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Photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Kaminsky

Crack of dawn

Airman 1st Class Sarah Wiser, 437th Aircraft Generation Squadron crew chief, performs a pre-flight inspection on a Charleston AFB C-17 Globemaster III as the sun comes up over the CAFB flightline.

Command chief here

By Airman Stephanie Hammer
437 AW Public Affairs

Chief Master Sgt. James Roy completed his first two weeks as the 437th Airlift Wing command chief master sergeant with a promise to "be the voice of Charleston AFB's enlisted force."

"It's a great place and a very busy place, with a high ops tempo," said Roy. "There are great people here who are very mission focused."

As CAFB's top enlisted member, Roy's job is to advise the commander on matters influencing the health, welfare and morale of the enlisted members here. The new command chief says the enlisted force is his top priority.

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Special leave accrual system in place

Members may be able to carry over 'use or lose' leave

By Airman Stephanie Hammer
437 AW Public Affairs

Active duty members unable to take annual leave before Sept. 30 because they were supporting contingency operations may be allowed to carry over "use or lose" leave.

Only servicemembers supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Noble Eagle will be allowed to carry over more than 60 days, according to Air Force personnel officials.

Those affected may be able to keep up to 90 days of leave until the end of fiscal 2003.

Guard and Reserve members, who performed full-time training or full-time duty for more than 29 days, may also be eligible for the special leave accrual.

Those who meet the criteria for having leave in excess of 60 days due to OEF and ONE, should apply for special leave accrual through their squadrons, according to Capt. Heather Gordon, 437th Mission Support Squadron chief of customer support.

Members may contact their squadron commander's support staff or the military personnel flight if they believe they qualify for SLA.

A consolidated list will be forwarded by the MPF to Headquarters Air Mobililty Command for final approval.

"If SLA is sought for any operation other than OEF and ONE, members should apply through normal channels according to the guidelines established in AFI 36-3003, section E," said Gordon.

Civilian receives 40-year service pin

By Airman 1st Class Amy Perry
437 AW Public Affairs

Marilyn Hebert, 437th Communications Squadron Network Control Center help desk operator, recently received the 40-year service pin for her civil service at Charleston AFB.

Hebert has worked for Team Charleston longer than any other person on base, and the entire 40 years were spent working with computers in one way or another.

She started out as a keypunch computer operator in 1962. Hebert said at that time there was no such thing as computers as they are today. All of the information was stored on one central computer, such as financial records, maintenance records and military personnel records.

"When anything was fixed on an aircraft, it had to be documented," said Hebert. "So the maintenance workers would fill out a form and send it to the keypunchers to punch it out on an IBM card."

An IBM card, or punch card, was a small sheet that keypunchers punched out holes in certain areas to

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COMMENTARY

Team Charleston captures 2002 CSAF Team Excellence Award

By Col. Brooks Bash
437 AW commander

I returned on Tuesday from the Air Force Association Annual Awards Banquet in Washington, D.C., where **Staff Sgt. Brian Sharman**, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron, and **Staff Sgt. Terrence Carraway**, 315th Security Forces Squadron, were honored as two of the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year. Congratulations!

In addition, accolades go to the 437th Logistics Support Squadron Logistics Training Flight, along with members of the 315th Airlift Wing and the 437th Logistics Group. This team was recognized as one of only five Air Force winners of the 2002 Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award for the Electronic Testing and Evaluation of Student Training. Twenty-one teams competed, and once again, Team Charleston's innovative ideas and solutions were cited as the "best of the best."

The eTEST is an Internet-based testing method. Maintainers must pass several annual tests on various tasks. In the past, paper tests were mailed and the wing had a huge backlog as they had to receive and score these tests. The Internet-based tests eliminated the backlog by making the tests easily available to our maintainers, even when deployed, while also allowing easy updates when technical orders change.

