklis said this is the highest honor he has received in his 14 years of working with the military.

"I know the chiefs hold this honor in high regard," said Kolgaklis. "They don't hand it out recklessly. I'm very humbled and thankful. It's overwhelming."

Hampton said when it was time to vote on Findley's nomination, the chief's group gave a unanimous "yes" vote. When the chiefs voiced their opinion, they couldn't think of anyone more deserving.

"The things Col. Findley does heighten the enlisted corps," said Hampton. "It's not new to him. He has held the enlisted ranks near and dear throughout his career. It's natural for him to know you and be concerned about you."

Findley has also taken a lot of steps to make Charleston an Air Force town, according to Hampton. He said Findley has opened the base to the whole community through programs such as the Honorary Commanders Program.

"A lot of our communities' leaders

had no idea what we did here," said Hampton. "They only knew we were here because they saw our airplanes when they were landing. Until recently, many of them had never set foot on the base. Col. Findley opened it up to them. When we keep the community informed, we all gain."

Findley said becoming an honorary chief is a great honor to him.

"As many people know, my dad was a retired senior master sergeant in the Air Force, and I have nothing but the highest respect and admiration for the great work that our NCOs do for the Air Force. Indeed, there is no doubt in my mind that they are the heart and soul of our force," said Findley.

"I've received few personal honors that compare to this honor, and it's hard for me to put how special this is into words," continued Findley. "Being nominated as an honorary chief master sergeant really made my day, month and year."

Hampton pointed out that the CAFB Chief's group is not actively seeking honorary chiefs. He said they surface on their own.

The entire Charleston AFB community is invited to attend the Honorary Chiefs Induction Ceremony Oct. 25 at the Charleston Club. Cocktails start at 6 p.m., and dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.



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over the years and enjoy passing that knowledge on to others," said Barber. "In our business, we learn our jobs from actual experience and not from any formal training programs. It is a good feeling to pass that knowledge on to the people who work for me and to the local businesses." Barber supervises 3 flight chiefs in the 437 CONS, and this marks the first Air Force-level individual award she has won, although the base won the Air Force Unit Small Business Award in 1997 and several AMC awards during her tenure.

Barber said the award also has special meaning because it validates the success of local initiatives to attract more small businesses to provide products and services to the base. She added the Small Business program was also recognized as the best in Air Mobility Command and that makes her proud of the people in the 437 CONS who actually have the distinction of



Donna Barber

making the awards within the guidelines of the small business program.

The base's Small and Disadvantaged Business Program consists of a number of incentives to attract disadvantaged firms, women-owned businesses, small businesses set-asides and those businesses located in Historically Underutilized Business Zones. According to the award package, the 437th Contracting Squadron exceeded the baseline target or goal for the programs in each area.

"Donna is the best of the best," said Ed Beussink, director of Small Business for Air Mobility Command. "She has great foresight in reviewing the requirements to meet the mission needs while maintaining America's socio-economic programs."

Beussink sat on the board that considered the candidates.

Barber was also cited for her efforts in arranging vendor fairs and making sure government purchase card holders were aware of opportunities to purchase from small businesses.

CFC gives CAFB member's cousin second chance at life

This year's Combined Federal Campaign begins Oct. 1 and offers Charleston AFB personnel a chance to reach deep into their pockets and pour out great fortune to local, national and international communities.

The CFC is the only "authorized" charitable fund-raising campaign for federal employees, both civilian and military, according to 1st Lt. Wade Cornelius, 437th Airlift Wing CFC coordinator. The CFC continues to be the largest and most successful workplace fund raiser in the world, raising over \$200 million last year for thousands of local, national and international charities.

CAFB's CFC motto states "Team Charleston taking care of the community." Cornelius said, "The motto is a constant reminder of what we accomplish every day, not just during the CFC."

Contributions from the campaign have touched Cornelius' life in a personal way.

"My cousin is a very special person and has been in and out of Le Bonheur

Children's Medical Center, (Memphis, Tenn.) his entire life," Cornelius said. "He was only given a few years to live, and we were told he would never walk, talk or see. He just turned 21 this past July, and he is able to enjoy a very normal and productive life."

"I can't even begin to tell you how much the CFC has contributed to his healthcare," Cornelius continued. "The last time I was told a dollar amount, it came to over \$200,000. You can see Le Bonheur is a very special charity to my family and me."

"Put yourself in the same position and find a charity that you feel passionate about and support them," Cornelius added. "Fund raisers like the CFC have made it possible for my cousin to live."

