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Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Clements

## Hooked

An F-15 Strike Eagle catches Charleston AFB's new barrier arresting system with its tailhook. The system consists of a brake drum and large steel cable, which when engaged uses a hydraulic system to gradually slow the aircraft. This gradual slowing prevents a sudden jerk upon landing. As the primary divert base for more than 1,000 aircraft along the eastern seaboard, CAFB's outdated, temporary arresting system needed the upgrade. Members of the 202<sup>nd</sup> Air National Guard Red Horse Squadron and 203<sup>rd</sup> ANG Red Horse Flight started constructing the eight-week, \$608,000 project March 8.

## 14 AS best in command

By Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class  
Amy Perry  
437 AW Public Affairs

The 14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron won the Air Mobility Command's General Joseph Smith Trophy for best airlift squadron for the second time in a row.

"Simply the day-in, day-out, getting the mission done is what won this award," said Lt. Col. William Changose, 14 AS commander.

Although named the best in AMC, Changose is quick to recognize the other squadrons on base.

"All three of the flying squadrons are really outstanding," said Changose. "But the 14 AS was given the opportunity to do a few special things that any of the sister squadrons could have done."

According to the package, the 14 AS was a vital participant in Operations Infinite Justice, Enduring Freedom, Northern and Southern Watch, Shula Pen, Valiant

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# AF wings to face major reorganization

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Elliott  
Air Force Print News

The way Air Force wings are organized will undergo major changes beginning Oct. 1. Those changes include creation of a new maintenance group, restructuring support groups and reducing the taskings of operations groups.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper directed April 22 that all Air Force active-duty, Reserve and Air National Guard wings adopt the new standard wing structure to enhance the service's warfighting capabilities.

"After careful deliberations with major command commanders, we reached a decision on a new wing organizational structure that will standardize operations across the Air

Force and enhance our expeditionary capabilities," Jumper said.

Five major changes are involved in the standard wing concept:

- All aircraft and space maintenance specialists currently assigned to operations and logistics groups will be reassigned to a newly created maintenance group

- Supply and transportation squadrons will be combined to form logistics readiness squadrons

- Contracting squadrons, aerial ports and LRSs will transfer into existing support groups, which will be renamed "mission support group"

- Logistics plans functions will transfer to the newly created LRSs

- The logistics readiness officer career field initiative, which combines three officer career fields — supply, transportation and logistics

plans — has new accessions beginning this month

"My vision is that the groups in our wings will focus on their essential core capabilities," Jumper said.

"Operation of air and space weapons systems is a core competency of the U.S. Air Force," Jumper said. "Operations group activities focus on planning and executing air and space power. Commanders of operations groups are charged with leading their units in combat.

"They will continue to be considered leaders and role models in the tactical employment of their weapons systems," he continued. "The Air Force has also recognized the emerging necessity to more closely integrate tactical skills with execution at the operational level of war. Commanders of operations groups

will be increasingly involved in planning and training for the operational level of war."

Jumper went on to explain the changing role of maintenance in today's Air Force.

"Maintenance of air and space weapons systems is (also) a core competency of the U.S. Air Force, Jumper said. "Aging fleets and years of resource shortfalls require increased attention to the balance of sortie production and health of our fleets. This requires career maintenance professionals able to develop the same level of skill and proficiency demanded of our operations, logistics and medical professionals."

He also explained the role of mission support.

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## IN THE NEWS

# If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is

## Federal Trade Commission, OSI warn against credit card, 'get rich quick' scams

By Staff Sgt.  
Jason Smith  
437 AW Public Affairs

The Federal Trade Commission launched its biggest-to-date law enforcement sweep against in-bound telemarketing fraud April 15.

According to an FTC news release, the commission filed 11 federal district court complaints against companies that promote consumers to call based on classified ads, Internet banners and other promotions.

The charges against the companies ranged from fraudulent loan offers to bogus medical billing business opportunities, according to the release. In most of the alleged scams involving credit lines, consumers were required to pay a fee to obtain a guaranteed credit card. Very few, if any, actually received a credit card.

One scam in particular debited customers' bank accounts for \$199.95 after promising a credit line of \$4,000-7,000. Consumers actually received an approval certificate and application package, according to the release.

They were also told to pay even more money to activate

their card. Some customers even received a blue plastic card that could only be used with the defendant's merchandise catalog.

The alleged medical billing scams also worked by asking consumers for an up-front payment, according to the release. Customers responded to ads stating they could earn large amounts of money working from their own homes. The in-bound telemarketers told callers they would make money by setting up their own medical billing business.

Medical-Billing.Com, Inc., a Texas-based corporation, allegedly sold their medical billing package for between \$3,500 and \$9,500. The company promised to help recruit doctors who would use the consumers to process their billing, and they offered a full refund if the program did not meet performance expectations. Both claims are being challenged.

Charleston AFB members are already protected against certain forms of solicitation on base, according to Capt. Karen Hennigan, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing assistant staff judge advocate.

Hennigan said people are prohibited from soliciting in

the work place at all, and the wing commander (usually delegated to the support group commander) has to provide authorization for individuals or companies to advertise or solicit in public places on base.

That doesn't mean that all solicitation seen on base is always welcome.

"That being said, military members should be wary of any flier that offers a chance to 'get rich quick,' as it has probably not been deemed appropriate to be displayed in public on base," said Hennigan. "Members are more likely to be solicited for such scams while they are off base, and they should be careful of anybody promising them fast cash and quick lines of credit. If an offer looks too good to be true, it probably is."

Special Agent Simon Morgan, Air Force Office of Special Investigation Detachment 310 commander, echoed Hennigan's advice.

"The better an offer like that sounds, the more of a scam it could be," said Morgan. "Anytime a company or person says 'Send us something, and we'll send you something,' there's a reason to be hesitant."

