



Photo by Staff Sgt. Pamela Farlin

Turning the wrench

Airman 1st Class James Turner, 437th Aircraft Generation Squadron, prepares a generator from the engine of a C-17 at Moron AB, Spain, for shipment to be repaired. Turner is deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

NORAD CINC speaks at AFA chapter kickoff meeting Feb. 6

By Lt. Col. Ed Memi
437 AW Public Affairs

More than 300 people turned out to hear Gen. Ralph "Ed" Eberhart, commander-in-chief of U.S. Space Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command, speak at the kickoff meeting of the Charleston chapter of the Air Force Association in the Charleston Club Feb. 6.

The meeting inducted the new chapter president, Col. Dave Snodgrass, 437th Support Group commander; vice president, Col. James Joyce, 315th Logistics Group commander; vice president of communications, Col. John Hill, 437th Medical Group commander; treasurer, George Porcher; and secretary, 2nd Lt. Sara Fisher, 437th Security Forces Squadron. The event marked the first meeting of Charleston AFA members since 1999.

State AFA Chapter president Roger Rucker was ecstatic about the turnout for the meeting and mentioned to the crowd that the Charleston area has almost 700 members in the AFA, making it the largest chapter in the state.

"When I took over as president, my

number one goal was to get the Charleston chapter back up and operating again," Rucker said.

During the meeting, Rucker also presented awards to past chapter presidents Bob Strobel and Henry Scott for their efforts.

"One of our primary goals of AFA is to educate members of congress and those at the local level about the military," said Rucker. He added the AFA works hard on behalf of Air Force members to preserve benefits and advocate the effective use of airpower.

No stranger to South Carolina after serving three years as the wing commander at Shaw AFB, Eberhart added his praise for the AFA.

"AFA is older than the Air Force and is the largest such organization of its type," he said. He added that many of the pay raises and new weapons systems would not have happened without AFA support.

Eberhart praised Team Charleston for its many accomplishments with the C-17.

"The nation and the world have been watching, and the C-17 has set

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Air Force remains committed to AEF rotation cycles

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Dougherty
Air Force Print News

The combination of America's war on terrorism and steady state commitments worldwide has put increased strain on the Air Force's aerospace expeditionary forces. However, except for a few stressed career fields, officials at the Pentagon say normal rotations should be back soon.

"Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper is committed to the AEF construct — a three-month deployment with a 12-month period at home," said Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Kohler, director of operational plans, deputy chief of staff for air and space operations.

"Given the war on terror-

ism, we had to go through a momentary blip in our rotation schedule," he said. "However, it looks like we're going to be on time in bringing home about 90 percent of the people who are currently deployed. We will rotate the forces deployed for operations Enduring Freedom, Northern Watch and Southern Watch so that those who deployed first will be allowed to rotate home first to the maximum extent possible."

There are some exceptions, Kohler said. While Air Force leaders are working hard to come up with a solution, a very small number of career fields may not be able to rotate as scheduled, he said.

"We know that there are some stressed career fields,

such as security forces, combat communications and firefighters, that might have to stay a little longer," Kohler said. "But that's not to say that absolutely everyone in those career fields will be staying longer."

The deployment picture will start to come into focus by the middle of February when the Air Force begins scheduling for the rotation in March, he said.

"It might work out that only one or two unit type codes out of an entire civil engineering squadron might be the stressed career field," Kohler said. "We just don't know yet because we haven't gotten down to that level of fidelity."

The tremendous performance of the AEF in Operation Enduring Freedom is

what caused the stress on certain career fields in the first place, Kohler said.

"The Air Force is sort of a victim of its own success," Kohler said. "The reason we are stressed is simple — we do such a great job. We went out and set up these bases and started generating sorties as soon as we were asked. I think the results speak for themselves in the war on terrorism in Afghanistan. The (U.S.) Central Command commander in chief could not have done what he did without the superb work of all the airmen who went out and set it up."

To ease the problems the Air Force has in stressed career fields under current requirements, about 10 percent of the people will stay deployed

a little longer — some up to 135 days; others, up to 179 days, Kohler said. To cover the overlap, the second part of the solution will be to reach into the next AEF and bring replacement unit type codes forward about 45 days. Any reduction in current requirements may get the AEF cycle on track a little bit quicker, he said.

Another way to relieve some of the burden on deployed people is to find additional airmen who normally do not deploy and place them in an AEF library.

"This crisis has caused us to look a little bit deeper," Kohler said. "We'd like to be able to find people who we haven't originally had in an

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IN THE NEWS



CAFB Justice Files: November-January

Airmen lose stripes for underage drinking

Airman first class steals appropriated funds

Staff sergeant abuses government card, bounces check

By Senior Airman Geoffery Gunn
437 AW Military Justice

Article 15 actions

An airman failed to go to her appointed place of duty.

Punishment: Suspended reduction to airman basic and a reprimand.

An airman first class was under the influence of alcohol while operating a motor vehicle with a BAC of .13.

