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Briefers tell 437 OG story

Team Charleston turns out for Warrior Briefing

By Staff Sgt.
Melanie Streeter
437 AW Public Affairs

Members of the 437th Operations Group told tales of warrior spirit during the monthly Warrior Briefing June 6 at the Base Theater.

The five briefers spoke about their personal experiences while deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

First up was Staff Sgt. Scott Eilrich, 437th Aerial Port Squadron Mobility Flight. Eilrich said the reality of war really hit when he was handed an M-16 at the location he deployed to.

While Eilrich was deployed, his unit processed 940 passengers and 1,800 tons of cargo, and helped move the

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Kaminsky

Warriors

Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Crossman, 437th Airlift Wing Plans, attends to the simulated wounds of Senior Airman Richard Guay, 437th Security Forces Squadron, during Warrior Day June 6 at the picnic grounds. For more on Warrior Day, see pages 10-11.

CSAF survey results show improvement in nearly all areas

More than 279,000 Air Force active duty and civilians spoke their mind about issues affecting their day-to-day work in the 2002 Chief of Staff of the Air Force Organization Climate Survey.

Results of the survey, which ran Jan. 22 to March 8, were briefed to Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, earlier this month.

"This survey provides me and leaders at all levels in the chain of command critical information on how we are doing in our organizations," Jumper said. "We plan to use these results to make our working environments better for all Air Force people."

Results of the survey were sent to commanders Air Force-wide on May 24.

"Once the commanders have the results in hand, they are urged to share the results with troops through feedback sessions, and translate the information into action," said Lori Marcum, survey team leader.

Marcum said a primary goal of the survey was to make sure commanders at all levels are provided the necessary tools to take advantage of this valuable information.

"General Jumper has tasked all commanders to brief the survey results to their personnel by June 30," said Robert Adams, wing management analysis, 437th Manpower and Organization Office. "We are currently putting the briefing together."

Survey officials took great care to protect the anonymity of respondents. Officials said this resulted in the survey having the highest response rate to date with more than 65 percent of the Air Force participating, almost double the response rates of either the 1997 or 1999 surveys.

"We had 2,285 respondents from Charleston," said Adams. "This included 74 percent of the enlisted personnel."

Overall, this year's survey results went up in almost all areas as com-

pared to the 1999 results. Participants rated questions from "strongly disagreed" to "strongly agreed." The highest-rated area was unit performance outcomes. Ninety-three percent of the people agreed they are getting the mission done and are doing it well.

The area rated second highest was jobs, at 91 percent, which indicates people find their jobs motivating, important, interesting and challenging, said officials. Only 72 percent of the respondents agreed about the adequacy of resources.

"Charleston exceeded the Air Force rate in all three of these areas," said Adams. "We rated unit performance at 95 percent, jobs at 92 percent and resources at 77 percent."

Resources and unit recognition are areas where the Air Force has historically not fared well; however, there is an upward trend in this the results of this survey compared with previous surveys. While resources were

rated low, when asked the question, "Do I have enough time," the rating is up from prior surveys, which is an indication work processes are improving. In the recognition area, 72 percent of respondents agreed they were being recognized — officially or unofficially — for exceptional performance by their chain of command.

In the unit leadership section, 78 percent of respondents agreed leadership in their chain of command influenced the direction, people and culture which officials say shows trusted in their commanders.

Supervision is typically evaluated two ways: managing resources and taking care of people. Most respondents felt their supervisors looked out for their best interests. In fact, 82 percent agreed their supervisors were proficient in the areas of skills planning, organizing, leading and providing feedback.

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COMMENTARY

'Safe mission accomplishment is my top priority'

By Col. Brooks Bash
437 AW wing commander

Thank you for the outstanding change of command ceremony June 3. I truly appreciate everyone who played a part in the ceremony. To the men and women of the 437th Airlift Wing who stood in formation under the hot sun, you are my heroes. Thank you for your dedication and commitment.

At the change of command, I spoke about three priorities. Those priorities are safe mission accomplishment, warrior spirit and taking care of our families.

My top priority is safe mission accomplishment. We are actively engaged in a war against terrorism. The fight will not be short, but more of a marathon. Defending our nation is serious business, but we must do it in a safe manner without injury or damage to equipment.

Significantly, this week we celebrated our 1,000th successful mission from the deployed 17th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron at Rhein Main AB, Germany. You can be proud of your contributions to achieve that milestone and can be even prouder of our overall safety record in that operation. We cannot afford to become complacent about safety; our mission and you are just too important.

A day off? Yes, we announced this week that July 5 will be a minimal manning day for our active-duty military members. Civilian employees are authorized liberal leave (i.e. annual, compensatory time, credit hours or leave without pay) subject to their supervisors' approval.

For most of our warriors, this day off will give you a four-day weekend and plenty of notice to plan for the Fourth of July holiday. But be vigilant, a long break can lead to an increase in mishaps. You get this day off, but only if you promise to be safe!

My second priority is that we perform as warriors in all that we do. Recently, I met Airman 1st Class **Brandy Skooflas**, 437th Security Forces Squadron, at the Arthur and Aviation Road security forces checkpoint and was incredibly impressed with her professionalism, infectious smile, and absolute love of her job. Her enthusiasm was infectious and reminded me of that warrior spirit every airmen at Charleston AFB should possess.

My third priority is that we take care of our Air Force family. If one of our people deploys for several months, I should not run into any family members who tell me no one has checked in on them or offered any assistance. Every squadron should have a robust program to take care of their families.

Prompt and well-written Officer and Enlisted Performance Reports are another way we take care of our Air Force family. We also need to mentor our younger airmen and provide them with the guidance and direction they need.

I truly believe everyone who comes to work wants to do his or her best, and that those who don't live up to our standards and expectations do so perhaps because of a lack of proper guidance and mentoring.

At staff meeting, I announced **Maj. Richard Williamson Jr.**, 14th Airlift Squadron, will receive the 2001 Air Mobility Command Flying Instructor of the Year award. He flew the first nighttime combat austere landing into Camp Rhino; he is one of our best pilots and well deserving of this prestigious honor.