The C-17 eTEST was developed by **Richard Hutchinson**, 437 LG Process Improvement and Quality chief; **Maj. Darryl Frazier**, 315th Aircraft Generation Squadron commander; **Capt. Jeff Olsen**, 437 LSS maintenance supervisor; **Chief Master Sgt. Michael Leies**, 437 LSS maintenance supervisor; **Senior Master Sgt. Art Sullivan**, 437 LSS LTF chief; **Tech. Sgt. Michael Ferguson**, 315 AGS Reserve maintenance training NCOIC; **Tech. Sgt. William Harmon**, 437 LSS Distance Learning Center manager; **Staff Sgt. Brian Salyer**, 437 LSS LTF network manager; and **Staff Sgt. Mike Kretser**, 437 LSS LTF workgroup manager.

The United Kingdom's Royal Air Force and Team Charleston held our first RAF/USAF C-17 Standardization and Evaluation Exchange Conference, Tuesday through today. The RAF leases four C-17s from Boeing and received their aircrew "seasoning" and maintenance training here. The conference was a unique gathering of C-17 warriors. Maj. Gen. Nick Williams, 21st Air Force commander, was a key speaker for the conference.

The conference focused on crew utilization, night vision goggle training and other operational issues. The schedule included an opportunity for RAF crewmembers to fly with Charleston crews, observe tactical maneuvers, and mission management concepts employed in Afghanistan. The conference was a complete success and ample proof of our strong partnership with the RAF 99th Squadron at RAF Brize Norton.

Many of you have probably read or seen my vision, mission statement and goals for the wing. I am trying to support my goal of family: our foundation. I have put some money into fixing up the fitness and youth center programs, McCombs running trail and other areas. With end of year funds, we are doing very well in making some improvements. We'll provide more details as those projects near completion.

Col. William Bender assumed command of the 437th Operations Group on Wednesday. Please welcome Col. and Mrs. Bender and their family to Team Charleston.

Col. Russ Deluca will remain here a little while longer before moving to Scott AFB, Ill. Colonel and Mrs. Deluca have done an outstanding job after Col. Bob Allardice became the wing commander at McChord AFB, Wash.

Today marks National Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day where we honor America's heroes. We, along with the Ralph E. Johnson Veteran's hospital, will host a ceremony to honor former POWs in the C-17 Nose Dock at noon today. During the ceremony, we will dedicate a C-17 aircraft, named in honor of POW/MIAs. We will also proudly fly the POW/MIA flag today. Everyone is invited to attend the ceremony and meet these great Americans.

I am sure you know that we returned to Force Protection Condition Alpha on Saturday. Although the FPCON has lessened, we should not let down our guard and must remain vigilant. Report any suspicious activities immediately to security forces.

Please remain safe and have a great weekend!

Action Line

Q: I have a concern about the Hunley Park security post being removed. If the main base residents can have a secure home to live in, why can't all of us in Hunley Park?

A: I share your concern for the safety of all our base residents, including those in Hunley Park. The Hunley Park entry guard post was removed recently due to an evaluation of the security situation at the base and in the local community. I am pleased to report that crime is down this year across our base. This is a tribute to the excellent work of our security forces and the vigilance of our base residents, both on the main base as well as in Hunley Park. Unfortunately, we haven't yet reduced crime to zero, although that is certainly our goal. While Hunley Park no longer has a manned guard post on a regular basis, we continue to dedicate a full-time (24 hours a day/7 days a week) patrol to Hunley Park to provide a proactive police presence in your neighborhood. A mobile patrol is an excellent way to catch and deter crime. Keep in mind, when the security threat increases to our military and family members, we will make appropriate adjustments across the base to include Hunley Park. This is exactly what we did when we recently went into Force Protection Condition Bravo, and the gate guard was again set up at Hunley Park. The safety and security of all our base residents are of the utmost importance.

The number for the Action Line is 963-5581. Action Line requests can also be e-mailed to action@charleston.af.mil.

—Col. Brooks Bash
437 AW commander

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IN THE NEWS

The 437th Airlift Wing Vision

Charleston Warriors: Simply the Best at Providing Agile Combat Support for America.

Charleston Warriors: Team Charleston personnel—active, reserve and civilian,working together with a can-do warrior attitude to get the job done.

. . . ***Simply the Best:*** CAFB truly is the best, first choice for Air Mobility Command, and repeatedly earns accolades and praise in every facet of operations. These few words challenge us to continue to expand on our capabilities and achievements so that we will always be the first choice for mission accomplishment.