Punishment: Reduction to airman, suspended reduction to airman basic and restriction to base for 30 days.

A staff sergeant used his Bank of America Government Travel card on diverse occasions for non-official purposes.

Punishment: Suspended reduction to senior airman, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

An airman was derelict in the performance of her duties by negligently failing to verify information regarding proper discharge codes. This airman also wrongfully and falsely made a military identification card for a former military member who had been involuntarily separated.

Punishment: Suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$50.00 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

An airman failed to refrain from consuming alcohol while under the

age of 21.

Punishment: Reduction to airman basic and a reprimand.

An airman violated a lawful general order by wearing a tongue ring on a military installation and making a false official statement to a senior NCO.

Punishment: Suspended reduction to airman and 15 days extra duty.

An airman first class violated a lawful order twice, by operating a motorized vehicle on base while his driving privileges were revoked.

Punishment: Reduction to airman, a reprimand, restriction to base for 14 days, 14 days extra duty.

An airman first class stole appropriated funds in the form of housing allowances.

Punishment: Reduction to airman basic, restriction to base for 30 days and 30 days extra duty.

An airman first class was under the influence of alcohol while operating a motor vehicle with a BAC of .14.

Punishment: Reduction to airman, reprimand and 14 days extra duty.

An airman first class failed to refrain from consuming alcohol while under the age of 21.

Punishment: Reduction to airman

and a reprimand.

An airman first class failed to refrain from purchasing and consuming alcohol while under the age of 21.

Punishment: Reduction to airman first class and a reprimand.

An airman wrongfully altered and used a military Identification Card, with intent to deceive.

Punishment: Suspended reduction to airman basic, a reprimand and 45 days extra duty.

An airman first class failed to go to his appointed place of duty on two separate occasions.

Punishment: Suspended reduction to airman basic, a reprimand and 30 days extra duty.

An airman first class stole appropriated funds from his place of duty.

Punishment: Reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$307 pay per month for two months, a reprimand and 30 days extra duty.

An airman failed to go to his appointed place of duty on two separate occasions.

Punishment: Reduction to airman basic and a reprimand.

A staff sergeant used her Bank of America Government Visa Travel Card on diverse occasions for non-official purposes, was over 90 days

past due in the amount of \$1,418.83 and failed to maintain sufficient funds in her checking account for payment of a check upon presentment.

Punishment: Reduction to senior airman and 30 days extra duty.

Vacation actions

An airman first class's suspended reduction from a previous Article 15 was vacated for failure to go.

Administrative discharges

An airman first class was discharged for failure in the Alcohol Drug Abuse Prevention Treatment (ADAPT) program with an Honorable Discharge.

An airman and airman first class were discharged for Minor Disciplinary Infractions with General Discharges.

An airman first class was discharged with a General Discharge because of a military conviction resulting from a Summary Court-Martial.

An airman basic and a staff sergeant were discharged for mental disorders with Honorable Discharges.

A senior airman was discharged for Career Development Course failures with an Honorable Discharge.

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new records," he said. "We could not do what we've been doing without you and the C-17."

He reflected on how the incidents of Sept. 11 have altered our view on terrorists.

"In the 1990's, we were appeasing terrorists," Eberhart said. "Winston Churchill once said appeasement is feeding the alligator and hoping that he will eat you last. That is what happened in the 1930's (World War II), and that is what happened in the 1990's. But in both cases, this nation, this sleeping giant was awakened. The arsenal of democracy was unleashed.

"We decided to protect the skies of this nation and would not let that happen again," he said. "We are going to seek out terrorists and those that harbor them, even if they are

a nation state. It's like a tree. We are not going to go out there and top it or cut it off at its trunk, but rather we're going to pull it out by its roots. We will not tolerate terrorism.

"We have had continuous air patrols over Washington D.C. and New York, and other population and key infrastructure areas. We have protected the shuttle launch, the Superbowl, and we're about to protect the Olympics. This isn't the right way to do this mission. The right way to do this is with beefed up security at our airports, air marshals and locked cockpit doors. It's clear that passengers will not put

up with unruly passengers anymore."

As the visions of 9/11 fade, he said he worries some will lose their will for the war against terrorism over time.

"It takes organizations like the AFA, civic leaders and

those of us in uniform to remind the public how important this war on terrorism is," he said. "You'll have to remind yourself and your children as you say goodbye to them when you leave."

He added this will become increasingly difficult to do over time but urged everyone to stay the course and expect it to go on for a long time like Vietnam or the Cold War.

The AFA has recently begun its annual membership campaign. In a recent letter to commanders Gen. John Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, encouraged support of

the AFA.

"AFA and its members have worked hard to strengthen the nation's defenses by actively promoting and furthering the interests of the U.S. Air Force for over 50 years," he wrote.

Rucker also stressed the importance of AFA to members of the Air Force family.