Morgan said he hasn't seen

any reports of scams within the AFB community, but that doesn't mean it can't or hasn't happened. The most important step to take to not become a victim is to second-guess any really good moneymaking deal.

"If a member does fall victim to a dial-in scam or other type of get rich quick scheme, the legal office can be of some help," said Hennigan. "They can speak with an attorney and talk about their options and possible recourse."

Hennigan said the base

judge advocates can't represent individuals in civil matters, but legal personnel can help possible victims develop their cases to go to small claims court and provide other useful information.

Legal assistance is available Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m., and Thursdays, 8-11 a.m. For more information, call 963-5502. Information about scams and other potential consumer fraud issues can be found on the Federal Trade Commission's Web site at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).

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## CAFB to celebrate Asian-Pacific Heritage Month

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter  
437 AW Public Affairs

May is Asian-Pacific Heritage Month, and Charleston AFB plans a variety of events to celebrate the contributions of this group.

"The United States has a rich cultural heritage from Asia and the Pacific Islands," said Master Sgt. James Kincheloe, 437<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron and Asian-Pacific Heritage Month coordinator. "Asian and Pacific Americans have contributed to American culture works of literature, art, entertainment, cuisine and advances in science that influence all other Americans' lives."

The term Asian-Pacific American identifies individuals from nearly 30 different countries, each with a unique historical and cultural heritage, according to Kincheloe. Ethnic groups consolidated under the category of Asian-Pacific American include groups from Japan, Korea, China, Indonesia, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, the Philippines and the Pacific Islands.

"We will be celebrating Asian-Pacific Heritage month with various activities during the month," Kincheloe said. "Our goal is to both entertain and educate the base community of the contributions these cultures have made toward our nation."

The first event is scheduled for

"(Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders) are a people in constant motion, a great work in progress, each stage more faceted and complex than before."

-- Helen Zia, author of "Asian Dreams: The Emergence of an American People"

Saturday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Base Exchange. During the "Taste of Asia," local restaurants and base volunteers will provide food for sampling. Those interested can also get the CAFB Asian-Pacific Heritage Cookbook for a donation.

The next event is an Asian-Pacific Heritage Car Wash at the Shoppette

May 10, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Anyone missing the "Taste of Asia" gets a second chance to experience Asian-Pacific cuisine when the Gaylor Dining Facility serves an ethnic meal for lunch May 14. A special showing of Disney's "Mulan" is scheduled for May 25 in the Base Theater, and all month long, the Base Library will highlight Asian-Pacific authors with a display.

To wrap up the month's events, an Asian-Pacific Heritage Luau is scheduled for May 31, 4-7 p.m., at the Base Picnic Grounds.

"America has been built on the ideas, hard work and sheer sweat of great men and women from all nationalities when they were given the freedom to dream and to pursue those dreams," said Kincheloe.

Asian-Pacific Heritage month is a time to celebrate the multitude of contributions by this group, according to Kincheloe.

"From the areas of government, to science, to sports and so on, Asian-Americans have shared their sweat to make America great," he said.

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"Mission support, in the expeditionary, rapid reaction, contingency-based Air Force of today is (another) core competency," continued Jumper. "The Air Force will develop a career path for commanders who understand the full scope of home station employment and sustainment, and deployment, beddown and sustainment at contingency locations: crisis actions, force protection, unit type code preparation, load planning, contracting actions, bare base and tent city preparation, munitions site planning, personnel readiness expeditionary combat support, etc."

Medical groups, Jumper said, will continue to focus on maintaining a fit and ready force. There will be no change to the structure of medical groups.

Jumper set Sept. 30, 2003, as the target date to achieve full operational capability.

"I fully understand the magnitude of these changes," he said. "The goal is to achieve a more capable Air Force with professionals who understand and are capable of meeting our ever-increasing complex mission."

# Military child wins state award

**By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter**  
*437 AW Public Affairs*

Edison Velez, a third-grade student at Lambs Elementary School, received the Governor's Citizenship Medal in a ceremony April 12.

South Carolina Governor Jim Hodges presented the medal to the son of Master Sgt. Edison Velez, 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, at the South Carolina State House in Columbia.

"I'm very proud to win the award," said the younger Velez.

The third grader was quick to note he doesn't participate in programs just to win awards.

"It makes me feel good, helping other people," he said.

His father said the award wasn't something the family expected, but was well-deserved and a great recognition of all the student does both at school and in the community.

"We were really ecstatic," the elder Velez said. "We didn't know it was coming. It came as a complete surprise. He works so hard and tries his best at everything he puts his mind to."

According to Hodges' Web-site, the purpose of the award is to recognize students who demonstrate that citi-

zenship encompasses service and responsibility to their communities, and also to provide incentive for the youth of South Carolina to incorporate the qualities of good citizenship in their daily lives.

According to Nicole Reynolds, the facilitator for the social skills cadre at Lambs, the state gave a list of very general criteria, leaving the development of more specific requirements up to participating schools.

"We sent letters out to the staff early in the school year," Reynolds said. "We asked them to use not only grades, but character, responsibility and how they use their life skills when choosing their candidate."

Reynolds said the social skills cadre also asked staff members to take notice of what their students were doing throughout the year.

"We wanted them to be aware of kids who participate in after-school activities year-round," she said.

When the school's staff members submitted their nominations, Reynolds said she and the rest of the social skills cadre sat down and read all of the recommendations while deliberating on a school winner. That's when they chose Edison.

"He's very well-rounded," Reynolds said. "He's also a positive role model for his peers. His teacher said he always did his personal best. He was hands down the obvious choice because he's such an actively involved young man."

# Trampolines may pose risk

**By Staff Sgt. Bart Craven**  
*437 AW Safety*

The number and severity of injuries resulting from the use of trampolines is significant and increasing.