I was also pleased to recognize the 437th Contracting Squadron for the superb management of the Small Business Award Program, which resulted in them winning best in Air Force and AMC honors. Accepting the AMC plaque was **Donna Barber** from the 437 CONS.



Photo by Ed Kelly

Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing commander, presents a Year of the Warrior Spirit coin to Master Sgt. James Kincheloe, 437th Communications Squadron.

My first few weeks at Charleston AFB have been truly exciting, and I have enjoyed getting out and meeting you in your workplaces. I plan to continue my visits to your work centers and hope that you will show me around and introduce me to the people in your work area. I like to jog in the mornings, so if you see me out and about, please say hi.

I am very impressed with the expertise and professionalism of Team Charleston. Most recently, our civil engineers responded to two serious power outages. In both instances, our civil engineers responded quickly and worked hard to bring the lights back on.

I was pleased to present wing coins to the following individuals for their help in restoring power June 2. Exterior CE electricians were: **David Hooten**, **Jeffery Williams**, Staff Sgt. **Darren Schenck**, Staff Sgt. **James Whitfield**, Staff Sgt. **Jeffrey Prish**, Senior Airman **Gregg Glinka**, and Senior Airman **Scott Schwede**. Power production troops were Staff Sgt. **Richard Pugh** and Airman 1st Class **Paul Villanueva**. On scene supervisors were **Billy Graham**, CE Exterior Electric Shop chief and **Ronald Wiggins**, CE Infrastructure chief. We also had extensive help from the 437th Transportation Squadron on-call mechanics Master Sgt. **Jim Hill**, Staff Sgt. **Donald Gworek** and Senior Airman **Jerry Yarrington**, who is currently attending the Airman Leadership School.

I also recognized a number of professionals who received the AMC Year of the Warrior Spirit coins at our Warrior Briefing in the base theater June 6. Receiving coins were Capt. **Jason Vitas**, 437 AW Plans; Senior Airman **Timothy Dube**, 437th Aircraft Generation Squadron; **Dale Cook**, 437th Logistics Group environmental manager; Capt. **Philip Lynch**, 14 AS; Master Sgt. **James Kincheloe**, 437th Communications Squadron; and Tech. Sgt. **Scott Reed**, 1st Combat Camera Squadron.

We have a noble profession, and the American public appreciates your sacrifices for our country. Keep doing your best, and I look forward to meeting many of you in your work areas in the upcoming weeks and months. Be safe.

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IN THE NEWS

CAFB clinic's pharmacy renovations complete

Story and photos by
Airman 1st Class Amy Perry
437 AW Public Affairs

Renovations to the Charleston AFB pharmacy were completed in early June.

"We have been working for a couple of years to try to bring the pharmacy into the 21st century," said Maj. Royce Terry, 437th Medical Support Squadron Pharmacy Services chief. "The previous design we were working with was good for filling 200-300 prescriptions per day. But we fill 800 or more prescriptions each day, and we felt crowded."

The pharmacy underwent three stages of renovation starting in November.

"The first stage was the construction phase, where we gutted the offices out to make more space," said Terry.

During their second stage, the Health Facilities Office from Air Mobility Command came to CAFB to assist with the construction.

"In the second phase, we installed the fixtures and developed the work flow to process prescriptions," said Terry.

In the last stage, new technology was implemented in the pharmacy.

"The new technology changes the

requirements for the patients; they now have to check in before they can receive prescriptions that were scripted by their doctor for same-day prescription pickup," said Terry. "We incorporated a lot of bar codes and digital imagery to insure the quality of the product we produce."

"We are trying to minimize human intervention," Terry continued. "If we take away the opportunity for human intervention, we can reduce mistakes in patients' prescriptions."

During the construction phase, the pharmacy doubled their access by adding three windows, said Terry. It now has three windows available for turning in prescriptions and three windows for picking up prescriptions.

Terry said two of the turn-in windows are for written prescriptions only. A technician inputs the written prescription into the computer and takes all the patient's information. The written prescription is then scanned into the computer. When that is finished, the information is sent on to the electronic counter.

The other turn-in window is for patients who just finished their visit to the doctor and are checking in to get their prescription, Terry said. After the patient checks in, a technician sends it back to the electronic counter.

Terry said after the technicians

tell the computer to go ahead with the prescription, the pills start automatically counting in the electronic counter. A technician then gets the label for each medicine and must scan it to be able to release the pills into the bottle. On the electronic counter technician's computer, it shows a picture of what the pill looks like so the technicians can make sure they have the correct pill.

From there, it must then go to the quality checker's desk to insure all pills are correct.

"When it gets to our checker, not only does she get a picture of the medication, but she also gets a picture of the written prescriptions and the name of the doctor who gave the prescription," said Terry. "They basically get everything on the computer that goes along with the prescription."

After the quality checker, the prescription goes on to the volunteers, who then hands it out, said Terry.

"Volunteers are what keeps us going," said Terry. "With our workload, we need two volunteers per shift."

Terry said the new system was the only electronic system to be approved by the Air Force, and CAFB is one of the first pharmacies in AMC to have this system.

"This system should be universal



Staff Sgt. Brad Fraser, a pharmacy technician at the Charleston AFB clinic, refills the electronic counter, which was installed during renovations.

across the Air Force within a few years," said Terry.

Team Charleston's new pharmacy can promote peace of mind, said Terry.

"If a member is deployed, and they know that (their spouse and children) are being taken care of, that's one less thing to worry about," said Terry. "Health care and health prevention is key to our fighting force, and the pharmacy is a large part of that."

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101st Airborne Division from Ft. Campbell, Ky.

"It's pretty cool, because the next day, you see them on the TV in Afghanistan," Eilrich said. "You know you put them there, by going out and doing your job."

Another member of the 437 APS Mobility Flight followed Eilrich onto the stage. Staff Sgt. Walter Hetherington told the audience about his experiences in Kandahar.

"We off loaded two planes every hour, all night ops (operations) using night vision goggles, which was pretty much the first time for a lot of us," Hetherington said. "We had been trained on them, but to go out in the field and actually use them is totally different."

After spending 14 days in Kandahar, Hetherington said he and two others moved around to various forward-deployed locations. The three aerial porters loaded 867 tons of cargo and 852 passengers before returning to Charleston AFB.