"In the 1970's, there was no survivor benefit program for the Reserve forces and the Air Force Association started the lobbying effort to get it into effect," said Rucker. "It took an organization like the AFA to get it passed through Congress. The AFA Almanac magazine in May is something everyone in the Air Force should get. It tells you a lot about our Air Force." He added that just about anyone can join the AFA.

To join AFA, contact Snodgrass at 963-2200, Joyce at 963-2295 or Fisher at 963-3612.



Photo by Ed Kelly

Roger Rucker, South Carolina AFA president, looks on as Col. Dave Snodgrass, 437th Support Group commander and Charleston chapter AFA president, presents a Boeing C-17 model to Gen. Ralph "Ed" Eberhart, commander in chief of U.S. Space Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command.

315, 437 SFS deploy together for AEF tasking: Reservists help relieve high ops tempo for active duty

**Story and photo by
Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter**
437 AW Public Affairs

Two squads of 13 security forces members deployed to Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia, Feb. 8, fulfilling an aerospace expeditionary force tasking.

While security forces deploying to PSAB may not seem like breaking news, this deployment was different, with squads made up of both 437th and 315th Security Forces Squadron members.

"While reservists have been helping us out at home station since Sept. 11, this is the first time they've deployed to PSAB," said Staff Sgt. John Welch, 437 SFS unit deployment manager.

Welch said the most dynamic thing about this tasking was how fast they had to fill it.

"We received the tasking on Feb. 6 and had them out of here Feb. 8," he said. "Their original tasking was bumped up almost two weeks with less than 48 hours notice."

As far as the actual logistics of deploying both squads, Welch said dealing with both the 315th and 437th personnel readiness units made it a

"I really have to give credit to Senior Airman Eddie Meredith, my assistant," Welch said. "He was instrumental in getting these folks out on time. The 315th folks weren't on mobility status, so there was some catching up to do."

Fortunately, the Reserve squad recently completed training at Fort Dix, N.J., said Master Sgt. Richard Graves, 437 SFS superintendent of resources and training.

"We didn't send them over there unequipped," Graves said.

Capt. Kevin Stegall, 315 SFS commander, said he hopes the Reserve squad's involvement in this AEF rotation

cent high operations tempo.

"Hopefully our 13 guys give somebody else a break," Stegall said.

One military couple benefited greatly from the Reserve squad's involvement. Technical Sergeants Kenneth and Pamela Tobin, both members of the 437 SFS, were set to serve alternate AEF rotations, with one replacing the other at PSAB.

"I was listed on the team to swap out," Kenneth Tobin said. "Fortunately that didn't occur right away."

Tobin said he and his wife have been deployed in several exercises together, which can make things difficult

in part to the reservists, mostly volunteers, the Tobins may not have to spend 180 days at a stretch separated from each other this year.

Besides helping out their active-duty counterparts, the deployment gives 315 SFS members an opportunity to experience the "real thing," according to Senior Master Sgt. Terrell Stamps, 315 SFS first sergeant.

"Usually they're doing this for two weeks, and sometimes they deploy for 90 days, but it's not in an active-duty mode," Stamps said. "The benefits of doing this jointly with their active duty counterparts from the same base is training and deploying together. It better supports the Air Force Chief of Staff's teaming concept. It also gives them a better insight on the overall mission."

Since the Reserves were activated to augment active-duty forces here after the Sept. 11 attacks, having them around has become business as usual.

"It's almost seamless now," said Senior Master Sgt. Frederic Richardson, 437 SFS operations superintendent.

Welch echoed Richardson.

"It's like we're all one big team," he



NEWS BRIEFS

Spotlight

Promotions: The following majors were selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel recently: Brad Barnett, George Bumiller, Thomas Griffin and Edward Joslin, all from the 437th Operations Support Squadron; James Regenor and Gregory Schwartz, both from the 17th Airlift Squadron; Paul Dorcey and Thomas Szvetecz, both from the 14th Airlift Squadron; Robert Holba, 15th Airlift Squadron; Kevin Brewer, 437th Transportation Squadron; and Mike Pierce II, 437th Supply Squadron.

CGOC: The Company Grade Officers' Council recently elected new officers. Second Lt. Pete O'Neill, 437th Contracting Squadron, was elected president. Vice president is Capt. Stephen Cristofori, 437th Comptroller Squadron. The new treasurer for the group is 2nd Lt. Melinda Reeder, 437 CONS. Second Lt. Ron'dell Harley, 437th Operations Support Squadron, was appointed the group's public relations officer. The CGOC's next meeting is Feb. 22, 3:30 p.m., at the Charleston Club.

Around the base

OSA: Officers' Spouses' Association welcomes watercolor artist Amelia Rose Smith for its February program at the Charleston Club Thursday. Social begins at 6 p.m., with program time at 6:30 p.m. Cost

is \$6.50 for club members and \$9.50 for non-members. For reservations, last names A-M call 875-2505 and N-Z call 207-7379 by Feb. 19.