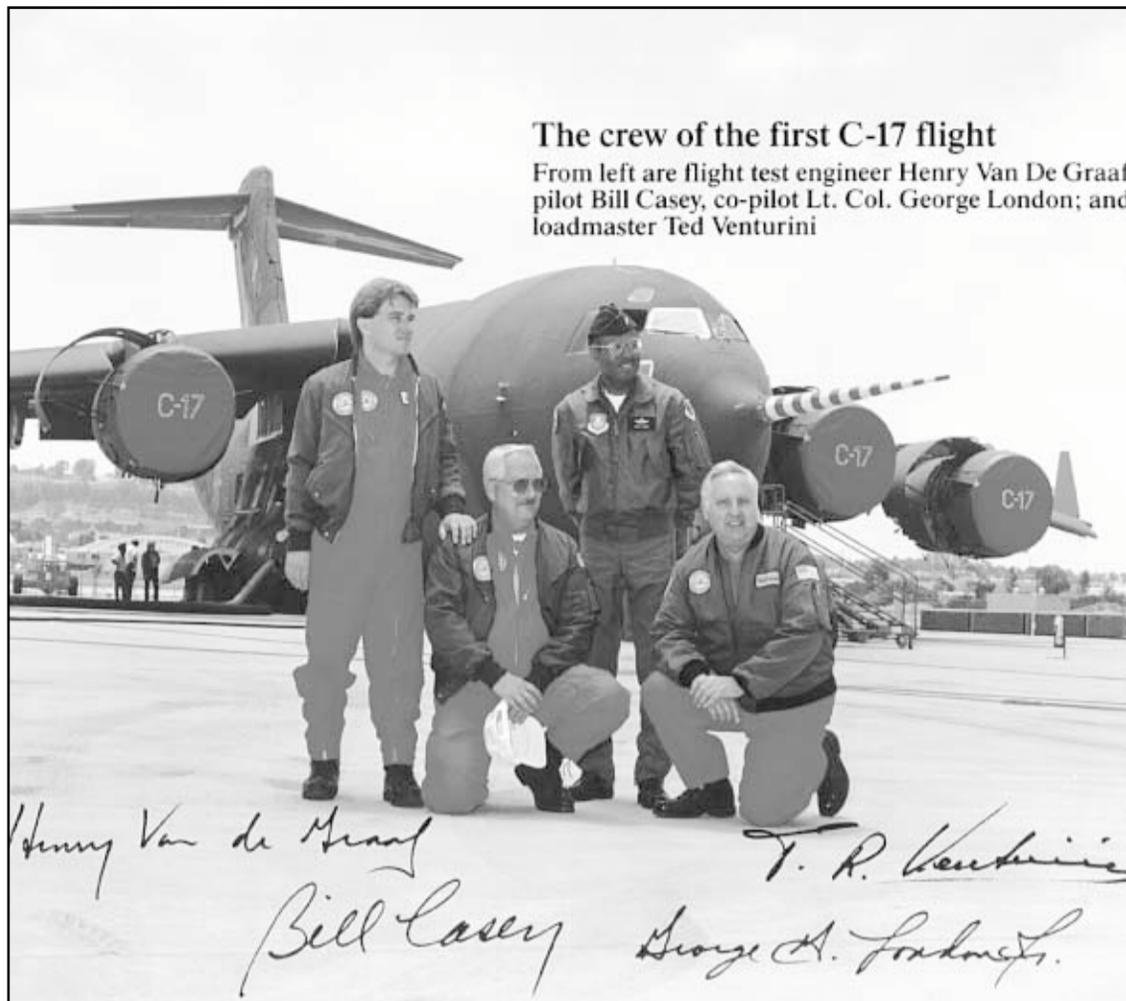
According to the CFC coordinator information package, a monthly payroll deduction of \$8 a month fully immunizes five children in a developing country, decreasing the chances they will need future medical care. A \$16-per-month deduction delivers two months of free meals to a

homebound senior, allowing the person to continue to live independently. For \$20 a month, a day of emergency shelter and counseling may be provided to five children removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect or violence.

"With past trends and contributions, I know for a fact Team Charleston can make a difference," Cornelius said. "There are 4,176 personnel working on CAFB. If everyone would give \$6 a month for one year, the base would exceed the \$284,976 goal by \$15,696, with \$300,672 contributed."

A CFC 5K race is scheduled for Oct. 30 and a golf tournament is planned for Nov. 30. For more information about the race, call 2nd Lt. Sara Fisher at 963-3612. For more information about the golf tournament, call Capt. Amanda Sheets at 963-4592.

"Please give," said Cornelius. "Consider from over 1,000 charitable organizations; your charity will appreciate your support." (Article contributed by the 2001 CFC committee)



The crew of the first C-17 flight
 From left are flight test engineer Henry Van De Graaf, pilot Bill Casey, co-pilot Lt. Col. George London; and loadmaster Ted Venturini

Courtesy photo

Happy Anniversary

Saturday marks the 10th anniversary of the first C-17 flight. The crew, seen above, flew from Long Beach, Calif., to Edwards AFB, Calif., Sept. 15, 1991. Since then, C-17s have logged more than 290,000 flight hours. T-1, the first flight aircraft, remains at Edwards AFB.

Oktoberfest Junior Enlisted Block Party right around corner

By Master Sgt. Dan Murphy
 437 AW Public Affairs

The third annual Oktoberfest Junior Enlisted Block Party will be held Oct. 19, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., in the campus area between the dormitories.

Food, drink and entertainment will be provided free of charge for E-6s and below. All others will be charged \$5.

"The first sergeants will be serving up a feast of bratwurst, hot dogs and potato chips," said Master Sgt. Matt Harless, 437th Airlift

Wing career assistance advisor and event coordinator. "Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be available."