Next on stage was a member of the 437 APS Aerial Delivery Flight, Senior Airman

Joquin Chacon.

Chacon deployed to Ramstein AB, Germany, when the United States began its efforts to feed the hungry citizens of Afghanistan before the worst of winter set in.

"We delivered over 2 million humanitarian daily rations in 107 missions with a 100 percent reliability departure rate," Chacon said.

Chacon worked with Army Quartermasters to build tri-wall aerial delivery systems, which were filled with HDRs to be dropped in Afghanistan. It was the first time TRIADS were used to deliver humanitarian aid.

A loadmaster from the 15th Airlift Squadron followed the aerial porters on stage. Tech. Sgt. Gary Ferguson talked about his experiences in getting two Marine expeditionary units to Camp Rhino, Afghanistan.

Ferguson said the missions came as a surprise to crews at Ramstein AB in support of the humanitarian mission.

"We went into an intel (intelligence) brief ... and were shown a dirt strip in the middle of nowhere," Ferguson said. "He (the briefer) said 'There's a four-ship on the

way from Charleston, it'll stop in here to pick you guys up, pack your bags, you're going downrange. We don't know anything, but they'll let you know when they get here what's going on."

In eight days, Ferguson flew 64 sorties carrying 1,450 short tons of cargo and 481 passengers.

Last up for the 437 OG briefing was Capt. Pat McCoy, 14th Airlift Squadron pilot. McCoy took part in the initial airland night vision goggle operations for the C-17.

All told, McCoy said he's flown 136 sorties, 55 of them combat sorties, so far in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and he can't wait to fly more.

Following the briefing, Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing commander, presented YOWS coins to several Team Charleston warriors: Capt. Jason Vitas, 437 AW Plans; Senior Airman Tim Dube, 437th Aircraft Generation Squadron; Dale Cook, 437th Logistics Group; Capt. Philip Lynch, 14th Airlift Squadron; Master Sgt. James Kincheloe, 437th Communications Squadron; and Tech. Sgt. Scott Reed, 1st Combat Camera Squadron.

Savings bond campaign under way

The Charleston AFB 2002 Air Force Savings Bond Campaign is in full swing.

The campaign runs throughout June, and during that time, unit savings bond program officers are available to answer questions and help military and civilian members sign up.

"It's an excellent, easy opportunity for people to start a safe savings plan while helping boost our nation's economy," said John Lowrance, the Air Force's savings bond campaign coordinator.

To make purchasing bonds even easier, people can get them through the Payroll Deduction Plan.

"You can pay yourself first and never even see the money because it comes directly out of your check," said Lowrance.

Squadrons have appointed points of contact for the program

"The squadron POC should make personal contact with each member," said 2nd Lt. Lara Kalin-Cristofori, CAFB's savings bond coordinator. "The POC has handouts and the forms to start the allotment."

Kalin-Cristofori said there are many advantages to the program.

"It's an easy way to make money with just a few dollars a month of investment," said Kalin-Cristofori. "They're affordable, only \$25 can get you started, and they're convenient, competitive, safe and secure. They are state and local tax exempt."

For additional information on the I and EE Bonds, redemption values and yields, visit the Treasury Department Web page at <http://www.savingsbonds.gov> or the Air Force's 2002 Savings Bond Campaign Web page.

(AFPN, Airman 1st Class Amy Perry, 437 AW Public Affairs also contributed to this article)

IN THE NEWS

2002 Claims Conference comes to CAFB

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

Claims personnel from bases up and down the East Coast and as far away as Germany attended the 2002 Claims Conference here June 4-7

According to Capt. Karen Hennigan, 437th Airlift Wing claims officer, the conference is a spin-off from the annual claims conference, held at Maxwell AFB, Ala., in February.

"The annual conference is more for new claims officers," Hennigan said. "The two mini-conferences are for claims experts, officers and paralegals with at least three months in claims. It's made up of smaller groups, and there are a lot of hands-on exercises."

The other mini-conference will serve the area west of the Mississippi River, according to Hennigan, and is scheduled to be held at Dyess AFB, Texas.

"This is really valuable," Hennigan said. "The people with experience in this area really are a valuable resource. To sit down and exchange ideas on issues, the cross feed of information, is important."

The conference featured discussions and seminars on personal claims, carrier recovery claims, tort litigation and the Armed Forces Claims



Paul Cormier, chief of aerospace law for the Air Force Legal Services Agency Torts Branch, and Frances Adams, chief of international law for the same agency, speak at the Community Education Center during the 2002 Claims Conference.

Information Management System.

Hennigan said it's also important for claims personnel at the base level to interact with headquarters' personnel.

Staff Sgt. James Conger, a claims specialist from Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, agreed with Hennigan.

"It's a great experience," Conger said. "The best thing is getting the latest information and also meeting other claims personnel. Their insight and war stories help you look at things from a different perspective."

One claims specialist traveled quite a distance to attend the conference.

"There's always a lot of new information," said Staff Sgt. Collis Stanley, 52nd Fighter

Wing, Spangdahlem AB, Germany. "We're always learning something new. It's a must keep."

Stanley said though the weather here was hot, he was having a great time enjoying the Charleston area.

According to Hennigan, the paralegals in the 437 AW Judge Advocate Office worked very hard to help the attendees see more than just the inside of the Community Education Center, where the conference was held.

"The paralegals here did so much work, from giving people rides to and from the airport to taking them downtown and back," Hennigan said.

Approximately 60 people attended this year's conference, according to Hennigan.

SURVEY

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In the general satisfaction section area, 75 percent of respondents agree they receive a sense of accomplishment and personal fulfillment from the work they do and from the environment that surrounds them.

Survey responses showed little difference between home station or deployed units in key measures such as unit performance perceptions, general satisfaction and characteristics, which motivate people to go above and beyond the job without official rewards and recognition. Also, there was little difference in these measures between deployed areas of responsibility.

The historical section asked respondents who were assigned to the same unit when the 1999 survey results were released if their leaders used 1999 survey results in a positive way. Forty-one percent agreed the results were used in a positive way; however, 43 percent did not know and 16 percent said results were not used positively.