. . . at Providing Agile Combat Support: Agile is defined as the ability to be responsive, swift and alert. The 437 AW must aspire to be all of these things as we answer our Nation's call to action in the ongoing war against terrorism. The people of our wing perform many tasks and the ultimate totality of those efforts is to provide combat support.

. . . for America: We must never forget that as Air Force team members, our profession is to serve and defend our great Nation. You and your families can be very proud that your daily contributions are indeed fulfilling a selfless call to duty. I am proud of what you do everyday. You truly are ***Simply the Best.*** ***--By Col. Brooks Bash***

Charleston AFB – Simply the best

By Col. Brooks Bash
437 AW Commander

Shortly after I took command of the 437th Airlift Wing at Charleston AFB, several airmen asked me what my vision was for the wing.

My response to those airmen was that I would first observe and learn about our exceptional airlift wing to better understand the culture and mission of the wing.

Not surprisingly, during the past couple of months, I have gained several significant impressions about CAFB. First, CAFB truly does function as a team; active, reserve and civilian members all work together in an exceptional manner to accomplish our airlift mission.

Second, CAFB personnel have a strong culture of excellence and mission orientation.

Finally, our people have a deep sense of pride in serving our nation.

Our new wing vision was created to capture these impressions and to provide a compass bearing as we embark on future missions to support and to serve our Nation.

Charleston AFB Reserve lieutenant colonel, captain promotions announced

The following Charleston AFB Reserve officers have been notified of their selection for promotion to lieutenant colonel and captain:

Lieutenant colonel

300th Airlift Squadron – Burt Bailey, Mark Bauknight, Robert Lacroix, Ed Schmidt, Mike Speer, Ron Mature, Westel Willoughby

315th Airlift Wing Staff – Tom Fazenbaker

315th Aerospace Medicine Squadron – James Cowan

315th Operations Support Flight – Jake Taylor

315th Support Group – William Dean

317th Airlift Squadron – David Kratzer, Joseph Kuhlmann, Allan Terry

701st Airlift Squadron – Randolph Knox, James McCusker Jr.

Captain

53rd Aerial Port Squadron – Tracy Whitt

315 AW Staff – Catherine Ferris, Tracy McDougal

315 AMDS – Robert Ard, Pamela Basden, Melinda Carr, Ernest Whitlow

315th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron – Jerry Earl, Glenda Gibson, Harriett Kinsey, Karen McGee, David Moses, Edward Patterson, Amelia Simmons, Gerald Stinson, Randy Wyatt

315 SPTG – Christian Anderson, Jeffery Newsome, Jeffrey Garrett, Jeremy King, Tim Moore

317 AS – Jared Huebel

CHIEF

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"It's my job to understand the commander's policies and deploy those to the troops," said Roy. "I take care of the enlisted people by understanding the commander's perspective, but I also represent the enlisted members and I'm here to be their voice.

Command Chief Master Sgt. James Roy

"The second part to that is taking care of the military family and making sure quality-of-life issues are addressed," continued Roy. "We want to at least have a plan. A big part of that is to make sure we take care of the enlisted through upgrade training. We need to make sure people have a sense of worth in their jobs and we can do that through recognition programs."

As a father of 2-year-old twin boys, Caleb and Colby, Roy, a Michigan native, says the families of enlisted members at CAFB are also a major priority.

"We need to make sure there's a process in place to ensure families are taken care of while members are deployed," said Roy. "I want to take on some of the quality-of-life issues and try to ease the pain of deployment, even though the ops tempo won't slow down. We want to ease the burden on military members and their families."

When it comes to quality of life at CAFB, Roy is happy to see some positive changes already taking place.

"I see a lot of improvements going on already," said Roy. "I think it's important to make sure the enlisted men and women are heard and to try to make sure their concerns are being addressed."

The chief said after 20 years in the Air Force, he knows what is expected of him, but says he also has some expectations of CAFB.

"I want everyone to continue to give 100 percent because they're the security of our nation," said Roy. "We also need to continue to comply with military standards, even though we're in the middle of a war.