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

National Prayer luncheon: The 50th Annual National Prayer Luncheon will be held Feb. 27, 11:30 a.m., at the Charleston Club. Scheduled to speak is Chaplain (Col.) Charles Locklin, Air Mobility Command Chaplain. The luncheon costs \$5 for club members and \$7 for non-members. For more information or for tickets, contact a first sergeant or call the Base Chapel at 963-2536.

CSAF survey: The Air Force chief of staff wants to know what changes Air Force people want in their organizations, and what those people think of the leaders they work for, from the squadron level through higher headquarters. To find out, the Chief of Staff survey is going on now. Air Force members may go to <http://csafsurvey.af.mil/> from a government computer or to www.csafsurvey.com from a home computer to complete the survey now-Mar. 8. The process

NCO Professional Development Seminar

The NCO Professional Development Seminar, sponsored by the Charleston Top 3, will be held Feb. 26-March 1, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the Base Education Office, Bldg. 221. NCOPDS is open to any E-5 or E-6 who hasn't been exposed to PME for some time.

"Any supervisor can nominate one of their personnel by contacting me," said Senior Master Sgt. Dana Dibibar, 437th Airlift Wing aircrew training superintendent and course director. "The course will cover many areas like the enlisted evaluation system, NCO responsibilities, counseling, mentoring and an open discussion with all the chief master sergeants on base."

To register for the three and one-half day class please e-mail Dibibar at dana.dibibar@charleston.af.mil by Feb. 22. The class is limited to 25 people.

takes about 45 minutes to complete, and surveys started on the .com site must be completed on the .com site.

Ceremony: There will be a massing of the colors March 10, 3 p.m., Summerall Chapel, on the Citadel campus. According to a Citadel release, it will be a colorful, dignified, patriotic ceremony dedicated to the memory of those members of the military services who gave their lives to preserve the nation's liberties and to honor those who have served and are serving to ensure continued freedom.

Commissioning: There will be a Commissioning Briefing March 20, 10-11:30 a.m., at the Community Education Center. The briefing will be

conducted by Capt. Dennis Nuttall, Unit Admission Officer for AFROTC Detachment 772, Charleston Southern University. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 963-4575.

Project LINK: Volunteers are needed to mentor/tutor students at Brentwood and Alice Birney Middle Schools. The program is scheduled to begin in mid-March and will run through the end of the school year. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Pamela Smith at 963-3383.

Reunion: The 22nd Military Airlift Squadron reunion is planned for April 19-21 at Travis AFB, Calif. For more information, call Jack Bostick at (707) 425-3895.

Consignment: The Consignment Shop's hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday night, 6-8 p.m., and the first Saturday of every month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The shop is located in Bldg. 203, Graves Street. For more information, call 963-3294.

Limestone: Limestone College will have a representative on base every Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-noon, at the Community Education Center. Limestone offers a non-traditional approach to education. Classes are four weeks long, and students may start at anytime. For more information, call 745-1100 or 963-7298.

Family Support Center

Pre-deployment Briefing: Monday, and Feb. 25, 8-8:30 a.m., and Thursday and Feb. 21, 4-4:30 p.m.

Sponsorship Training: Feb. 20, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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

TAP 3-day Workshop: Tuesday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Educational Opportunity Counseling: Tuesday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mini Job Fair/Employers Panel: 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.

Charleston Warrior of the Week



Photo by Senior Airman Jason Smith

Staff Sgt. Chris Sabatini

17th Airlift Squadron

Staff Sgt. Chris Sabatini is a loadmaster for the 17th Airlift Squadron. The Forked River, N.J., native said his day-to-day duties involve on- and off-loading personnel and cargo from the C-17 Globemaster III.

Sabatini said the operations tempo of his duties has increased greatly since Sept. 11.

"We've been playing an important role in support of Operation Enduring Freedom," said Sabatini. "The C-17 has been the premier aircraft carrying Marine and Army troops and equipment in theater. It feels really good to have such a direct impact on the mission."

Sabatini, a recent Airman Leadership School graduate, earned the Academic Achievement and Distinguished Graduate Awards at a graduation ceremony Feb. 7. Sabatini said the awards meant a lot to him, and he was extremely honored.

"ALS was a fantastic experience," said Sabatini. "The quality of instruction mixed with my classmates' enthusiasm was incredible. I'm glad I got to be a part of it."

When he's not flying or attending professional military education courses, Sabatini said he spends his time going places with his friends and using his computer. He said he also hopes to finish his bachelor's degree as soon as possible.

Although he hasn't decided if he's going to make the Air Force a career, Sabatini said he will never regret joining in the first place.

"Enlisting as a loadmaster was the best decision I've ever made," said Sabatini. "I wouldn't trade my Air Force experience for anything."

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Safety down day emphasizes need for attention to detail

By Col. Karl Young
437 AW vice commander

Charleston AFB observed a safety down day Wednesday as part of the Air Force-wide day to reduce mishaps and refocus everyone's attention on the importance of safety in everything we do, especially when you consider the high operations tempo we're under.