Local radio stations and the band, Big Black Building, will be on hand to provide music and giveaways according to Harless. There will also be numerous door prizes available

throughout the day.

All junior enlisted personnel are invited and will be excused from duty at 11 a.m. to attend the festivities. Oktoberfest will be an alternate duty location.

"Supervisors are encouraged to make plans to allow as many junior enlisted to attend," said Harless. "This is the wing's way to say we care about our junior troops."

Games such as volleyball, basketball and horseshoes will also be available said Harless.

For more information, call Harless at 963-8004.

OKTOBERFEST

- Between Dormitories 473 and 466
- Food and beverages
- Live band
- Games and prizes
- Free admission E-6 and below
- All others \$5



Coupon not required

BOA

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bers to the contract. Understandably, the delinquencies have gotten to the point where BOA must now start enforcing the contract."

It's important for Charleston AFB members to seek help before BOA starts salary deductions, according to Lang. She said once BOA starts garnishing wages, there isn't much that can be done except readjusting budgets to make ends meet until the BOA bill is paid.

The best way to avoid salary deductions is prevention, said Lang. Unfortunately, the majority of delinquent accounts Lang has handled were caused by the cardholder using the money received to pay their Visa for other things.

Where to call with Bank of America card concerns

- Bank of America--1-800-472-1424, from overseas, call DSN 312-673-1110, and ask the operator for a patch to the 1-800 number
- 437th Airlift Wing representative--2nd Lt. Andy Grab--963-3693
- Finance Customer Service--963-3700
- Finance Customer Service fax--963-3780

"When the bill comes in, the money is gone, and the member can't pay their bill," said Lang. "Of course there have been extenuating circumstances beyond the member's control that prevented them from paying on time. That's the exception rather than the rule."

The last thing a cardholder should do is use the money intended to pay their Government Visa for other things, according to Lang. The cost of doing so greatly outweighs the ben-

efits.

"There's sufficient resources available to ensure a member's account is paid before the suspension date of 60 days, much less 90 days," said 2nd Lt. Andy Grab, 437th Comptroller Squadron Financial Services deputy commander and wing agency program coordinator. "When members are gone TDY for extended periods beyond 30 days, the split disbursement option is the way to go."

The split disbursement option is a

way TDY personnel can make payments on their credit card bills by receiving accrual payments while they're gone. Members wanting to participate must drop a copy of their orders to the finance office, or fax a copy from their TDY location, and write "ACCRUAL PAYMENT" on the top of the orders.

"After 30 days, you'll be able to request an accrual payment," said Grab. "Go to your deployed finance office and fill out a travel voucher. Have them fax it to Charleston finance. Specify how much you want sent to your Government Travel Card. Any additional funds from your accrual payment, not credited your travel card account, will be put in your direct deposit account."

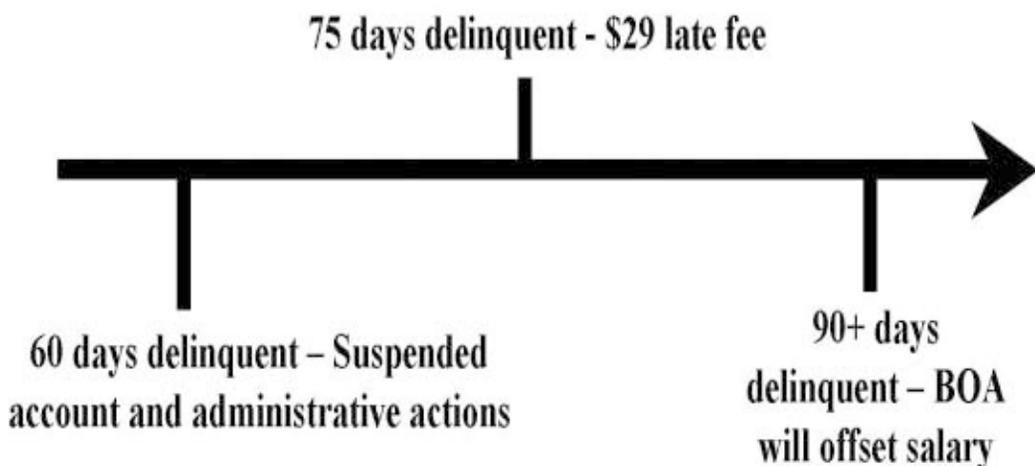
"If you can't fill out a travel voucher, just call Charleston finance, and they will take care of it for you," continued Grab. "When you return from your TDY, annotate the total amount of accruals you've received on your voucher."

Grab recommends calling BOA to check a card's balance before submitting a voucher to make a split disbursement payment.

As of Sept. 3, the total number of CAFB accounts more than 60 days delinquent was 65 of 3,333 active accounts. That's 1.95 percent. Grab said each squadron's goal is to keep their delinquencies below 1 percent.

The best way to prevent a problem with a Government Travel Card is to pay bills on time. If a situation arises, it is a member's responsibility to keep their supervisor and first sergeants informed of their intent to pay.