Hospital emergency rooms treat more than 52,000 trampolines injuries sustained by children under age 15 each year, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. The estimated cost of medical, legal, insurance and disability costs and other expenses exceed \$270 million.

Even young children, ages 5-9, are at risk; this age group represents more than 19,000 injuries related to trampolines, according to CPSC.

The most common injuries are sprains and fractures, often severe, which result from a fall through the trampoline or from an uncontrolled maneuver, according to CPSC. Although severe or life-threatening injuries are not common, they do occur and can result in paralysis or, rarely, death.

In an effort to reduce the number and severity of injuries resulting from the use of trampolines, the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons recommends routine observation of the follow guidelines:

- Use of trampolines for physical education, competitive gymnastics, diving training and other similar activities requires careful adult supervision and proper safety measures
- Trampolines should not be used for unsupervised recreational activity
- Competent adult supervision and instruction for children is needed at all times
- Only one participant should use the trampoline at a time
- Spotters should be used when participants are jumping
- High-risk maneuvers should be done only with proper use of protective equipment, such as a harness
- The supporting bars, strings and surrounding landing surfaces should have adequate protective padding
- Look up: are there tree limbs, powerlines or obstructions of any kind?
- Look down: are there any protruding objects, lawn chairs, picnic tables, poles, anything that could be stepped on or obstruct safe spotting?

Doing a little risk management and establishing control measures, such as mom and dad's rules for using the trampoline, can make this obviously hazardous activity simple and safe for everyone.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Spotlight

**Retirement:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Chief Master Sgt. Larry Brazil, who is retiring after 30 years of service, today, 2 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Tim Moore at 963-6146.

**Change of command:** Lt. Col. Nancy Dezell will take command of the 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Operations Squadron from Lt. Col. Vickie Moore during a change of command ceremony May 13, 3:30 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Capt. Thu Scott at 963-6814.

## Around the base

**Closure:** Access through Stewart Avenue and Graves Avenue will be closed at Stewart Avenue and Davis Drive. Graves Avenue will also be closed at the entrance to the parking lot next to the new Mobility Warehouse construction site. These streets will be closed until 6 p.m. today. Detour will be from Arthur Drive to Stewart Avenue and from Arthur Drive to Graves Avenue.

**Closure:** The Community Education Center will be closed today for the annual CCAF graduation ceremony.

**Closure:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Legal Office will close today at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Sharon Pace at 963-5502.

**Closure:** North O'Neal Drive will be closed from 9 a.m. May 10 until 4 p.m. May 11, from the entrance to the Youth Center to the stop sign at Lawson Drive. The alternate route to avoid the closure will be from Hill Boulevard to West Jackson Drive to Batson Drive to Gross Avenue, which connects to North O'Neal on the other side of the closure.

**Golf tournament:** The Charleston Chapter of the National Defense Transportation Association will hold its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship and Chapter Fund-Raising Golf Tournament May 10 at Crowfield Golf and Country Club, Goose Creek. Check in for the captain's choice tournament begins at 11 a.m., with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Entry fees are \$40 and include green fees, cart, beverages, lunch and a donation to the scholarship fund and chapter. Prizes will be awarded for first- through third-place teams, longest drive and closest to the pin. There will also be a putting contest and other door prizes. For more information or to enter a team, call Glenn McNeil at 963-3183, Tom Skillman at 963-3181, Gene Reeves at 552-4314 or Ron Westall at 963-3058.

**Golf Tournament:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Support Squadron is holding its annual golf tournament May 10 at Wrenwoods Golf Course. Check in for the tournament begins at noon, with play beginning at 1:30 p.m. The \$15 entry fee includes a box lunch and

beverages. Green fees must also be paid by participants prior to the tournament beginning. Mulligan books will be available for \$5. Prizes will be awarded for the top four teams, longest drive and closest to the pin. Prizes include golf passes from several local and Myrtle Beach courses. Dinner and hotel packages are also up for grabs. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Darin Bagley at 963-2339, or Master Sgt. Dan Wright at 963-5956.

**Chiefs' group:** The Charleston AFB Chiefs' Group will hold its monthly meeting May 16, 11 a.m., in the Charleston Club. Representatives from Heritage Trust will address the group, and lunch will be provided.

**Math CLEP:** There will be a Math CLEP preparatory class at the Community Education Center May 13-15, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Students who successfully complete the Math CLEP class will be administered the CLEP General Mathematics exam May 16. Successful completion of this test meets the Community College of the Air Force requirement for mathematics. This class will be offered to Air Force personnel assigned to Charleston AFB only, as the purpose is to meet CCAF requirements. Personnel desiring to take this exam must sign up in person at the CEC. All those signed up must confirm their seat no later than 3:30 p.m. May 9, by calling 963-4575. Seats not confirmed will be open to the waiting list.

**Commissioning:** A commissioning briefing is scheduled for May 15, 10-11 a.m., at the Community Education Center. The briefing will be conducted by Capt. Dennis Nuttall, unit admissions officer for Air Force ROTC Detachment 772, Charleston Southern University. For more information, or to reserve a seat, call 963-4575.

**Police week:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron plans to celebrate National Police Week, May 13-18, with a variety of events, including a retreat May 17 at the base flag pole. A complete schedule of events will be published in the May 10 issue of the *Airlift Dispatch*.

**Motorcycle shipment:** The government of Japan has imposed a requirement that all motorcycles or mopeds over 250cc, manufactured July 1, 1999 or later, must comply with Japanese brake standards. The compliance testing costs about \$2000. There are no testing facilities on Okinawa, therefore, motorcycles subject to the new requirement cannot be shipped there. For more information, call 963-2261.