"(We) have witnessed an increase in our mishap rates and it's time to pause and focus on what we can do to reverse this," said Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff.

In fiscal 2002 already, officials said there have been 13 Class A flight mishaps with five fatalities, three on-duty Class A ground mishaps with two fatalities, and 25 off-duty Class A ground mishaps with 27 fatalities.

Air Force officials categorize Class A mishaps as any incident that results in more than \$1 million in damage to government property or kills a person involved.

During the same time in fiscal 2001, there were six Class A flight mishaps with one fatality, three on-duty Class A ground mishaps with one fatality and 23 off-duty Class A ground mishaps with 20 fatalities.

The down day was designed for all to focus their attention on problem areas, historic trends and to use the principles of operational risk management to reduce or eliminate accidents. I appreciated everyone's effort to make our operations as safe as possible, especially when we're so busy.

At Monday's staff meeting, I congratulated the following airmen for receiving the Air Mobility Command 2001 Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Awards: Munitions/Supervisor-Manager category, Master Sgt. **Scott Hinebaugh**, 437th Maintenance Squadron; Munitions/Technical-Supervisor category, Staff Sgt. **Michael Pizzi**, 437 MXS; and Communications-Electronics/Supervisor-Manager category, Master Sgt. **Michael David**, 437th Communications Squadron. We'll have an article in next week's *Airlift Dispatch*.

It was also my honor to recognize Senior Master Sgt. **Harold Strafford**, 437th Supply Squadron, for winning the 2001 21st Air Force Outstanding Fuels Superintendent of the Year award. I also paid tribute to **Al Poirier** and **Laura Abell** of the 437th Services Squadron for another successful club drive that resulted in \$7,725 in new memberships.

We recently learned Charleston aircrew members were selected by AMC to compete at Air Force for several significant aviation awards. Maj. **Donald Himebaugh**, 15th Airlift Squadron, was selected as AMC's nominee for the Aviation Valor Award, which is awarded for a conspicuous act of valor or courage performed during aerial flight. Himebaugh was the C-17A chief pilot and lead aircraft commander of a two-ship formation during the first night of coalition action against Afghanistan targets, operating humanitarian combat missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

AMC's nominees for the Cheney Award, which is awarded for an act of valor, extreme fortitude, or self-sacrifice in a humanitarian interest performed in connection with aircraft, were Col. **Robert Allardice**, 437th Operations Group commander, and Lt. Col. **William Changose**, 14th Airlift Squadron commander. Both individuals were key to the successful accomplishment of the mission to conduct high altitude aerial delivery of humanitarian daily rations utilizing the unproven tri-wall aerial delivery system into a medium-threat environment to help feed the

starving, indigenous, displaced people of Afghanistan.

AMC's nominees for the Mackay trophy, awarded for the most meritorious flight of the year by an aircrew, were Changose, Himebaugh and crew, and Maj. **Stanley Davis** and crew. While deployed to Ramstein AB, Germany, these airmen performed the first-ever operational C-17A combat formation airdrop at night using the tri-wall aerial delivery system to deliver over 34,000 humanitarian daily rations to starving Afghan refugees.

Community support of CAFB was recently demonstrated again when the Girl Scouts of Carolina Low Country, Bluffton and Hilton Head Service units donated 24 cartons of cookies to the base Tuesday. We plan to use our first sergeant network to send the cookies to our deployed airmen overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. It was a very nice gesture by Girl Scout volunteer Pat Songer of Bluffton, S.C., to bring them here for our people. I know they will appreciate the gesture.

In keeping with the theme of Air Mobility Command's Year of the Warrior Spirit, the 437th Operations Group has assembled specialized four-person teams that can brief the public using a variety of colorful poster boards about what they did as a deployed warfighter. We've started scheduling this group of motivated warriors to speak in a variety of public forums.

As an example of one of those forums, we sent a team to the Air Force Association Warfare Symposium in Orlando, Fla., this week to provide briefings to the many contractors, general officers and other attendees. There will be hundreds of spectators at this trade show, and it is a unique opportunity to display the talents and accomplishments of our wing. The presentations are meant to be interactive and allow the public to ask questions about how we accomplish our mission and explain in detail the base's support of the war effort. We are presently looking to expand these YOWS teams to include people from all facets of the base, from the aircrew members to the many support specialties.

We hosted four members of the AMC LeMay Evaluation Team Tuesday-Thursday. The team will select the best AMC Services Squadron and was here to narrow the field to one base from the four competing AMC bases of Andrews, Dover, Charleston and MacDill AFBs. We'll know in a couple of weeks whether we'll compete for Air Force honors.

We'll have a ribbon cutting at our new 437th Security Forces Squadron Military Working Dog kennel, located next to the veterinary clinic behind the Outdoor Recreation

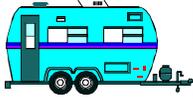
Center, Tuesday. The new 2,600 square foot kennel features two office areas, kitchen and break areas, eight 8-by-12 foot kennels and two similar-sized quarantine kennels for sick dogs. The \$493,320 facility is unique in that it provides a separate climate controlled environment for the dogs and their handlers. The new kennel is a big improvement over the old facility and even includes a new obstacle course for the dogs to train on.