Delinquent Account Timeline



Fees associated with salary deductions include: one-time \$175 charge to cardholder consisting of a \$29 fee at the 75-, 90- and 120-day delinquent points, and a \$25 fee paid to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service

NEWS BRIEFS

Charleston Profile



Photo by Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter

Senior Airman Esther Jara-Oliver 437th Transportation Squadron

Senior Airman Esther Jara-Oliver is a vehicle maintenance control analysis technician in the 437th Transportation Squadron.

Jara-Oliver's job consists of scheduling maintenance, monitoring vehicle maintenance costs, reporting vehicle in-commission rates and analyzing vehicle maintenance trends, she said.

As treasurer of Charleston AFB's Hispanic Heritage Counsel, the Houston, Texas, native said she organizes fundraisers to support the counsel's functions.

"Our main focus is children," Jara-Oliver said. "We need to educate them on their culture, especially in a community like this where there aren't many Hispanics."

Though she and her husband, DeShon, currently have no children of their own, Jara-Oliver said she's enjoyed volunteering to work with children and now holds a second job at the Youth Center.

The Youth Center is the site of this year's first Hispanic Heritage Month event, a piñata party Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Jara-Oliver said the month's events usually have a good turnout, but those interested in the counsel should be involved year round.

"I think a lot of people would like to be involved but don't know how," she said. "During Hispanic Heritage Month we need more people to get involved and help out at the functions."

The representative, Tina LaChance, is located with the other colleges in the center. Limestone's next block begins Tuesday. For more information, call 963-7298 or 745-1100.

New hours: The new hours of operation for the 437th Airlift Wing Legal Assistance Office are Tuesdays 1-3 p.m., and Thursdays, 8-11 a.m. For more information, call 963-5502.

Supply: The 437th Supply Squadron Base Supply Customer Service Center is the point of contact for unit supply needs. The center researches national stock numbers, issues SATS cards and checks the status on particular items. For more information, call 963-4826.

GRE/GMAT: Military personnel are authorized to take the GRE/GMAT once at government cost, provided it's required for admission to a graduate program, and the approval has been documented in their education records prior to testing. GRE/GMAT testing is provided by a DOD contractor, Prometric Testing Centers, 1954 Ashley River Rd., Suite G, 766-5599. The cost of the GRE is \$105 and the cost for the GMAT is \$200.

Fraud: The British Ministry of Defense Police and the Air Force Office of Special Investigations are currently conducting an investigation into a company that rents vehicles to U.S. and other authorized personnel in and around the RAF Lakenheath, Alconbury and Mildenhall areas within the United Kingdom. This company allegedly may have charged for damage to rental vehicles, which did not occur. Those who have been defrauded may not know they paid unnecessary or unlawful fees. Those who feel they may have been subject to fraud should contact a local AFOSI unit. For more information, call Special Agent Michael Lewis, AFOSI Detachment 310, at 963-3248.

Volunteers: The Charleston AFB Retirees Activities Program is seeking volunteers to help in a number of positions working with military personnel in such areas as gate security, pharmacy staffing, administrative offices, medical records, etc. Those interested in volunteering do not need to have prior military affiliation. For more information, call 963-2228.

Family Support Center

Pre-Deployment Briefing: Monday and Sept. 24, 8-9 a.m., and Thursday and Sept. 27, 4-5 p.m.

Investment Fundamentals: Monday, 2-4:30 p.m.

Sip-n-Chat: Monday, 17, 6 p.m.

Mini Job Fair: Thursday, 2-4 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.

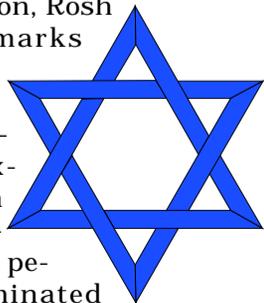
Spotlight

Retirement: The 437th Medical Group is hosting a retirement ceremony for Tech. Sgt. Christina Rogers today, 3 p.m., in the Bldg. 1000 classroom. For more information, contact Capt. Beth Fair at 963-6741.

Retirement: The 437th Logistics Support Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Junior Mathis Oct. 1, 10 a.m., at the Community Education Center. For more information, call Richard Hutchinson at 963-5980.

Around the base

Rosh Hashanah: The Jewish New Year period will be ushered in at sundown, Monday. The Holy Day observances will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday. According to Jewish tradition, Rosh Hashanah marks the start of a ten-day period of spiritual self-examination and repentance. This period is culminated with the observances of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement and Holiest Day of the Jewish Year. Jewish military members, their dependents and anyone else who wants to attend may attend services at three of the local synagogues. For further information call Senior Airman David



Winner at 963-8041.

TRICARE: There will be a special TRICARE benefit briefing for Medicare-eligible military retirees, 65 and over, Thursday, 10 a.m., and 2:30 p.m., at the base theater. For more information, call 963-6704.

Chiefs' group: The Charleston AFB Chiefs' Group will hold their monthly meeting Thursday, 11 a.m., at the Charleston Club. Representatives from Bank of America will address the group, and lunch will be provided. All chiefs and chief selectees are invited and encouraged to attend.

College registration: City Colleges of Chicago's fall schedule is available, and registration begins Monday at the Community Education Center. For more information, call 552-5959.