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

**Shoplifting:** The Civil Recovery Act, which went into effect March 1, allows the Army and Air Force Exchange Service to collect a flat administrative cost of \$200 in addition to the value of the shoplifted items from those caught shoplifting in an AAFES store. The \$200 is meant to offset the expenses AAFES incurs because of shoplifting, said an AAFES spokesperson. Military exchanges spend millions of dollars each year to foil shoplifters, including measures to deter and detect thefts, the official said. Under the terms of the new program, sponsors are responsible for their family members' actions. Parents of minors caught shoplifting will be billed for the costs, AAFES officials explained. They added that this administrative charge is separate from any criminal prosecution or military disciplinary action. AAFES apprehends more than 11,000 shoplifters each year.

## Family Support Center

**Pre-deployment Briefing:** Daily, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**Resume I Workshop:** Tuesday, 9 a.m.-noon.

**Families and Divorce:** Thursday, 1-2:30 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 Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Amy Perry

### Master Sgt. David Hunt

#### 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Inspector General Office

Master Sgt. David Hunt is the chief of inspection and readiness for the 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Inspector General.

"My job is primarily to ensure the wing's readiness to support the combat mission," Hunt said. "To ensure this, we sponsor the Ability To Survive & Operate training, develop exercises and run the Exercise and Evaluation Team.

"We make sure people are ready to do the wartime mission and get back safety," continued Hunt.

A native of Charleston, W.Va., Hunt has been stationed at Charleston AFB for more than 16 years. He has spent more than 25 years in the Air Force, with five of them in the Reserve.

In his first four years of service, he was a tail gunner for the B-52 Stratofortress. After his initial four-year stint, he served his five years in the Reserve as a maintenance crew chief. When he returned to active duty, he continued his work in maintenance everywhere from the flightline to the Air Education and Training Command detachment at CAFB as an instructor in the initial C-17 cadre.

In 1997, he began his career in the 437 AW IG office.

"I like working in the IG's office for many reasons, especially being able to contribute to the readiness of the wing," Hunt said.

Aside from his job, Hunt enjoys participating in many "outdoorsy" things with his family. His wife, Marilyn, and their four children Tina, 30, Keith, 21, David, 20, and Matthew, 15, like to go camping together. Hunt also enjoys hunting, fishing and playing golf.

When he's not working for the Air Force or enjoying his recreational life, he works as a paramedic for Berkeley County, S.C.

## COMMENTARY

## Spring and summer PCS season upon us

By Col. Karl Young  
437 AW vice commander

The spring and summer Permanent Change of Station season is already upon us with a number of scheduled changes of command at the wing, group and squadron levels. We've appointed Lt. Col. Herb Phillips, 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron commander, to orchestrate the change of command ceremony June 3, 10 a.m., when Col. Brooks Bash assumes command from Brig. Gen. Rusty Findley, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander. Laura Abell, 437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron, has volunteered to plan the farewell dinner for General and Mrs. Findley May 28, slated for 6 p.m., with a planned luau.

Things will get hectic in the final weeks, and your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. We'll need your full support of our project officers as they prepare to send off our leadership in Team Charleston style. General and Mrs. Findley have done so much to make this wing what it is today.

We recently supported Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld in his travels to Baghrum AB, Afghanistan, this past weekend and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers travels throughout the Pacific that ended this week. Lt. Col. **Matt Heuer**, 17<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, was the mission commander for the General Myers trip and Lt. Col. **Steve Groenheim**, 14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, was responsible for ensuring the SecDef's trip went well. As expected, both missions were done flawlessly because of good planning and preparation. Thanks to everyone who played a part in these high profile trips of our senior leaders. It is easy to understand why we get the call to move our senior leadership.

The base exchange hosted a site visit by Brig. Gen. Velma "Von" Richardson, deputy commander of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Wednesday and Thursday. This was General Richardson's first visit to the local area, and she had a chance to tour the main exchange, Burger King, military clothing sales and the food court areas. She was in the local area because of a speaking engagement at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Retired Col. Gail Halvorsen, the famed candy bomber of the Berlin Airlift, was our guest speaker for the Airman Leadership School graduation Thursday evening. He also spent some time touring the base before speaking to our ALS graduates. Earlier in the day, Master Sgt. **Lee Woody**, superintendent of Air Education and Training Command 373<sup>rd</sup> Training Squadron, Field Training Detachment 5, and Tech. Sgt. **Jeff Elliot**, 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Support Squadron and chief pilot for the Aero Club, flew an Aero Club Cessna over a local high school dropping approximately 500 candy bars attached to small parachutes. Members of the FTD volunteered to assemble the candy bars with parachutes.

Book author Margot Raven, who wrote a children's book called Mercedes and the Chocolate Pilot about Halvorsen's experience, and Halvorsen were on the ground to talk with the students and meet with the local news media.

Congratulations to our Community College of the Air Force graduates. It is a great achievement to further your education, and the CCAF is a great program for doing just



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Clements

Col. Karl Young, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing vice commander, presents a wing coin to Senior Airman Diamond Cookson, 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Generation Squadron. Cookson recently earned the Sgt. John Levitow award during Airman Leadership School.

that. Thanks for taking the extra time and effort! For a complete listing of graduates, see the article on page 12.

Congratulations are also due to each of our Federal Executive Association Award winners and to our recent Airman Leadership School graduates. We'll run the names of the winners and graduates in next week's paper.

We bid farewell to Chief Master Sgt. **Larry Brazil**, 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron, for more than 30 years of dedicated service. We'll hold a retirement ceremony for him today at 2 p.m. in the Charleston Club, and everyone is invited to attend. A special flight of chief master sergeants and a 44-member SFS flight will be in formation for his retirement ceremony. Officiating the ceremony will be one of Chief Brazil's former bosses, retired Col. William Coleman, who now works in the Secretary of Defense's office. Chief Brazil plans to stay in the local area and we wish him our best!