"I also want to encourage (airmen) to talk to their chain-of-command and try to resolve issues at the lowest level," continued Roy. "Of course we all have open-door policies, but it's important to utilize your chain-of-command, and give your immediate supervisors the chance to resolve issues where they can."

After 23 months as the 14th Flying Training Wing command chief master sergeant, Columbus AFB, Miss., Roy says he and his wife, Paula, are enjoying Charleston and are happy to be here.

"We're here to serve the enlisted population of CAFB," said Roy. "We look forward to meeting everyone and being members of Team Charleston."

NEWS BRIEFS

Spotlight

Ceremony: There will be a POW/MIA ceremony today, noon, at the C-17 nose dock. All Team Charleston members are invited.

Retirement: The 437th Airlift Wing Staff is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Larry Wallace today, 3 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call 963-8013.

Reorganization: The 437th Airlift Wing is holding a combat wing reorganization ceremony Sept. 27, 10 a.m., at the Charleston Club.

Retirement: The 437th Maintenance Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Richard Williams Tuesday, 2 p.m., at the Community Education Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Paul Childers at 963-4652.

Retirement: The 437th Aircraft Generation Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Doreen Castle Sept. 27, 1 p.m., at the chapel annex. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Mike O'Hara at 963-4708.

Retirement: The 437th Maintenance Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Stephen Dent Sept. 27, 2 p.m., at the Community Education Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Paul Childers at 963-4652.

Around the base

Minimum manning: The Logistics Readiness Squadron, formerly transportation, supply, TMO and XP, will have a commander's call Sept. 27, 3 p.m. All sections will be at minimum manning. For more information, call Master Sgt. Janet Osborne at 963-4190.

OSA: Officers' Spouses' Association is hosting a free Special Activities Coffee and a welcome for Mary Beth Bash Tuesday, 10 a.m., at the Charleston Club. The event is open to all officers' spouses.

Healthcare: The Healthcare Consumers Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 2 p.m., at the base theater. The meeting is open to anyone eligible for military health care. For more information, call 963-6710.

Fashion Show: The African American Heritage Council will host A Night in Fashion Part III Sept. 27, 7-11 p.m., at the Charleston Club. Admission will be $10 in advance and $12 at the door. For tickets or more information, contact 1st Lt. Iven King at 963-5436, or Tech. Sgt. Denese Bellamy at 963-2262.

Marriage: The Family Advocacy Program will offer a marriage enrichment class starting Oct. 1, 6-8:30 p.m., and running for six consecutive Tuesdays. Classes are free for base personnel and spouses. To register, call Jim Hernandez at 963-6504.

NAHM: Volunteers are needed to help plan Native American Heritage Month events for November. The committee will meet every Tuesday in September, 11:30 a.m., at Wings Café in the Charleston Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Dan Stipanuk at 963-4675.

New number: The Community Education Center has added an additional phone line at the customer service desk. The new number is 963-7201.

Discount: As a show of appreciation for military members, both North Charleston Popeye's Chicken locations are offering a 10 percent discount to military ID card holders on Mondays.

Family Support Center

Investing for beginners: Today, 8:30-10 a.m.

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

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

For more information, call 963-4406.

Free childcare may be available

As of Sept. 1, active-duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members returning from deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom may receive a limited amount of free child care upon their return to their home station and family.

The care will be provided in one of the extended duty family child care homes on base that is currently under contract as part of an Air Force Services initiative to support members required to work extended hours.

The care will be provided on a space available basis and is limited to no more than 16 hours of care per child and to children ages 12 years and under.

The care must be used within 30 days of the return from the deployment unless the program is not able to offer it during that time.

For more information, call Sherian Vickers at 767-2134 or Tim Garrahan at 963-3817.

Charleston Warrior of the Week

Airman 1st Class Daniel Orth
437th Aerial Port Squadron

Airman 1st Class Daniel Orth is an air transportation technician in the 437th Aerial Port Squadron Cargo Flight.

"We're responsible for the transportation of cargo and passengers," said Orth. "Once the cargo arrives at Charleston AFB, we are responsible for its entire movement."

Orth said he enjoys all of the deployment possibilities his job offers him.

"I've gone to Spain and Germany on TDY recently," said Orth. "The travel is really great."

Orth said his supervisors are top-notch and they really help out their troops.