"The goal is for commander's to use the results to improve their organization," said Adams. "By using survey analysis, feedback and action this should improve each organization."

To ensure accurate analysis of the survey data, the Air Force Manpower and Innovation Agency's survey team worked with experts in the developing aerospace leaders office and department for management at the U.S. Air Force Academy for statistical advice and for reliable question set assistance.

Further analysis showed higher ratings in all outcomes for units in which leaders provided feedback to their people; however, providing feedback alone does not create higher results, said officials. They said data indicates leaders who listened and implemented ideas and suggestions tended to have higher performing units, more satisfied people and people who are willing to go above and beyond the job without official rewards and recognition.

(AFPN. Master Sgt. Dan Murphy, 437 AW Public Affairs, also contributed to this article.)

Reservist saves life

By Austin Light
315 AW Public Affairs

It is Tuesday, June 4. Tech. Sgt. John Buckner, chief of personnel relocations, is not at work today; instead, he is at home, anxiously awaiting the arrival of a repairman.

"Late as usual," Buckner says to himself as he waits in Shannon Woods Park, across the street from his house, watching the kids play in the pool a few yards away.

Time rolls by, and the clock strikes 1 p.m. as the repairman finally turns into Buckner's drive way. Buckner leaves his park bench to meet the man. Before the men are even done greeting each other they are interrupted by a young boy frantically asking for help; his friend is drowning in the pool.

Buckner drops what he is doing and runs to the pool. After catching sight of the young Hispanic man floating face down in the water, Buckner quickly takes off his shoes and shirt and jumps into the pool.

"I don't have a lot of swimming experience," Buckner said later, "so I knew I couldn't pull him out by myself."

So he picks up the pool scooper and pulls the young man over to the side of the pool and hoists him out of the water.

"He wasn't breathing, so I called 911 and started CPR," said Buckner.

But despite resuscitation, the man still isn't breathing, and Buckner notices blood and water are coming out of his nose.

The repairman, who is on the phone with the emergency operator, tells Buckner to turn the man on his stomach and massage his back. Buckner does as he is told and after a few seconds, the man takes in a deep breath. Just then the paramedics arrive and take him to the hospital.

The 18-year-old young man was taken to Medical University of South Carolina, and he is doing fine now.

Days later Buckner is still shocked at what he did.

"It took a while to sink in...all I remember is his face when I pulled him out and the adrenaline pumping in my body as I started CPR," said Buckner. "God put me in the right place at the right time."

DeCA announces local scholarship winners

By Bonnie J. Powell
DeCA

The Scholarships for Military Children program is scoring a 4.0 in its sophomore year. Five hundred and twenty military children have earned \$1,500 scholarships worldwide to help them "combat" the higher cost of education in the fall of 2002.

"I'm delighted to announce that the number of scholarships going to outstanding students in 2002 exceeds last year's total by 30 percent," said Maj. Gen. Robert Courter Jr., Defense Commissary Agency director. "We couldn't be happier with the positive response to the program, the growth of the program, and the caliber of both the applicants and recipients."

The Charleston AFB community turned out to participate in the scholarship program, according to Eddie Williams, CAFB Commissary store director.

"The community was really enthusiastic about the scholarship program," said Williams.

CAFB Commissary scholarship recipients are David Skinner of North Charleston, the son of Retired Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Skinner and his wife, Elisabeth; and Amber Allardice of Charleston, daughter of Col. Robert Allardice, and his wife, Susan. The Allardices recently moved to McChord AFB, Wash.

Skinner is a graduate of Garrett Academy of Technology and is planning to attend Clemson University in the fall. Allardice is a graduate of Academic Magnet High School and is also planning to attend Clemson University in the fall.

The students will receive certificates in honor of their selection as Defense Commissary Agency/Fisher House Foundation scholars during a ceremony for the event June 18, 11 a.m., at the Commissary.

The local scholarship sponsor is Uncle Ben's. The Scholarships for Military Children program made its debut in 2001, awarding 400 scholarships to graduating high school or college-enrolled students in four-year degree programs.

NEWS BRIEFS

Charleston Warrior of the Week



Photo by Airman 1st Class Amy Perry

Airman 1st Class Tanya Felix 437th Aerial Port Squadron

Airman 1st Class Tanya Felix is a 437th Aerial Port Squadron air freight cargo processing technician.

"I process cargo, build pallets and help load the planes," said Felix.

The Labrador, Canada, native has spent most of her life with the Air Force. Her father, Capt. Jay Washington, is also stationed at Charleston AFB as a 14th Airlift Squadron pilot. Felix knew her family would be stationed at CAFB, so while she was in technical school, she swapped assignments with a fellow airman to be stationed with them.

"One of my favorite things to do is to hang out with my family," said Felix.

Felix is married to Stefan, 22, a prior Air Force enlisted member.

Felix was deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in November and December, and said she had a lot of fun.

"My husband was in Kuwait also, just at another base," said Felix. "I had a blast. I think I'm the only one who had fun over there."

Felix also enjoys working out, swimming and going to the beach.

"The favorite part of my job is the people I work with," said Felix. "They're fun, everyone gets along real well and it's a good shift."

Family Support Center. A pot-luck supper and stamping party are planned. Cost for supplies is \$2. RSVP to Marcia Lytton by June 23 at 760-6892.

AFSA: The Air Force Sergeants Association meets the second Tuesday of every month, 4 p.m., in the Charleston Club's Daedalium Room. For more information about AFSA, or to learn about its members-only services, go to www.AFSAHQ.org.

ACSC seminar: The Community Education Center is now seeking eligible candidates (major-selects and above in all service components and GM/GS-11s and above) for the Air Command and Staff College seminar program. The seminar begins in early August and concludes in June 2003. Members meet once a week for a three-hour session. Enrollment by June 30 is encouraged to ensure receipt of course materials prior to seminar activation. In addition to the traditional seminar, ACSC will provide eligible candidates with a Cyber Seminar program. For more information, contact the CEC at 963-4578.