Finance: Effective Oct. 1, all incomplete travel vouchers will be returned to the claimant for corrections. For information regarding proper completion of travel vouchers, call finance customer service at 963-3700.

Education Center: Effective Oct. 1, the testing fees for CLEP exams will increase to \$56 each and the fees for DANTES exams will increase to \$35 each. The payment method for CLEP/DANTES testing is by money order or certified check only. Civilians authorized to utilize on-base programs may test at the Community Education Center. Testing for military personnel

will remain free, however, a military identification card is required. For more information, call 963-4575.

Base yard sale: The base-wide yard sale is scheduled for Oct. 13 at the base picnic grounds. Tables may be rented from the Base Consignment Shop, Bldg. 203, Graves Street, for \$10. For more information, call 963-3294.

OSA: Artisans and crafters are invited to participate in the Officers' Spouses' Association Arts and Crafts Show scheduled for Nov. 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Aero Club Hangar adjacent to Charleston AFB. Booths are \$25. For application or more information, call Christine Memi at 871-8604.

Best base: Air Force Times has implemented an awards program to recognize and honor the Air Force base that provides the best environment and opportunities for airmen and their families. Nomination forms and voting instructions are available at www.AirForceTimes.com/bestbase. The winning base will be recognized in the Nov. 19 issue of Air Force Times.

SAT: The Community Education Center will be taking registration for SAT testing Nov. 2. The test date is scheduled for Dec. 12. For more information, call 963-4575.

Limestone College: A Limestone College representative is now available at the Community Education Center.

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Devastating terrorist attacks mobilize CAFB

By Col. Rusty Findley
437 AW commander

The devastating events throughout the United States have given us all cause to remember the innocent victims of these vicious attacks. The United States has not been attacked like this since the infamous raid on Pearl Harbor. Americans will remember this catastrophe and its tragic consequences forever. The victims' families will be in our prayers.

Because of this incident, military bases worldwide were directed to go into Force Protection Condition Delta, our highest force protection posture. Everyone needs to remain vigilant and on the lookout for any suspicious activity. I realize these security measures caused some inconvenience to base visitors, but it is a necessary action to safeguard our people and resources. I truly appreciate the many long hours everyone put in, and the continuing effort makes me extremely proud of all of Team Charleston.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper and Air Force Secretary Dr. James G. Roche stated immediately after the attack that "our job is to remain ready, to set an example of strength for all America and to remain alert as we continue our global mission."

Team Charleston brought humanitarian support to the New York and Washington D.C. areas following the attack and will continue to fly C-17 missions as tasked by our headquarters. Now is a time to lean forward and be prepared. It is also a time to ensure we do our jobs safely, but with an even greater sense of urgency. I am proud of the way Team Charleston rose to the occasion and the way everyone pulled together as a team.

Because of these tragic events, we have postponed the Air Force Ball tonight. It is unfortunate but, in light of the recent events, the appropriate thing to do. A number of basewide events were also cancelled following these attacks and our higher force protection measures. It is a good idea to check now to determine if any planned event has been rescheduled or cancelled.

At Monday's staff meeting, it was my honor to present the Blood Drive Trophy to 1st Lt. **Justin Barry**, commander Detachment 5, 373rd Training Squadron, for donating the most blood as a unit during our most recent drive. The base donated about 100 pints of blood. Thanks to all who gave the gift of life. In light of the recent attacks, now is a good time to again consider donating blood.

I also had the opportunity to present a plaque to Master Sgt. **Janet Osborne**, 437th Transportation Squadron, for being the runner-up in the Air Force Times Airman of the Year Award. Congratulations on your achievement. Air Force Times is running another competition called the "Best Base" award. This award will recognize those bases with the best living conditions, concern for servicemembers' well-being and community spirit. Nomination forms are available on line at www.airforcetimes.com/bestbase. If you love Charleston AFB like I do, maybe you can cast your vote.

We received certificates of appreciation from the Air Mobility Command Inspector General recognizing Staff Sgt. **Noah Coon** and Staff Sgt. **Thomas Grace**, 437th Security Forces Squadron, for their performance as the Entry Control Point Team during the Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection, Crisis Reach 01-35, held July 31 to Aug. 9.

We welcome Col. **James and Stephanie Joyce** to Team Charleston as the new 315th Logistics Group commander. Jim assumed command Sunday. His last position was as the 439th Support Group commander at Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass. It's great to have them on board at Charleston!

We also recognized the Diamond Sharp recipients Tuesday. Diamond Sharp recipients are those staff sergeants and below who have gone beyond what is required and have impressed their first sergeants. Receiving



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Gary Coppage

A U.S. Army helicopter files near the site of a suspected terrorist crash of a commercial airliner into the Pentagon Tuesday.

honors were Staff Sgt. **Robert Bouchillon**, 373 TRS, Det. 5; Senior Airman **Scott Pinto**, 437th Aircraft Generation Squadron; Airman 1st Class **Thyese Brewton**, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron and Airman 1st Class **Matthew Harms**, 437th Operational Support Squadron.