Gen. John Handy, commander of U.S. Transportation Command and AMC, authorized a minimum-manning day for military personnel and a liberal leave policy for civilian personnel today. This is a well-earned opportunity for AMC personnel to spend time with their family and friends. As always, we'll have a robust capability to respond as needed as the war on terrorism continues. For those who can take the time, you've earned a rest and should have a nice extended holiday break. Keep up the good work!



Photo by Lt. Col. Ed Memi

Col. Karl Young, 437th Airlift Wing vice commander, presented a wing coin to Girl Scout volunteer Pat Songer of Bluffton, S.C. for donating 24 cartons of cookies. Senior Master Sgt. Janet Osborne, president of the base's First Sergeants group, will ensure the Girl Scout cookies, donated by the South Carolina Girl Scouts of the Lowcountry, Bluffton and Hilton Head, make it to the deployed CAFB airmen.



Off duty--Around town



Sports:

Stingrays: Monday, 3 p.m., vs. Pee Dee. For more information, call 554-6060.

Lowgators: Saturday, 3 p.m., vs. Mobile. For more information, call 554-6060.

Entertainment:

Theater: The Footlight Players present "Angel Street," a Victorian thriller, tonight-Sunday, 8 p.m. at James F. Dean Community Theatre, 133 S. Main St., Summerville. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for students and seniors. For more information, call 875-9251.

Theater: Eric Bogosian performs "Sex, Drugs, Rock and Roll," an acerbic one-man show tonight-Saturday, 8 p.m., at Theatre 99, 30 Cumberland St. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call 853-6687.

Live music: John Mayer, with special guest The Clarks, performs tonight, 10 p.m., at the Music Farm, 32 Ann St. Tickets are \$15 or \$12 with a valid college ID. For more information, call 722-8904.

Events:

Wildlife expo: The Southeastern Wildlife Exposition features thousands of paintings, sculptures and carvings, live wildlife and conservation exhibits, retriever demonstrations, food and more today-Sunday throughout downtown Charleston. For more information, call 723-1748.

Art reception: The opening reception for Leo Osborne's new sculptures and paintings, "Bronze, Wood and Feathers," is tonight, 5-8 p.m., at Martin Gallery, 57 Queen St. The reception is free. For more information, call 723-7378.

Canoe tours: Paddle 200-year-old rice fields in search of wildlife and evidence of the labors of enslaved Africans and African Americans Saturday, 9-11am, at Ravenel Caw Caw Interpretive Center. Cost is \$10. Pre-registration is not required. For more information, call 889-8898.

Bird walk: Join Seabrook Platt for an early walk at Dungannon Heritage Preserve Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-noon. Cost is \$5. No registration is required. Attendees should meet at Ravenel Caw Caw Interpretive Center. A chaperon is required for ages 15 and under. For more information, call 889-8898.

Health fair: Northwoods Mall hosts the Charleston Health Fair with booths and exhibits from health industry representatives Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., at Northwoods Mall. The fair is free.

Oyster roast: Sullivan's Island Fire and Rescue holds its annual winter oyster roast with hot dogs and fish stew available Saturday, 5-8 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 advance and \$15 event day. Attendees should bring their own oyster knife. For more information, call 883-9944.

Lecture: Dr. Elliot Engel leads "The Cold Genius of Robert Frost" Sunday, 3 p.m., at the Main Library Auditorium, 68 Calhoun St. For more information, call 805-6977.

Discussion: Photographic and image specialist Mike Coker leads "Charleston in the Civil War" Sunday, 3 p.m., at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Hwy. 171. The discussion is part of the S.C. Genealogical Society meeting and is free. For more information, call 766-7543.

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

In-flight kitchen prepares meals on the go

Story and photos by Capt. Beth Szucs
437 AW Public Affairs

Most people would cringe at the idea of working around their favorite snacks and sodas 12 hours a day, especially when preparing them for someone else to eat.

This isn't the case with the 437th Services Squadron In-Flight Kitchen. They take pride in serving thousands of meals to Charleston-based and transient military members and their families, 365 days a year.

On an average day, in-flight kitchen personnel put together between 100 and 300 meals, said Staff Sgt. Fedrick McBride, 437 SVS In-flight Kitchen NCOIC. This includes preparing box lunches from scratch for aircrews, prepackaged lunches for Space-A passengers and Meals Ready to Eat. The kitchen also serves members who are working on the flightline, such as maintainers and security forces troops, who cannot make it to the dining facility for their meals, he said.

"Most people don't see the seriousness of the flight kitchen," said McBride. "If you think about it, those pilots are getting on million dollar planes and if they don't eat, they can't fly. It's just that simple."