DCAO: The Department of Defense now offers a Debt Collections Assistance Officer Program to help TRICARE beneficiaries resolve their TRICARE-related bills that have been turned over to a collection agency. Under this program, the DCAO located at each military treatment facility and TRICARE lead-agent office will be the single point of contact for TRICARE beneficiaries who need assistance with their overdue TRICARE accounts. For more information, contact the local TRICARE Service Center at 740-5660, or the DCAO at the clinic at 963-6901.

Family Support Center

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

Thrift Savings Plan Briefing: Wednesday, 8:30-10 a.m.

Families and Divorce: Wednesday, 1-2:30 p.m.

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Spotlight

Retirement: The 437th Comptroller Squadron will host a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. John Griffin Thursday, 3 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Ed Lawson at 963-3776.

Change of Command: The 437th Supply Squadron will host a change of command June 26, 9:30 a.m., at the Charleston Club, when Maj. Harold Bugado will become the new squadron commander. For more information, call Capt. Jason Nulton at 963-4815.

Retirement: The 437th Civil Engineer Squadron will host a retirement ceremony for Senior Master Sgt. Karl Nichols June 28, 8 a.m., at the base flag pole. For more information, call Master Sgt. Michael Garrou at 963-5015.

Around the base

AAHC: The African American Heritage Council is holding a membership drive during June and July. The council will meet Wednesday, July 12 and 24, 11:30 a.m., in the Wings Bar at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Denese Bellamy at 963-2262 or Tech. Sgt. Steven Beasley at 963-5082.

Closure: A portion of North O'Neal Avenue will be closed, from the entrance of the Youth Center to the stop sign at Lawson Drive, from 8 a.m. today and will reopen for traffic at 6 a.m. Monday. The alternate route to access this area will be from Hill

Boulevard to West Jackson Drive to Batson Drive to Gross Avenue, which goes back to North O'Neal Avenue. For more information, call Will Coker at 963-4961.

Red Cross training: Red Cross Medical Assistant Training Program classes are scheduled to begin June 24. The program is open to family members of active-duty and retired military personnel. The six-month course requires five-days per week attendance. Attendees will learn practical and on-the-job training about obtaining vital signs, interviewing patients and assisting with invasive procedures, to name a few. Applications are available at the Family Practice Clinic and must be submitted by Monday. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Karen Smith at 963-6714 or Master Sgt. Noble Lisenbee at 963-6780.

Briefings: The Community Education Center will begin offering commissioning briefings on a monthly basis effective Tuesday. The briefings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. The primary purpose of the briefings is to give airmen enough information to make an informed decision on which commissioning program works best for them. Attendance is mandatory prior to making a commissioning appointment with the guidance counselor. For more information, call the CEC at 963-4575.

Chiefs' Group: The Charleston AFB Chiefs' Group will hold its 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 eligible to attend.

First Six: The First Six Association will meet Thursday, 2 p.m., at the Charleston Club's Lowcountry Café. Pizza and soda will be served. For more information, contact Senior Airman Heather Reid at 963-5549.

Chamber of Commerce: The Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce is hosting June Business After Hours Thursday, 5:30-7 p.m., at Sticky Fingers in North Charleston. Business After Hours is a chance to meet friends and network. This month, the Chamber is extending a special invitation to area military personnel and is dedicating the meeting to showing appreciation to the military. Cost is \$7, or \$5 of military members with a valid ID. For more information, or to make reservations, call 577-2510, ext. 2212. Space is limited, so all wishing to attend are asked to make reservations.

Prostate screening: A prostate cancer screening day is scheduled for June 21, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at the Urology Clinic on the fifth floor of Naval Hospital Charleston. All male active duty members and retirees over age 45 are eligible to attend. The screening is by appointment only. To schedule a screening, call 743-7252.

ESC: The Enlisted Support Club will meet June 25, 6:30 p.m., at the

AROUND THE AIR FORCE

Rumsfeld in Middle East: war on terrorism not 'easy, quick fix'

By 1st Lt. Johnny Rea
379 AEW Public Affairs

Ridding the world of terrorism is a campaign that will not be won anytime soon, according to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

"We have to recognize that those states that are harboring terrorists — and facilitating and encouraging them — are problems for us equal to the terrorist network problem," Rumsfeld said during a troop call for several hundred U.S. servicemembers deployed to Al Udeid AB, Qatar. "It is not going to be an easy, quick win."

Rumsfeld's visit to Al Udeid was part of a 10-day trip to Southwest Asia, Europe and the Middle East. It was his first trip to Qatar as the secretary of defense.

"We've been very successful in Afghanistan, as you all know," he said. "It's been a wonderful thing to see the faces on the Afghan people who have been liberated and are able to play music, take off their burqahs, fly kites and go to school, and go to work. For a country that has had such a terrible time these many years to suddenly be free, this has to make all of you that have been involved feel very, very good about it."

The 379th Air Expeditionary Wing at Al Udeid is one of the largest units in the region with a number of sup-

port and operational functions. The wing currently flies KC-10 Extenders and KC-135 Stratotankers in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. More than 220 million pounds — about half of all the fuel off-loaded over Afghanistan — has been delivered from 379th AEW tankers.

"The task will be a long one," Rumsfeld said. "And it's not the kind of thing where there's a set peace battle and you either win it or lose it. We're going to have to stay at the terrorists wherever they are, find them and loot them out. But we'll win it, let there be no doubt. It started in Afghanistan, but it won't end there."

He said the United States knows there are hundreds of well-trained terrorists located in up to 60 nations around the globe.

"They're hard to find," Rumsfeld said. "They're hiding in caves and tunnels, they're hiding in cities and villages. They're on the move, blending into the communities and yet today, the reality is they have access to enormously powerful weapons and capabilities."

Those capabilities will likely someday include weapons of mass destruction, Rumsfeld said.

"We don't know when it will happen, but we do know the terrorists' networks are actively seeking weapons of mass destruction, and we have all kinds of intelligence that con-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Danielle Upton
Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld shakes hands with servicemembers during a troop call Tuesday at Al Udeid AB, Qatar. Hundreds of personnel deployed to Al Udeid in support of Operation Enduring Freedom attended.

firms that," he said. "And at that point you're not talking about thousands, you're talking about tens of thousands of people killed. So we have a big task and it is so serious a task that it brings a sense of urgency to each of us."