Born in St. Petersburg, Fla., Orth has moved all over the world, because his parents were in the Marines. His only sibling, his brother, also joined the Marines.

"My father told me to join the Air Force," said Orth. "The quality of life that the Air Force provides is what he was pushing for."

Orth has served the Air Force for a little over two years, and CAFB is his first duty station.

NASCAR and working out at the gym are Orth's main hobbies. He said he enjoys going to the drag strips and racing his Trans Am.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Amy Perry

NEWS

New Web tool takes mystery out of mentoring

Air Force eVector tool gathers scattered mentoring resources into central location

Air Force people are encouraged to mentor. Higher-ranking officers are asked to mentor junior officers; junior officers to mentor cadets and noncommissioned officers; and senior NCOs to mentor airmen.

The Air Force has now developed an online resource to help airmen on both sides of the mentoring relationship.That tool is eVector. Developed last year, it is a computer resource that gathers previously scattered mentoring resources into a single place.

"Our culture requires mentorship at many levels, but particularly at the supervisory level," said Maj. Gen. Mike McMahan, Air Force Personnel Center commander. "Since we require our folks to mentor their people, we wanted to provide a user-friendly mentoring tool for them.

"We don't get 10-year NCOs off the street," continued McMahan. "It's the immediate supervisor who directly influences the development of these young airmen. The Air Force depends on the supervisor to show them how things should be done."

Capt. Kevin Heckle, 437th Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight commander, said mentorship is at the foundation of many Air Force relationships.

"Mentors are 'a trusted counselor or guide' who have greater experience and wisdom and can guide another person to develop both personally and professionally," said Heckle. Mentors can offer everything from career guidance and professional development to understanding the Air Force's core values.

"Mentoring is the direct involvement of the supervisor in the professional development of those he or she supervises," Heckle continued. "By doing this, supervisors can continuously challenge subordinates. Providing clear performance feedback and guidance in setting realistic professional and personal development goals - near-, mid- and long-term."

Heckle said eVector was created because AFPC saw its potential impact on airmen.

"AFPC understood it had a wealth of electronic information within its doors that could positively impact how our troops are influenced in the Air Force," said Heckle. "AFPC took this information to new heights by allowing individuals to pass along their personal information to mentors, inside and outside their chain of command, who could use it to have more informative feedback sessions."

eVector offers information that might be helpful in career planning and counseling like military pay and per diem tables. Web links are included for tuition assistance, commissioning programs, relocation information, Air Force Aid and the MGI Bill.

"Access is automatically given to the member's unit commander and an officer's preference worksheet review since these individuals often perform mentorship and career development roles," Boit said. "They can then use this data to give informed promotion, assignment and career advice tuned to the individual's needs and circumstances."

"Mentoring is important to our Air Force," said McMahan. "It not only positively impacts retention, it also allows for more effective use of our top resource – our people."

People must have an AMS account to access eVector. Interested people can visit the Air Force Assignment System Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

(AFPN, Airman 1st Class Amy Perry also contributed to this article.)

Declaration visits Charleston area

By Airman Stephanie Hammer
437 AW Public Affairs

The corner of Broad Street and East Bay Street downtown was tightly packed Sept. 11 as people from all over the Lowcountry, including airmen from Charleston AFB, wanted to see an original copy of the Declaration of Independence.

"The Declaration of Independence is the key to our freedom," said Airman 1st Class Shawn Graham, 437th Transportation Squadron vehicle operator. "Even though it was hot out there, it was still a good opportunity to see a piece of our nation's history."

According to Producer Norman Lear, purchaser of this copy of the declaration, the goal of the Declaration of Independence Road Trip was to bring the "people's document" to over 35 million young Americans.

Lear said he wants to engage and energize Americans to participate in civic activism, to exercise human rights and most importantly, to vote.

"This generation has every capacity to become the greatest generation of all," said Lear. "It has a great capacity to recommit to each other and share the idea of (the declaration)."

In 1989, a Philadelphia man purchased a framed artwork from a flea market for $4. While inspecting a tear in the painting, the man discovered a copy of the declaration. After experts authenticated the document, Lear purchased the declaration for $8.14 million on an Internet auction.