The 21st Air Force commander, Maj. Gen. Nick Williams, praised us for our efforts during Large Package Week, which ended this week. We worked hard to ensure our objectives for the exercise were met while also meeting the Army's goals. Our maintainers achieved a 100 percent mission success rate, launching all 32 of our 32 aircraft. In fact, the combined C-17 and C-130 fleet launched 75 out of 76 missions for LPW.

A special thanks to Capt. Steve Dean, 437th AGS and Chief Master Sgt. **Vernard Cross**, 437th AGS, for leading our maintainers in this tremendous achievement. Planning things for LPW on the flying side were Maj. **Scott Tabor** and 2nd Lt. **Mark Cotton**, both from the 14th Airlift Squadron, and Maj. **Al Schwartzmiller**, 315th Airlift Wing. My thanks to all the maintainers and aircrews who made this exercise a huge success. We need to keep building on these successes. In light of recent events, you never know when we might be asked to apply these skills that were honed during this exercise.

Again, I want to close this week's column by asking everyone to remember those who perished during these attacks, and to remain focused on our mission and make sure we take good care of our people and their families to the maximum extent possible.

We'll be flying a lot, and we need to be safe, but obviously we will continue to generate those jets needed to do our nation's business. I could not be more pleased at how our people stepped up to the challenge. It is obvious that we are the premier airlift wing on the face of the planet, and we take care of business anywhere, anytime, 24 hours a day, seven days a week with the pride, professionalism and passion that's come to characterize Team Charleston throughout the world. Stay safe and continue to be the warriors that you are!



Off duty--Around town



Sports:

Summerville Speedway: College of Charleston Night, NASCAR Late Models, plus 4 NASCAR Divisions, bicycle, scooter and Mini Truck races Saturday, 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 871-8331.

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

Entertainment:

Live Music: East Cooper Concert Series presents pianist Lorna Tedesco and flutist Tracy Edwards Friday, 8 p.m., at Christ Episcopal Church, Mt. Pleasant.

Live Music: "1964," a Beatles tribute, takes place Saturday, 8 p.m., at the North Charleston Coliseum. Tickets are \$10.50. For more information, call 529-5050.

Theatre: The Charleston Stage Company performs "Fiddler on the Roof" tonight and Saturday, Sept. 21-22, 8 p.m., and Sunday, 3 p.m. Performances are at the Dock Street Theatre. For more information, call 965-4032.

Theatre: Charleston Underground Theatre kicks off its fall season with Paula Vogel's controversial and Obie-award winning "The Mineola Twins," tonight and Saturday, 8 p.m., Theatre 99. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students. For more information, call 853-6899.

Live Music: Blues Traveler will perform at The Plex Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Both reserve seating and general admission seating are available. To charge tickets by phone, call 866-866-9938. For more information,

call 225-PLEX.

Live Music: David Allan Coe will perform at the Music Farm Thursday, 10 p.m. Tickets are \$15. For more information, call 722-8904.

Events:

Swamp Sweep: Help clean the waterways of garbage and debris Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at Old Santee Canal Park's Interpretive Center, Moncks Corner. The event is free. For more information or to register, call 899-5200.

Scottish festival: Solo piping and drumming, dancing, clan tent and pipe band competitions, athletics, border collie demonstrations and live entertainment are all part of Saturday's Scottish Games and Highland Gathering, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at Boone Hall Plantation, Mt. Pleasant. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12. For more information, call 856-2206.

Bonsai festival: The Summerville Bonsai Festival IV is scheduled for today-Sunday at the Holiday Inn Express, 1-26 and Highway 17A in Summerville. This year's activities include free demonstrations, exhibits of bonsai, a special vendor sales area and more. A beginner bonsai workshop is scheduled for Sunday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., and costs \$65. For more information contact Ron Martin at 875-6567.

Lecture: Katherine Saunders displays slides and talks about Charleston's walled city Sunday, 3 p.m., at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. The lecture is free. For more information, call 577-7577.

Folly River Float Frenzy: Floats will be judged and prizes will be given for Best of Show, Most Original, and Wackiest Tourist Sunday, 10 a.m., at Folly River Boat Landing. \$10 entry fee. Mail entry fee to POB 1158, Folly Beach, SC 29439.

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

Terror hits U.S. soil

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
437 AW Public Affairs

The nation was stunned Tuesday following terrorist attacks that destroyed both World Trade Center towers and part of the Pentagon after four commercial aircraft were hijacked and used as weapons.

"Today our nation suffered a terrible tragedy. Air Force men and women, active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, responded immediately and superbly across the globe," said Secretary of the Air Force James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper in a joint statement. "From our medical professionals who saved lives in the shadow of the Pentagon, to our airmen who launched from alert facilities, we can be proud of our performance. Our job now is to remain ready, to set an example of strength for all America and to remain alert as we continue our global mission. Carry on."

Air Mobility Command leadership also responded to the attacks with



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Gary Coppage

A hijacked airplane crashed into the Pentagon at 9:43 a.m. Tuesday.

words of grief and praise for AMC personnel's response and readiness.

"Our Air Force has a long history of reaching out to those in need, and this week, in great sadness, we continue that heritage," said Gen. Tony Robertson, AMC commander, in a statement released Wednesday. "Tuesday, when America was struck by tragedy — you responded.