We bid farewell to Col. **Jim and Dixie Roberts**, 315<sup>th</sup> Operations Group commander, this Saturday. We are going to miss them greatly, and I can't say enough good things about their outstanding leadership. The change of command is scheduled for the next morning.

In the next few weeks, we'll also bid farewell to Col. **Bob "Dice" and Susan Allardice**, 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Group commander. We have a farewell dinner planned for May 22, starting at 6:30 p.m., at the Charleston Club. Invitations are already out. Please RSVP to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Catherine Barker at 963-3385. The theme for the evening activities is camping in the country. Colonel Allardice will assume command of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, Wash.

I appreciate the assistance everyone has given to the ABC primetime show called "Profiles from the Frontlines," scheduled to air this fall. The reality-based TV show will profile a few Team Charleston aircrew and maintenance members in their first one-hour episode. The show will include 13 episodes and will be produced by Jerry Bruckheimer and Berg Van Munster, producers of "Cops" and the "Amazing Race" reality shows. We expect some positive coverage.

Ten Team Charleston members also had the opportunity to speak a few lines as part of the Late Show with David Letterman that aired locally on CBS at 11:30 p.m. Thursday. We had the opportunity to be a part of one of those famous top 10 lists often featured on his show, and we had great national exposure.

Next week, we'll have a number of distinguished visitors come through the local area and stay on base. Please keep your areas looking their best.

Have a great weekend.

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## FEATURE

# Swimming with sharks

Volunteering lets CAFB captain live dream

**Story and Photos by  
Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Amy Perry  
437 AW Public Affairs**

An Air Force pilot is realizing his dream of swimming with sharks while stationed at Charleston AFB.

Capt. Ravi Chaudhary, 15<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron pilot, works at the South Carolina Aquarium as a volunteer research diver.

Chaudhary said when he was younger, sharks enticed him and he wanted to swim with them one day. Shortly after arriving at CAFB, Chaudhary visited the new aquarium with his family. He saw his childhood dream right in front of him in the Great Ocean Tank.

"I saw the divers in the GOT, and I knew I wanted to do this," said Chaudhary. "Right away, I went to the front desk and asked 'How do I

do that?'"

At the time, Chaudhary said the aquarium was looking for advanced certified divers. He only had an open water certification, but once worked for NASA as a diver.

"NASA needed a diver to test some of their equipment," Chaudhary said. "I brought the astronauts into a neutral buoyancy tank to show them how to use it (so they would be prepared in space).

"With my additional experience as a diver, the dive certification officer agreed to give me a check dive," Chaudhary said.

A check dive, similar to a 'check flight,' tests a diver's ability in the



**Chaudhary said one of the most important roles aquarium divers play is audience interaction. Here, he takes time from caring for the tank's population to wave to a young South Carolina Aquarium visitor.**



**Capt. Ravi Chaudhary, 15<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron pilot, feeds sharks and other creatures in the South Carolina Aquarium's Great Ocean Tank. Chaudhary said the opportunity to volunteer at the aquarium is a dream come true.**

water.

After Chaudhary's check dive, the DCO allowed him to volunteer for the aquarium.

"The DCO taught me how to relate with the animals in the tank," Chaudhary said. "He also taught me how to be his hands and eyes in the tank to check for problematic or sick fish, since he's not able to dive every day."

Although sharks may seem to be the main concern of his job, Chaudhary points out the true worry.

"The sharks are very standoffish," Chaudhary said. "The real problem is 'Caretta,' a large loggerhead turtle, the true bully of the GOT. It likes to nip at the divers and come after the food during the shows. There is always a diver in the background watching it to make sure it doesn't interfere."

Although diving is an essential part of his job, Chaudhary said it's not the most important part of his job.

"After the first few dives, I came to understand that the sea life is awesome, but it's the interaction with the customers outside of the tank that's most important," Chaudhary said. "The most rewarding part is having interaction with the younger children, because they get so surprised when they see the divers waving at them."

Volunteers are an essential part of the aquarium's makeup. Without them, the aquarium would not be able to exist.

"There are over 450 volunteers at the aquarium, with about 28-43 volunteers working each day," said Patricia Brooke, aquarium volunteer services manager. "There are about 20 jobs, ranging from the Outreach to Schools program to cutting up fish for food to testing water quality to watering plants."

Although each volunteer job has different requirements, there is something for everyone.

"Almost everyone you come in contact with in the aquarium is a volunteer," said Angel Passailaigue, aquarium public relations representative. "There are many different jobs that volunteers can do, and there's a volunteer orientation program that teaches people what there is to do here if they aren't sure what they want to do."

The aquarium volunteer coordinators are flexible with Chaudhary's Air Force schedule.

"With Operation Enduring Freedom, the people at the aquarium knew there would be lean times, and they have worked with me all the way," Chaudhary said. "Usually divers have to come in two eight-hour shifts each month on any day of the week, to include holidays. We also have to make a one-year commitment to the program."

Chaudhary loves his volunteer work with the aquarium and encourages others to join the aquarium volunteer staff.

"It's a great opportunity with many benefits," he said. "There's not just the diving program, there's also a great education outreach program that's huge here. Kids of almost any age can get involved."

"When I first talked to the volunteer coordinators, they sent me to the website, [www.scaquarium.com](http://www.scaquarium.com), where I learned any additional information I needed to know about the program," Chaudhary said.

"I can't think of a better fit for me, to come out and do something I wanted to do as a kid ... I would pay someone to be able to do this," Chaudhary said. "And to be able to do it in a volunteer setting, it's great."

# Charleston AFB CCAF graduates receive degrees today

More than 100 Community College of the Air Force degrees were awarded today at the Charleston Club.

These degrees were awarded to active duty servicemembers who successfully completed all requirements needed for the Associate in Applied Science degree.