The secretary thanked the desert-clad audience for their dedication and participation in OEF.

"What you're doing on the global

war on terrorism is enormously important," he said. "You play a key role. You are separated from families for long periods. We recognize that your families also serve. And our country is enormously fortunate to have each of you. You have my respect and admiration for all you do, and I know that I can speak for the American people and express their gratitude as well."

Bomb plot highlights WMD dangers

By Jim Garamone
American Forces
Press Service

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said today the capture of an al Qaeda terrorist highlights the dangers posed by the whole range of weapons of mass destruction.

Speaking on the CBS Early Show and NBC Today Show, Wolfowitz said law enforcement officials captured Abdullah al Muhajir, also known as Jose Padilla, in the early stages of plotting to plant a radiological "dirty bomb" in an American city.

A dirty bomb is conventional explosives surrounded by radioactive material.

When the bomb explodes, it spews that material over a wide area in smoke and other particulate matter. The bomb's destructive power depends on the amount, type and size of conventional explosives and radioactive material used.

Wolfowitz said the admin-

istration has said many times that the greatest danger facing the United States is "countries that have weapons of mass destruction who work with terrorists." The U.S. State Department lists seven countries that sponsor terrorism: Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Syria and Sudan.

Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden said in the past that the acquisition of weapons of mass destruction by his terrorist gang is a religious duty.

U.S. and coalition troops in Afghanistan found evidence that al Qaeda was aggressively pursuing chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear information and material.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has said many times that if terror groups get these types of material and launch an attack, the casualty toll would dwarf Sept. 11's.

Wolfowitz said Muhajir started out in Brooklyn and

Chicago as a petty criminal.

"Somewhere along the way he got converted to being something else," Wolfowitz said.

"And out in Pakistan and Afghanistan he was working on plots to do the most horrendous kinds of things in this country," Wolfowitz continued.

The deputy secretary said Muhajir's capture is an example of the cooperation between the Defense Department and law enforcement agencies.

On June 10, the Justice Department turned Muhajir over to DoD. He is being held in the Navy brig in Charleston, S.C.

Wolfowitz said the terrorist has been classified as an "enemy combatant." The military can hold him "until the end of the conflict," he said.

The deputy said Muhajir clearly had associates in the plot, and intelligence officials are interrogating the terrorist to track down those people.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Ricky Bloom, 1 CTCS

Memorial

A pair of boots that were worn by one of the fallen soldiers are on display during a memorial for three soldiers from the 710th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company who were killed April 15. The memorial service was held at Kandahar Airfield, April 18. The soldiers were on a tactical mission two kilometers north of Kandahar City, Afghanistan, when they were killed by explosive ordnance during Operation Enduring Freedom. This photograph was also selected as a 1st Combat Camera Squadron Photo of the Week.

You've got (too much) mail: Command announces business rules for e-mail, limits storage for users

By Staff Sgt. Scott Leas
AMC Public Affairs

Air Mobility Command officials recently announced the use of command-wide e-mail storage business rules effective June 14.

AMC is joining industry and other Department of Defense organizations by limiting storage of e-mail on servers and placing a ceiling on e-mail messages received with attachments larger than 10 megabytes.

"People will notice two important changes - the maximum size of e-mails sent or received and how they store Microsoft Outlook information. These changes in business rules standardize the maximum size of messages with attachments and the amount of storage space an individual may use to store e-mail messages and calendar appointments on-line in the central server cluster," said Lt. Col. Dave Hunninghake, commander of the 868th Communications Squadron.

Hunninghake explained that normal presentations without pictures could be as

large as 1MB in size. Adding a few digital pictures or maps can easily create a 10MB file size. Mass mailings of huge files have caused network saturation and denial of service for both DoD and industry necessitating use of size limitation.

"Size limits are based on each user's job level and classification and applies only to those items stored on-line in the e-mail system servers," said Hunninghake.

Items include the user's Outlook inbox, calendar, sent items, deleted items, contacts, drafts, notes and tasks folders, but not any "personal folders" that are typically used to create organized e-mail archives.

"We know that many users have different requirements for their in boxes, so we've created rules that will apply to users in one of four categories," said Hunninghake.

Categories are VIP, power user, organizational account, and standard user.

"VIPs are general officers, directors, wing and group commanders and their staffs. They have unlimited storage space. Power users, such as

staff agencies, squadron commanders and their staffs, will have a limit of 100MB. Organizational accounts (Non-DMS organizational accounts other than VIP or power user storage) have a 50MB limit, and standard users have a 20MB limit. All users already have virtually unlimited storage through the use of personal folders on their hard drive or on shared network drives" said Hunninghake.

The best option is to archive information on CDs using existing CD-ROM read-write capabilities.

"People needing to send files larger than 10 MB have other options. One way to make these files available might be to post it to a web site or a shared folder and send a shortcut or web address to the file. People can then view the briefing over the net without congesting e-mail servers. Workgroup managers have been given training on how to assist people in doing this," said Hunninghake.

"While some folks will likely experience some temporary inconvenience as they transition to these business rules, these difficulties are

outweighed by the benefits it will give in terms of reliability and system recovery," said Hunninghake. "With these rules, we'll see quicker e-mail recovery in the odd chance of a massive failure. Because there will be less traffic clogging the pipes, we'll also see faster e-mail service for all users."

"Two years ago, when the Chief of Staff of the Air Force told AMC to consolidate the e-mail services from all 12 bases to Scott AFB, engineers at the AMC Network Operations and Security Center designed a robust network system from the ground up," said Col. Greg Touhill, commander of the AMC Communications Group. "Managing e-mail for the entire command from a single location is no easy task. We would love to provide unlimited storage for every member in AMC, but we can't afford to do so right now in a fiscally constrained environment, the command's higher priority requirements preclude us from doing that."

Touhill explained that storing each e-mail mes-

sage comes with a cost. "For example, providing an additional 20MB of storage to each user would cost the command more than \$1.5 million. Implementation of these business rules keeps us within our budget and yet provides a capability that is in line with what you see at other DoD locations and in industry.