From transporting critical recovery teams and equipment to donating life-giving blood, as you have done so many times before, you made a difference.

"My sincerest thanks to each of you for your efforts," continued Robertson. "As your strength and vigilance helps carry our country through this adversity, please join me in keeping the victims and their families in our thoughts and prayers."

Charleston AFB members expressed a common theme in the emotions invoked by the attacks.

"Like everybody else I guess, I was kind of shocked, but I wasn't really surprised," said Master Sgt. Tim Lomas, 14th Airlift Squadron first sergeant. "Most of the spouses we spoke with reacted in a way that was a lot like when (John F.)

Kennedy was shot: shaken, then tears, then anger."

Another CAFB member thought the attacks were a wake-up call.

"The country as a whole has finally found out it can be touched on home soil," said Staff Sgt. Bart Craven, 437th Airlift Wing Safety. "War has been brought to us. Today's a new day. It's a whole different world. At first I was stunned, numbed and amazed; now it's pretty much anger."

Some CAFB people held their breath waiting for news of family in the New York and Washington, D.C.

areas.

April Liggion, wife of Senior Airman Robert Liggion, 437th Aero-medical-Dental Squadron, said her brother was taking a test in Manhattan, N.Y., where the World Trade Center is located, when the attacks occurred.

"It ended up he couldn't make it to his car and finally had to take a train to New Jersey," Liggion said. "He couldn't use his cell phone, so we didn't know. Finally we found out he was okay when he called our mom at 6 p.m. to pick him up at the train station."

The physical and emotional repercussions of Tuesday's terrorist attacks will live in the hearts and minds of U.S. citizens for years to come. The U.S. Air Force stands ready to support and defend the freedom of the nation.



Photo by Senior Airman Jason Smith

Senior Airman Michael Whisnant (left) and Airman 1st Class Patrick Forester (right), both from the 437th Security Forces Squadron, and Senior Airman Alvin Arguello (center), 315th Security Forces Squadron, check IDs at Dorchester Gate.



Photo by Senior Airman Jason Smith

Airman 1st Class Renaldo Dupree, 437th Security Forces Squadron, stands by to check restricted area badges at Entry Control Point 3.

CAFB CELEBrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Charleston AFB's Hispanic Heritage Council is holding several events in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15-Oct. 15.

Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Pinata Party at the Youth Services Center

Tuesday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Luncheon at the Charleston Club
\$8 for members, \$10 for non-members

Sept. 29, noon-6 p.m.
**Hispanic Film Festival in the 14th Airlift
Squadron's Valor Hall**

Oct. 13, time to be announced
**Banquet dinner and Latin dance night at the
Charleston Club**

For more information regarding Hispanic Heritage Month events or the Hispanic Heritage Council, call Master Sgt. Edison Velez at 963-2519 or Mario Acevedo at 963-2405.

SECAF sends hail and farewell message *Gen. Michael Ryan retires after distinguished career, Gen. John Jumper steps in to fill shoes, accept new challenges*

By Dr. James Roche
Secretary of the Air Force

The Air Force bade farewell Sept. 6 to a friend, an exceptional leader, and a champion of Air Force standards and quality of life. We also hailed on this day a new chief of staff, selected by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the United States Senate, to preside over the total Air Force team as our highest uniformed leader.

Gen. Michael Ryan dedicated more than 36 years of his life to our Air Force. He sacrificed much and succeeded at all he did along the way. Our grateful nation and our superb Air Force are the beneficiaries of his exceptional leadership, his focus on improving quality of life for all airmen and their families, his innate sense of excellence and his dedication to successfully transform us toward a fully expeditionary aerospace force.

His legacy is a bright and promising future for aerospace power and all airmen on the total Air Force team, including our active duty, Air National Guard, Reserve, retirees, veterans, and families. It has been an incredible honor and pleasure for me to have had the opportunity

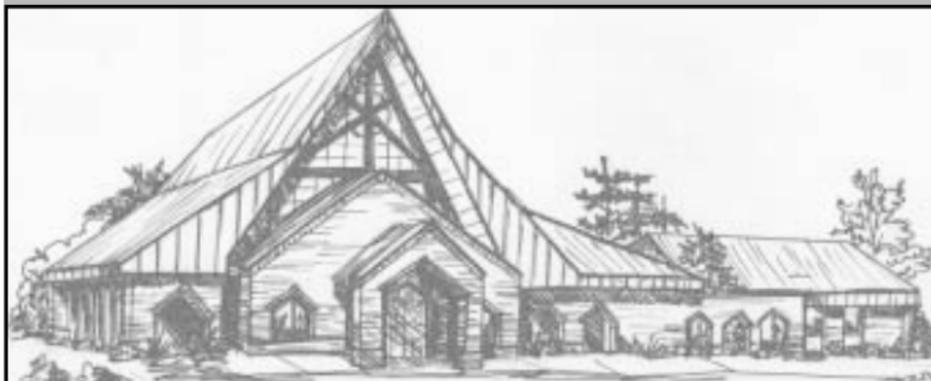
to serve with Gen. Mike Ryan. To me, he epitomizes the leader's ethics: my mission; my men; and only then, myself.