According to the Community Education Center, the CCAF has been awarding degrees for 30 years.

Chief Master Sgt. Marian Stevenson, director of academic operations at the Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, Ala., was the guest speaker.

The following individuals received degrees during this year's graduation:

## Air Force Combat Climatology

Senior Airman Stuart Carter  
Staff Sgt. Gregory Drysdale  
Master Sgt. Glenn Harris  
Staff Sgt. Matthew King  
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Norrod

## 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron

Senior Airman Anthony Barto  
Senior Airman Dennis Batac  
Master Sgt. Todd Bellamy  
Master Sgt. Joseph Chew  
Tech. Sgt. Vanessa Chew  
Master Sgt. Richard Harris  
Tech. Sgt. Charles Irvin  
Staff Sgt. Joyce Sumpter

## 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Generation Squadron

Master Sgt. Robert Bair  
Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Joseph Eskew  
Master Sgt. Carl Kyle  
Senior Airman James Mathes  
Master Sgt. Randall Morgan  
Tech. Sgt. James Painter  
Master Sgt. Kenneth Sellers

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Return, Night Hawk, Ulchi Focus Lens, Joint Forge and others.

Changose said they participated in several big missions such as when they landed the Marines on the Rhino landing zone in Afghanistan on a tiny dirt runway.

"We also delivered more than 42-million pounds of cargo to theatre commander-in-chiefs," Changose said.

Some 14 AS members credit the squadron's team concept as a key player in winning the award.

"We don't have 10 percent of the people doing 90 percent of the work," said Lt. Col. Steve Groenheim, 14 AS director of operations. "Everyone is giving their very best. You can't win the award without that."

"We have our share of individual winners, and we're proud of that," he continued.

Staff Sgt. Timothy Walker  
Staff Sgt. Michael Waller  
Master Sgt. Henry Warden  
Master Sgt. Daniel Wright

## 14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron

Staff Sgt. Alfred Cook

## 17<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron

Senior Airman Paul Guenther  
Staff Sgt. Keven Hunt  
Tech. Sgt. Steven Lovette  
Staff Sgt. Mitchell Peters  
Staff Sgt. Christopher Sabatini

## 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing

Master Sgt. Chris Bidmead

## 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron

Senior Airman Edward Bunce  
Staff Sgt. Jason Grove  
Tech. Sgt. Michael Hall  
Staff Sgt. Douglas Hanson  
Senior Airman Jeremy Miller  
Staff Sgt. Samuel Mink  
Staff Sgt. Michael Nikolaus  
Tech. Sgt. Thomas Pytel

## 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Camera Squadron

Staff Sgt. Timothy Bailey  
Master Sgt. Jeffrey Chisholm  
Staff Sgt. Carrie Cole  
Master Sgt. Ronnie Davis  
Staff Sgt. Lori Haas  
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Martinez  
Master Sgt. Michael McKinney  
Master Sgt. David Richards  
Tech. Sgt. Edward Williams

## 437<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron

Senior Airman David Deremer  
Tech. Sgt. Jesse Humberd  
Tech. Sgt. Eric Lentner

Master Sgt. Richard Lytton  
Staff Sgt. Edward Moore  
Staff Sgt. Robert Pletcher  
Staff Sgt. Cherez Robinson

## 437<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Squadron

Staff Sgt. Amanda Gravelly  
Staff Sgt. Travis Kiker  
Staff Sgt. Jeannine McGuire

## 437<sup>th</sup> Contracting Squadron

Senior Airman William Kendall  
Staff Sgt. Kaia Olbino

## 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Raymond Phreaner  
Staff Sgt. Ronald Shultz

## 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron

Master Sgt. Kenneth Barnwell  
Staff Sgt. Lisa Blackledge  
Staff Sgt. Darrel House  
Senior Airman Casey Luid  
Master Sgt. Gregory Szupillo  
Tech. Sgt. Terrence White

## 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group

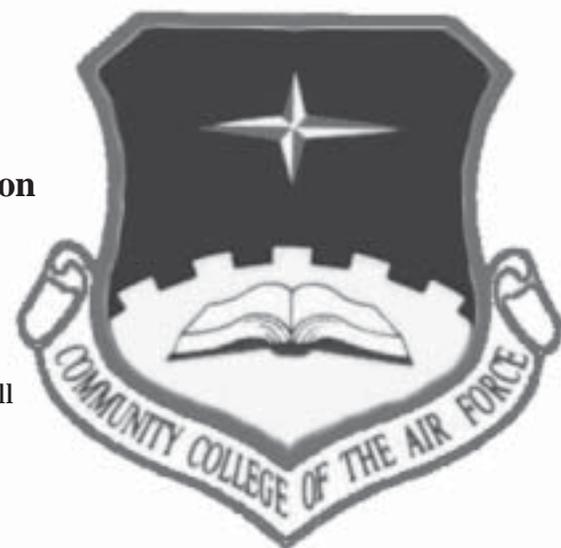
Tech. Sgt. Tundra Gatewood  
Master Sgt. Noble Lisenbee  
Staff Sgt. Angela McVane  
Senior Airman James Ring

## 437<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron

Master Sgt. Ronald Page

## 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron

Master Sgt. Bryant Garrison  
Staff Sgt. Ann Graves  
Master Sgt. James Mueller  
Staff Sgt. Rochelle Ottman



## 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Keith Collins  
Tech. Sgt. Richard Wayne Reeder  
Staff Sgt. Patrick Rodgers

## 437<sup>th</sup> Supply Squadron

Master Sgt. Paul Baczewski  
Senior Airman Dajuan Dunmore  
Staff Sgt. Connie Sims

## 373<sup>rd</sup> Training Squadron, Detachment 5

Staff Sgt. Jeramie Banks  
Staff Sgt. Kristi Burton  
Staff Sgt. Robert Bouchillon  
Staff Sgt. Austin Lewis  
Staff Sgt. Matthew Mercer  
Staff Sgt. Michael Mohn  
Tech. Sgt. Tod Piper  
Tech. Sgt. Paul Zimmerman

## 437<sup>th</sup> Transportation Squadron

Master Sgt. Robert Mundis  
Senior Airman Regina Ulferts  
Senior Airman Jerry Yarrington  
*(Names and ranks printed as submitted by the CEC.)*

"But this one is particularly sweet because we're not recognizing the most valuable player, everyone is the valuable player. We can't have mission success if you don't have that."