"The reason I think my job is important is because people appreciate the things we do for them," said Senior Airman Ron Greenwood, 437 SVS In-Flight Kitchen storeroom manager. "Can you imagine going on a 12-hour flight without anything to eat? Well, I can't and I don't want to."

McBride said his unit also maintains CAFB's supply of MRE's and water. This additional task keeps them busy especially when the base conducts ability to survive and operate training days or deploys for base exercises.

With only five people assigned to the unit, McBride said the folks putting the meals together work 12-hour days, two days on, two days off. This allows the kitchen to be open 24-hours a day, seven-days a week.

Immediately following the Sept. 11 attacks, said McBride, they were putting out 300-500 meals a day, including MRE's for aircrews headed to locations with no dining facility.

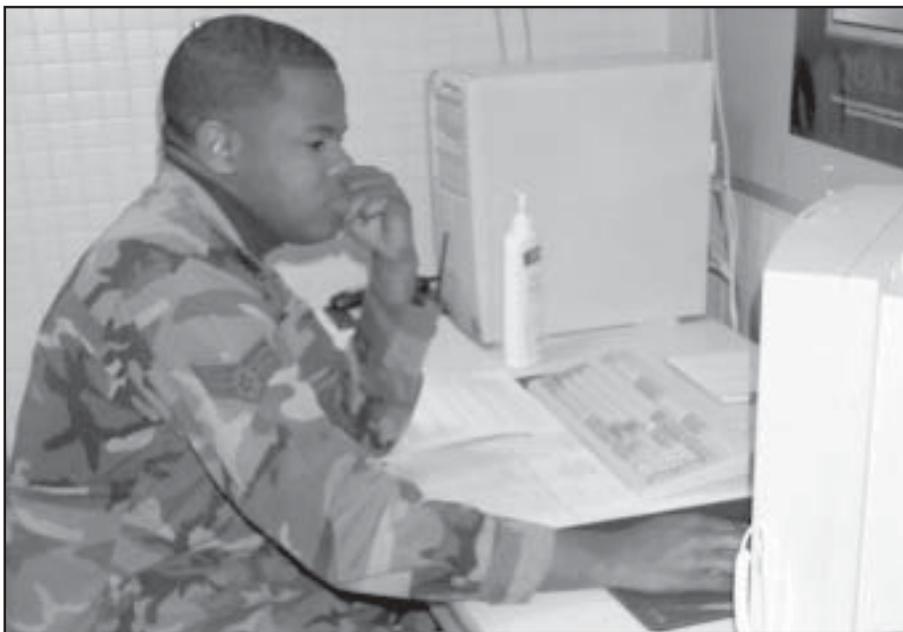
"They have been working extremely hard," said McBride. "Especially since the events of Sept. 11. They deserve a lot of credit."

Now, five months after the attacks, the kitchen has returned to its normal pace.

McBride also credits the 437 SVS for helping the kitchen out during the busier-than-normal times following the attacks. Two members of the kitchen will be deployed during the upcoming Air Expeditionary Force rotation, but McBride says they will either be backfilled with members from around the services squadron or with a reservist.



Airman 1st Class Christine Beaty prepares lunches for aircrew meals at the 437th Services Squadron Inflight Kitchen. The kitchen is back to averaging 100-300 meals each day after peaking at 500 meals a day following the attacks on Sept. 11.



(Above) Sandwiches are among the 21 different meals offered by the in-flight kitchen.

(Left) Storeroom manager, Senior Airman Ron Greenwood, maintains the in-flight kitchen food inventory.

437 AW airman claims Levitow

17 AS sergeant earns Academic Achievement, DG honors

Senior Airman **Jason Smith**, 437th Airlift Wing Public Affairs, earned the Sgt. John L. Levitow Award during Airman Leadership School Class 02-C and was presented with that honor at the class graduation dinner Feb. 7 at the Charleston Club.

Staff Sgt. **Chris Sabatini** from the 17th Airlift Squadron received the Academic Achievement Award and a Distinguished Graduate Award.

Senior Airman **Patsy Howard** from the 437th Aerial Port Squadron received a Distinguished Graduate Award.

Staff Sgt. **Jonathan Connor** from the 437th Aerial Port Squadron earned the Leadership Award and a Distinguished Graduate Award.

The guest speaker for the ceremony was Chief Master Sgt. Richard Woolverton, 437th Maintenance Squadron Fabrication Flight chief.