Network engineers designed the enterprise e-mail system to maximize e-mail system efficiency and recovery time by taking into account e-mail account size and traffic.

"The number one goal of AMC's services consolidation initiative is to ensure that services are both reliable and available, allowing all personnel across the command to perform their mission-critical work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Information is a valuable resource that you must plan for and control to ensure it is available when and where you need it; these initial business rules will help Air Mobility Command identify and manage its information requirements better," said Touhill.

Base theater audience entertained by national production

By Lt. Col. Ed Memi
437 AW Public Affairs

The roller-coaster of emotions and other sentiments contained in letters from military members who fought in the Revolutionary War to the Kosovo conflict were the highlight of an evening of drama for the Letters from the Front: World War II theater play held in the base theater Wednesday.

The eight-person traveling troupe performs for crowds as large as 1,500 people to small intimate crowds. The group, sponsored by the Defense Commissary Agency and General Mills, has two main actors Bobbi Kravis and Bob Curren for the two-hour play. The play, in its 10th year, has been performed in more than 40 states and 150 countries.

Kravis plays Katharine Hartgrove, a widower who lost her husband in World War I and a mother, whose son, Stewart, is fighting the war against the Nazis and turns up missing. Her son is eventually found in a hospital, but with one of his legs missing. Her sidekick and much of the comedic relief for the play is Curren who plays Johnny Chastain, a popular radio star who may have passed his prime but who is in love with the character Hartgrove.

Together, they plan to write a play about showcasing some of the letters

written from the front during the various wars. They argue back and forth about the meaning of those letters and how to present them in a way that a public audience would appreciate their sacrifices.

The letters that are included in the show are real and were written by Americans on the home front and the battlefield. In the course of the play, they also show the impact of separations and constant worrying when a loved is deployed.

Toni Marie Jones, whose husband, Jeffrey, works in the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron, said she loved the play.

"My husband just came back from a deployment and the play hits pretty close to home," said Jones. "I really loved it."

Tracey Clancy, whose husband, Patrick, works in the 437th Supply Squadron also said she enjoyed the play.

"I think it's wonderful," said Clancy. "It's a tear jerker. It stirs up all types of feelings. My husband was gone for Desert Storm and it just brings it all back. It allows you to step into the shoes of people from back in World War II and grab a glimpse of what they were going through."

Jones said her husband has been deployed for 14 months of the last two years. He has had to leave her and four children behind.

"As military spouses, we serve



Photo by Warren Love

Johnny Chastain finds a new way of "sparking" his sweetheart Katharine Hartgrove during an hilarious spoof of overblown patriotic pageants.

along with our husbands, and sometimes the general public don't seem to quite understand what we go through," Jones said. "When our husbands are on the front lines, we're right there with them. This play is something that touches us and allows us to share through things like letters."

Marsha Roberts, the show's producer, said being part of the play doesn't ever get boring.

"There are certain letters in the show that inspire me deeply," said

Roberts. "Hearing them every time is like hearing them new."

Roberts said her favorite scene is how the play concludes where "it pulls everything together in a poignant way and helps everyone to remember what we are fighting for."

Her favorite letter is one that talks about not just the thrills and glories, but the grace and goodwill of the little things that are done that counts.

"It relates to my life a whole lot and everyone goes through that," said Roberts.



Staff Sgt. Michael Kennedy, 437th Security Forces Squadron and 437th Support Group team member, sand bags the corner of a generator.



The 437th Support Group team hurries to erect a Darnell tent during W Airlift Wing Staff team, which completed that portion of the competition.

CHARLESTON AFB W

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
437 AW Public Affairs

The sun beat down on Charleston AFB's warriors June 6 when teams from each group in the wing participated in the first phase of the Year of the Warrior Spirit Warrior Skills Competition.

The five teams competed and were graded in four areas: mobility processing line, self-aid and buddy care, deployment set up, and ability to survive and operate.

According to Tech. Sgt. Lisa Barkman, 437th Mission Support Squadron NCOIC of personnel employment and readiness, 437 MSS personnel checked a number of things in the mobility line.

"We first checked their shot records, checking the annual shots that should be up to date," Barkman said. "Then we went through the A bag, checking it against the list in the Airman's Manual"

Barkman said they next moved on to checking other deployment items, including the Air Force Form 245, Department of Defense Form 93, valid identification card, dog tags and Airman's Manual.

"We took five points for any discrepancies, to include shots that were needed," Barkman said. "The last item was a 10-question quiz, straight from the Airman's Manual. All in all each team could have received 200 points."

The 437th Security Forces Squadron took charge of evaluating the self-aid and buddy care portion of the competition. Three squadron members acted as patients with varying degrees of medical problems for each team to deal with.

"The evaluations were taken step by step from the Airman's



Capt. John Svoboda, 437th Medical Group team member, has his ID card checked against his dog tags during the mobility processing line evaluation.

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Photos by Staff Sgt. Richard Kaminsky

Warrior Day June 6. The 437 SPTG wasn't as fast as the 437th [unit] with a time of 21 minutes 36 seconds.

WARRIORS FACE OFF

Manual, and points were awarded for each task performed correctly," said Tech. Donald Hart, 437 SFS Raven and head of the self-aid and buddy care evaluation team. "The high score won the event, and total time was used as a tie breaker."

Members of the 437th Services Squadron timed and evaluated the final phase of the competition. Teams erected a tent and sand bagged the corner of a generator while members of the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron changed the MOPP levels.

"We deducted points for discrepancies," said Master Sgt. Ronald Tidd, 437th Services Squadron. "If the tent wasn't properly put up or they didn't properly sand bag the generator, we marked them off."

Points were given for speed and accuracy, Tidd said.

"I'm an office guy, so it was good to be outside," said Senior Airman Adam Walker, 437th Contracting Squadron and 437th Logistics Group team member. "It's a reminder of what people who are deployed have to do."

Walker's teammate said he appreciated the event for a number of reasons.

"It gives people in the different squadrons of the same group the chance to work together," said Staff Sgt. Chris Armstrong, 437th Supply Squadron.

When the first round of competition ended, the 437th Support Group team was in first place, followed by the 437 AW Staff in second, the 437 LG in third, the 437th Medical Group in fourth and the 437th Operations Group bringing up the rear.