Master Sgt. Jim Mueller, 14 AS chief loadmaster, echoed Groenheim's sentiment.

"The troops give 110 percent every time," Mueller said. "That's how we get the mission done."

To continue the idea of the team spirit as the promoting factor in this award, one pilot shared his views.

"Our squadron really works together," said Capt. Aaron Pultz, 14 AS executive officer. "Everyone tries to go above and beyond with every mission. A lot of our personnel have been really motivated since 9/11."

Mission success is critical in winning this award. The 14 AS, according to the award package, has unparalleled

mission involvement and achievements.

"We have a good balance of mission execution, cohesion as a squadron, care for the troops and family, and strong tactical mindset," Groenheim said. "We take all that, and we blend it and assess some risk management to that. That's how we ensure mission success."

According to the package, the 14 AS morale and esprit de corps continues to soar through its quarterly award program, weekly fitness program and family retention program. The squadron's re-enlistment rate is at 95 percent, and the only enlisted member to separate is now in the Reserve Officer Training Corps to be a future Air Force leader.

"Since 9/11, it's been a very 'go attitude,' very positive," said Staff Sgt. Skip Hurley, 14 AS loadmaster. "Everyone does their job in a positive, safe and fast manner."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Smith

## Getting grilled

Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Heather Pace, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing chaplain's assistant, and Chaplain (Capt.) Richard Novotny, 437 AW Catholic chaplain, prepare the Base Chapel's new patio for an upcoming visit. The new patio is scheduled to host 120 kids from St. John's School May 13 for mass and a picnic. Novotny travels to the school once per month to say mass since the school does not currently have a priest.

## 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.

#### **"Showtime" – Robert De Niro, Eddie Murphy**

Two very different police officers, a straight-laced, no-nonsense type and a showboating, outlandish rookie with attitude are forced to work together. As stars of a new reality-based TV show, a major city's police department hopes the two will boost their publicity, morale and image in general.

**(PG-13) 92 minutes**

### Saturday, 2 p.m.

#### **"E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial" – Henry Thomas**

Left behind by his companions, an alien is rescued from adult pursuers by Elliot, who hides him at home. Elliot devises a plan to reunite the alien with his people on his planet.

**(PG) 120 minutes**

### Saturday and May 10, 7:30 p.m.

#### **"Blade 2" – Wesley Snipes**

After an accident triggers the deadly "Blood Tide," a part human and part vampire warrior, Blade must find a way to reverse the process and save the world that has been completely overrun by vampires. Blade's team and the Bloodpack are the only line of defense that can prevent the Reaper population from wiping out the vampire and human populations.

**(R) 108 minutes**

## Fitness & Sports

# AGS, CTCS make finals

## Intramural volleyball playoffs heated leading up to Wednesday's championship

Story and photo by Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Amy Perry  
437 AW Public Affairs

The Charleston Air Force Base 2002 Intramural Volleyball playoffs came to a close on Wednesday.

As of Wednesday afternoon, AGS and CTCS were gearing up to battle it out for the base championship.

AGS coach Nathan Zahn has no worries about the game.

"We are at our peak right now and we're playing well together," said Zahn. "We've won nine games in a row and don't plan on losing now."

AGS maintained a perfect record throughout the playoffs, with wins over MXS, CTCS and CS.

The double elimination tournament gave CTCS the chance to try their luck against AGS for the second time in the playoffs. CTCS beat NAVY HOSP and SUPS, while only losing to AGS.

CTCS assistant coach Mark Depass was also confident about the game.