Gen. John Jumper, our new chief of staff of the Air Force, brings an impressive background and broad experience to the job of helping to lead our total Air Force team onward in this new century. Somewhat like Gen. Ryan's, his family ties to our service extend as far back as the Army Air Corps. His experience transcends both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, with more than 1,400 combat hours in two Southeast Asia tours, and two full assignments in Europe.

Having already proven himself a wise counsel and superlative leader at Air Combat Command, I am truly looking forward to serving with Gen. Jumper in the months and years ahead. Our bright future awaits. Together with everyone else on our team, Gen. Jumper and I will work to pilot the journey that will take us there.

On behalf of the total Air Force team, I bid fond farewell with profound appreciation to Gen. Mike Ryan, and congratulate and welcome Gen. John Jumper, our 17th chief of staff of the Air Force. **(AFPN)**

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. Phone: (803) 254-9048.

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

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

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

Movie schedule

Admission prices:

Adults/Children -- 99 cents

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



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

Today, 7:30 p.m.

"Osmosis Jones" – Bill Murray

Deep in the City of Frank (actually the body of construction worker Frank Detomello), Osmosis Jones is a white blood cell cop who has to team up with a cookie cold tablet to fight off evil viruses intent on taking over. Meanwhile, out in the "real world," a doctor is trying to diagnose what's going on inside Frank's body. **(PG) 95 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

"The Score" – Robert De Niro

An aging thief has retired to live off his riches, running a Montreal jazz lounge until he's blackmailed into doing one more heist by a young upstart. The unlikely alliance requires that Nick violate his most important rule: always work alone. **(R) 123 minutes**

Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m.

"Planet of the Apes" – Mark Wahlberg

In the year 2029, Leo Davidson boards a space station for a routine mission when an abrupt detour lands him on a planet where talking apes rule over the human race. The race is on to reach a sacred temple within the planet's Forbidden Zone to discover the shocking secrets of mankind's past and the key to its future. **(PG-13) 120 minutes**

Fitness & Sports

Karels corrals week one action; Swami not concerned

By the Swami

Pigskin Prognosticator

Randy Karels is the top dog for week one Swami action. Karels turned in an impressive 13-2 record beating out 10 others with 12-3 records. Karels is a big Vikings fan, and he has even made the bold prediction the Vikings will win the Superbowl this year. The Swami does not think that will happen if they play like they did against the Panthers. That was a huge surprise to everyone last week. Out of 73 entries, only one person picked the Panthers to beat the Vikings. That guy must be crazy. Most of the games were boring.

The Swami had a semi-rough week, finishing 8-7. At least The Swami beat out 22 others, including "cellar dwellers" Debbie Morillo, Anthony Komara and Beth Marvin.

There was a lot of trash talking going on last week. Some people from the 437th Aerial Port Squadron were not too happy with the Swami's comments last week and

decided to slam the Swami, except for Komara. A few of them actually had "lucky" weeks, finishing 12-3. They do not have a clue on what they are doing. "There is only one Swami and he is the ruler of the Pigskin Pickers," said the Swami.

Well, we all know the Swami gets the last laugh. It's early in the season; so don't get your hopes up. The Swami promises to be on top eventually.

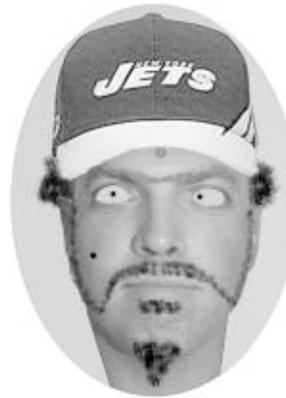
The Redskins should win one this week after the beating they took last week from the Chargers. One game to be sure to miss is the Detroit vs. Dallas game. Take the dog for a three-hour walk.

While the Swami is always hard on the Cowboys, he thinks Packers fans are just as ignorant. The Packers may win a few games, but the Swami is sick of bandwagon Favre fans. When it comes to the ladies, the Swami has moves that Favre can only dream about. Look at the Swami. Now look at Favre. There is no comparison on the grounds of beauty.

Week Three

Name/Phone #: _____

Comments: _____



"Why aren't Charleston AFB people as beautiful as the Swami?"

--The Swami

- Sunday, Sep. 23**
Baltimore @ Cincinnati
Buffalo @ Indianapolis
Carolina @ Atlanta
Detroit @ Cleveland
Minnesota @ Chicago
New York Giants @ Kansas City
Oakland @ Miami
San Diego @ Dallas
Tennessee @ Jacksonville
New York Jets @ New England
Philadelphia @ Seattle
St. Louis @ San Francisco
Denver @ Arizona

Monday, Sep. 24
Washington @ Green Bay
 Monday night total points: _____
 Swami's Monday night points: 26

Swami's picks are in bold and underlined.

Send your picks to: Swami@charleston.af.mil

Picks may be dropped at the Public Affairs office in Bldg. 1600, Room 224.

Picks must be submitted by Friday, Sep. 21, 4 p.m.