The second round of competition, to include weapons firing, is scheduled for July 7.



Senior Airman Stephanie Flowers, Master Sgt. Dan Murphy, Staff Sgt. Mario Dominguez and Senior Airman Dwayne Norman, 437th Airlift Wing Staff team, tend a stomach wound using the Airman's Manual for guidance in the self-aid and buddy care portion of the competition.



Teams geared up as the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron changed MOPP levels during the competition, requiring the teams to work in full gear at times.

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.

"Jason X" – Kane Hodder

In the future, Earth is no longer inhabitable. Humans, having nowhere else to go, have colonized outer space. When a colony receives two cryogenically frozen bodies, they defrost them, only to discover that one of the bodies is Jason Voorhees, a psychotic historical mass murderer. **(R) 93 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

"Sorority Boys" – Berry Watson

Strapped for cash, Dave, Adam and Doofer find themselves drawn to one last desperate hope for free housing: one of their campus' sororities, Delta Omicron Gamma (D.O.G.). But, to become on to the boys, they have to first become one of the girls. With a little makeup, pantyhose and lots of pluck, they go undercover in the girls' sorority house as Daisy, Adina and Roberta. **(R) 94 minutes**

June 21, 7:30 p.m.

"Deuces Wild" – Stephen Dorff

Leon and Bobby are brothers who, with their friends, are determined to maintain their way of life in their neighborhood. They are "The Deuces." Loyalty means everything to them, and protecting friends and family is their main priority. **(R) 97 minutes**

Fitness & Sports

CAFB intramural season at halfway mark

Story and photos by
Airman 1st Class Amy Perry
437 AW Public Affairs

Charleston AFB's 2002 intramural softball season is near the halfway point.

So far, the 437th Communication Squadron and 437th Services Squadron combined team is in first place with a record of 9-3.

Nipping at their heels is the 437th Aircraft Generation Squadron with a record of 9-4.

In a game of numbers, AGS has more total runs than CS/SVS, but AGS also

allows more runs by their opponents.

The 437th Aerial Port Squadron's first team, Flyers and 437th Operations Support Squadron combined team, and 437th Security Forces Squadron hold the third, fourth and fifth places respectively, each with a record of 8-4.

APS 1 leads the pack with 197 total runs, with Flyers/OSS trailing slightly behind with 183 and SFS way behind the pack with 149 runs. Of the three, APS 1 allows the most runs against them, and Flyers/

OSS keeps the other teams from scoring.

The sixth- through 10th-place teams are 437th Transportation Squadron, 437th Medical Group, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron, 437th Supply Squadron's first team and the 437th Maintenance Squadron respectively. All have a record of 7-5.

TRANS leads the group with 208 total runs, more than any other team in the league, followed closely by MED GP and CES with 196 runs. SUP 1 and MXS finish up the group with 186 runs and 154, respectively.

TRANS also allows the most runs by the other teams, with MED GP and MXS letting opponents get the least.

The 373rd Training Squadron Detachment 5 is 11th with a record of 6-6, with a total of 160 runs and 129 runs against them.

The 437th Supply Squadron's second team closes out the top 12 with a record of 4-8, with a total of 141 runs this season and 173 runs allowed.

The Navy Hospital, 437th Airlift Wing Staff and 437th Comptroller Squadron combined team, and the 437th Aerial Port Squadron's second team are having disappointing seasons with records of 2-9, 0-11 and 0-11, respectively.

The three teams all allow more than two runs for every run they manage to score. NAVY HOSP has



Jarod Cardona, Navy Hospital, makes the catch for an out during play Tuesday evening against Wing Staff/CPTS.

scored 71 runs total, and gave up 193, 437 AW Staff/CPTS scored 77 runs, and allowed 237 runs, while APS 2 scored a total of 66 runs and let 250 runs pass the plate, making them the worst team for runs scored

during a game and runs against them during a game.

The top 12 teams get a chance to go head-to-head in the championship tournament, where it's anyone's game.



Tom Buckner, 437 AW Staff/CPTS, follows through on his swing. The 13th- and 14th-ranked teams faced off Tuesday night, with Navy Hospital beating out 437 AW Staff/CPTS.

Foodborne illness prominent in summer

By Master Sgt. Neil Silvia
437 ADOS Public Health

Summer is here, and outdoor activities are increasing. Another thing that increases in the summer, according to the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service and the Centers for Disease Control, is foodborne illness. To avoid illness from unsafe food, these four steps should be followed.

Clean: wash hands, surfaces often

- Thoroughly wash your hands with hot, soapy water before handling food, and after using the bathroom, smoking, changing diapers and handling pets
- Wash cutting boards, dishes,

utensils and counter tops with hot soapy water or a bleach water solution after preparing raw meat, poultry and seafood, and before going on to the next food

Separate: don't cross contaminate

- Separate raw meat, poultry and other perishable foods from ready-to-eat foods
- Use a separate cutting board/utensils for uncooked meat/poultry and ready-to-eat foods
- Always use a clean plate and utensils for cooked meat, poultry and seafood.

Cook: cook to proper temperatures

- All meat items should be

cooked thoroughly

- Fish should flake easily with a fork
- Serve hot grilled foods immediately

Chill: refrigerate food promptly

- Food left out of refrigeration for more than 2 hours may not be safe to eat; at 90°F or above, food should not be left out over one hour.
- To thaw meat for a cookout, take meat or poultry out of the freezer 1-2 nights before you need it and refrigerate; do not thaw meat and poultry on the kitchen counter
- When cooling already cooked foods, chill as quickly as possible;

use shallow pans and place on ice or in the freezer for several minutes to bring the temperature down quicker before putting into the refrigerator

- Cold refrigerated perishable foods like luncheon meats, cooked meats, chicken and potato or pasta salads should be kept in a well insulated cooler packed with several inches of ice, ice packs or containers filled with frozen water
- If you don't plan to eat take-out foods within 2 hours of purchase, plan ahead and chill food in your refrigerator before packing for your outing

Finally, when in doubt, throw it out! If you have questions or need further information, call the Public Health Flight at 963-6962.