"We're sure we'll give them a

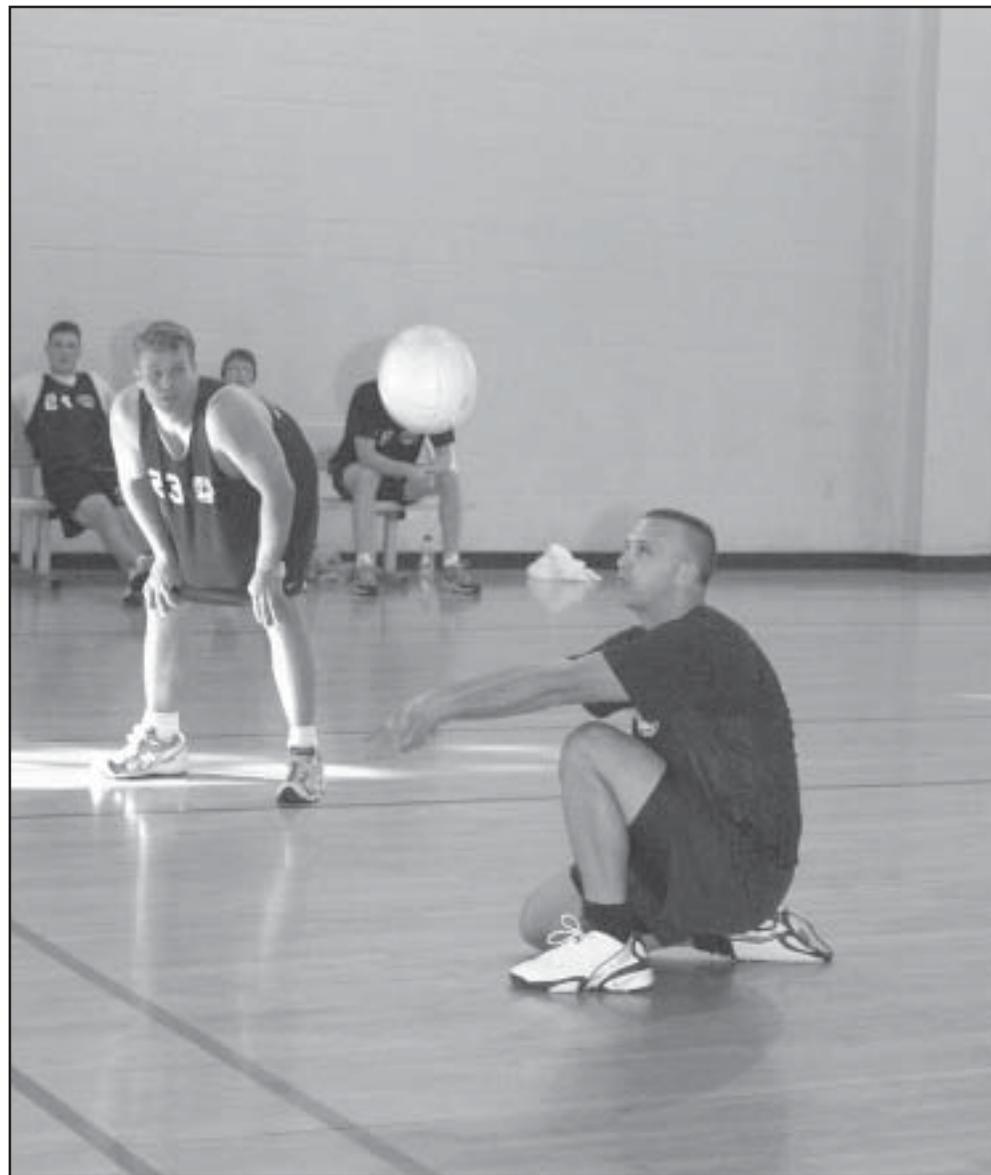
good match with a competitive team," Depass said. "They've improved a lot, but may the better team win."

In the first round on the tournament, the No. 4-ranked team AGS beat No. 5 MXS. No. 3 CS defeated No. 6 NAVY HOSP. No. 2 SUPS edged out No. 7 MED GP to make it to the second round. NAVY HOSP won against MED GP in the loser's bracket to stay in the race.

In the second round, No. 1 CTCS lost to AGS and CS defeated SUP, sending CTCS and SUP to the loser's bracket. CTCS and SUPS turned things around in the loser's bracket. CTCS threw NAVY HOSP out of the tournament in two games, and SUPS edged MXS out in three.

In the quarter-finals, AGS kicked CS out in two games, and CTCS managed to slide SUPS out in three.

CTCS had its chance to prove they're the No. 1 team again after their defeat early in the playoffs from AGS. As of Wednesday afternoon, the teams were set to prove who's the best at Wednesday night, 5:30 p.m.



Joe Trechter, CTCS, digs a NAVY HOSP spike to keep the ball in play during semi-final action in the loser's bracket Monday. CTCS managed to pull out of the loser's bracket to challenge AGS Wednesday night for the championship.

### HAWC news

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Into Fitness Challenge starts Monday

By Staff Sgt. Jason Smith  
437 AW Public Affairs

The Charleston AFB Health and Wellness Center is ready to kick off the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Into Fitness challenge.

The entire CAFB community is eligible to participate in the program, which kicks off Monday and ends May 31.

According to a HAWC

news release, Spring Into Fitness is a health challenge designed to encourage cardiovascular conditioning, resistance training, education and awareness, and supplement education and awareness. The challenge is open to four-member teams that must exercise at least 180 minutes-per-week each to compete.

"We basically put this

together to increase participation in fitness programs," said Jason Ham, HAWC exercise physiologist. "Currently, 40 percent of the CAFB active-duty population reports they are sedentary. The program is

built on the team concept so that teammates can encourage each other to get healthy."

The rules for competing require four-person teams to have a team captain and team name turned into Ham by Saturday. Teams are awarded points by how many exercise minutes they complete each week. No more than 60 minutes of exercise can be used per day. The team captain will turn in the total number of minutes to Ham each week.

Team members can also earn additional points by attending the HAWC Spring Into Fitness classes, according to Ham.

"We're having two classes during the competition," said Ham. "One is Weight Training for Golf, and the other is Supplement Madness: Fact vs. Myth."

Ham said the HAWC held the Weight Training for

Golf class last year, and it was standing room only. He expects the same this year.

"A lot of people actually get injured playing golf," said Ham. "We're going to go over how to train and get conditioned. Even better, we'll be talking about things like how to get your drives to go further."

The supplement class is new, according to Ham, but he recommends first sergeants, supervisors and anyone who takes, or may know someone who takes, supplements attend the class.

"I've spent the past two years really researching supplements and their effects," Ham said. "This one class is going to address everything from fat burners to fad diets."

"There are some extremely dangerous supplements out there," continued Ham. "Last month, a 20-year-old (Air Force

member) male had a heart attack after taking a certain supplement. A very significant amount of the CAFB population takes supplements, and they need to be at this class."

Along with education and fitness, the HAWC is also offering prizes to those who participate. Last year, Ham said the winning team was awarded personal CD players. He promised this year's prize would be as good if not better. He also guaranteed that every participating member will be awarded a t-shirt.

The Weight Training for Golf class is scheduled for May 16, noon, in the Fitness and Sports Center classroom. Supplement Madness is scheduled for May 22, noon, in the Fitness and Sports Center classroom.

For more information on Spring Into Fitness, or to register, call Ham at 963-4007.