Graduates from the five-week course also include the following senior airmen:

1st Combat Camera Squadron: Nathaniel Smith, Elicia Summerville

15th Airlift Squadron: Brooke Carle

437th Aircraft Generation Squadron: Corwin Bartley, Kevin Cantrell, William Giles, Adam Slempla

437 APS: Michael Bishop, Warren Carey, Scott Eilrich, Darrell Lewis, Richard Nedrow, Jesus Sanchez

437 AW: Daniel Tischner

437th Contracting Squadron: Kaia Olbino

437th Mission Support Squadron: Angela Hawkins

437MXS: Christopher Anderson, Marcus Freeman, Edward Lawler, Ronald Smith, Derek Turnipseed

437th Operations Support Squadron: Kyle Hunt

437th Security Forces Squadron: Michael Kennedy, Dane West

437th Supply Squadron: Charles Anthony, Todd Novak, Jonathan Pogue, Jeremy Ridgway

437th Services Squadron: Shervon Greenhow

437th Transportation Squadron: Robert Cummings, Barry Rolland

Navy Consolidated Brig: Keith Grant

(Information for this article was provided by the Charleston Air Force Base Airman Leadership School staff.)

Black History Month events

The African American Heritage Committee has arranged several special events to honor Black History Month.

■ The 2nd Annual Ol Skool Jam is scheduled for Sunday, 8 p.m., at the Charleston Club. Prizes will be awarded for the best outfits. Admission is \$5.

■ The Black History Month Art and Essay Contests are going on now. Contestants will compete in their respective age and category (5-8 art category and 9-11 essay category), and overall winners will be selected. The AAHC will recognize the participants and winners at the Black History Month closing ceremony. To be considered, all applicants must be within the age range for their categories, submit an application along with the project entry to the After School Program staff at the Youth Center, and meet the application and project entry deadline of Feb. 20. The theme for the contests is "What Unity Means to Me."

■ A health fair, addressing issues affecting African Americans, is scheduled for Feb. 22, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, contact Airman 1st Class Celina Johnson at 963-6961.

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 963-2676.

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.

Tonight, 7:30 p.m.

"Ali" – Will Smith

With wit and athletic genius, with defiant rage and inner grace, Muhammad Ali forever changed the American landscape. Fighting all comers, Ali took on the law, conventions, the status quo and the war – as well as the fists in front of him. Ali both ignited and mirrored the conflicts of his time to become one of the most admired fighters in the world. **(R) 157 minutes**

Saturday and Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m.

"Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" – Elijah Wood

Frodo battles against the Dark Lord, Sauron, to save Middle-earth from the grip of evil. Frodo and the Fellowship embark on a desperate journey to rid the earth of the source of Sauron's strength, the One Ring, a ring of such power that it cannot be destroyed. **(PG-13) 165 minutes**

Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m.

"Imposter" – Gary Sinese

Spencer Olham, a weapons expert in 2079, awakens one morning to find himself accused of being an alien. On the run, and being hunted by Major Hathaway, he receives help from an underground leader. **(PG-13) 95 minutes**

Fitness & Sports

Air Force Academy football coach to visit Charleston area

By Lt. Col. (Ret.) Luke Howard
Former Air Force officer

Fisher DeBerry, Air Force Academy Falcon football head coach, will visit Charleston Feb. 26 to be the keynote speaker at this year's Fellowship of Christian Athletes Development Dinner.

The dinner, which begins at 6:30 p.m. at East Cooper Baptist Church in Mt. Pleasant, is an annual fundraising event for the local chapter of FCA.

DeBerry is the winningest coach in the Academy's history with a 135-72-1 record and has amassed 11 bowl appearances. Under his leadership, the team beat Army and Navy enough times, 28-6, to collect 14 Commander-in-Chief's trophies.

No stranger to South Carolina, DeBerry is a native of Cheraw, and a 1960 graduate of Wofford College in Spartanburg, where he lettered in football and baseball. Following graduation, he spent six years teaching and coaching in S.C. high schools before he returned to Wofford as an assistant coach. During that time, Wofford won 21 consecutive games and was ranked

number one nationally.

A nine-year stint at Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C., brought him additional recognition as a mastermind of the option offense. Former Air Force coach Ken Hatfield brought DeBerry in as a quarterback coach in 1980, and DeBerry took over as head coach when Hatfield left in 1983.

The Air Force message, "integrity first, service before self, excellence in all we do," is embedded into DeBerry's coaching philosophy.

"This is really the foundation of our football program. We try to build off the ethical code of the academy," said DeBerry. "Everywhere I go to speak, I always say that I am very proud to represent the Air Force Academy."

DeBerry is entering his 18th season as head coach at the Academy and has become as much a part of the AFA landscape as the Cadet Chapel or the "Bring Me Men" ramp.

DeBerry and his wife, LuAnn, are active in church, charity and community affairs. He has strong ties to the Fellowship of Christian

Athletes, which brings him to Charleston and this year's FCA Development Dinner.

The FCA is a nonprofit organization devoted to helping the nation's youth through ministry.

Anyone interested in attending

the development dinner and hearing DeBerry speak can contact Trey Campbell, Lowcountry FCA director at 971-1811. ***(Some information in this article was taken from the Aug/Sept 2001 issue of FCA Sharing the Victory.)***



Photo by Kent Cummins

Fisher DeBerry, head coach for the Air Force Academy's football team, is scheduled to speak at East Cooper Baptist Church Feb. 26. DeBerry is the winningest coach in Academy history, with a 135-72-1 record.