"As I looked at it some years later, I thought two things," said Lear. "I thought, I am looking at the nation's birth certificate, and it's the people's document. It belongs to them, and if I can obtain it, it will not wait somewhere on a wall for people to come and find it, but it will travel to them.

"If I feel something as a human being," continued Lear, "then (I feel) you will, too. So, if my eyes watered looking at the Declaration of Independence, I was sure yours would, too."

Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Clements

Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing commander, enjoys the Declaration of Independence Road Trip opening ceremony in Charleston.

Thomas Jefferson's version of the Declaration of Independence was adopted by The Continental Congress and was sent to the official printer on July 4, 1776. About 200 copies of the document were created. The original signed copy of the declaration resides in the Rotunda of the National Archives Building, Washington, D.C.

Lear's copy of the declaration, framed behind ultraviolet-tinted glass, using acid-free matting in a custom designed bulletproof, lightweight and climate-controlled case, is one of only 25 copies still remaining today

(Information from the declaration road trip Web site at www.independenceroadtrip.org was used in this article.)

Pay matters: *DFAS Employee/Member Self-Service system makes accessing leave and earnings statement, personnel information easier than ever using Web*

By Airman Stephanie Hammer
437 AW Public Affairs

Accessing pay information just got easier at Charleston AFB after the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Employee/Member Self-Service system expanded and made it easier to become a registered user.

Servicemembers can now get a personal identification number and gain access to the automated system with more ease, putting themselves in control of processing certain financial information without using paper forms.

Previously, requesting a PIN was a complex and lengthy process, according to Capt. Teresa Grindrod, 437th Comptroller Squadron Financial Services Flight commander. It required servicemembers to submit, by fax or mail, a written request, signature, photocopy of ID, telephone number and type of pay received to establish a PIN and become registered users of E/MSS.

"Getting a PIN number used to be complicated before, which turned a lot of people off," said Grindrod.

The E/MSS Home Page now allows members to request a PIN online and receive it in the mail in seven-10 days, cutting the time it takes to establish a PIN, according to Grindrod.

"This Web site is the customer's link to submit (financial information) directly to DFAS from the convenience of their home," said Grindrod. "It streamlines the process and cuts out the paperwork and middle-man.

"The system basically allows you to do a lot of simple things you might take for granted," continued Grindrod.

According to Grindrod, an important aspect of E/MSS, especially with the amount of people deployed at CAFB, is it can help with staying on top of finances while away from the home.

"The big thing is the convenience factor," said Grindrod. "It keeps people out of the (finance) lobby and cuts down on the wait time for those with busy schedules."

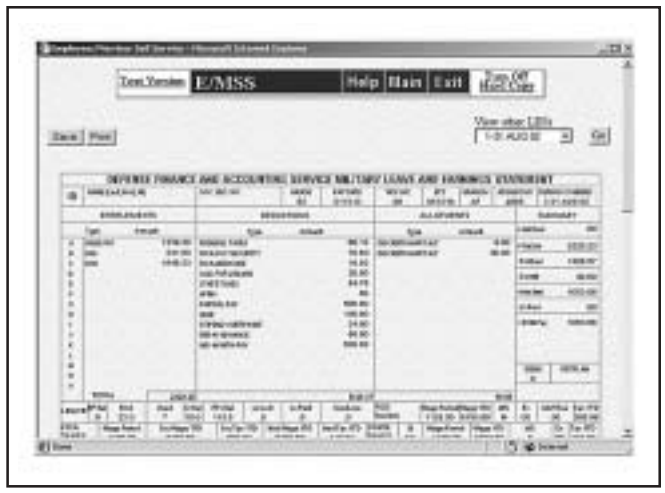
Also available to registered users is the ability to view or print Leave and Earning Statements, change federal tax withholding information, update financial institution account numbers, update Electronic Fund Transfer addresses and change Thrift Savings Plan information.

According to an E/MSS pamphlet, continued expansion is in the future for E/MSS at CAFB. Members will one day have the ability to change state tax withholding information, start and update bond information, and view and print travel vouchers.

For more information about the sevices available through the Employee/Member Self Service system, access the E/MSS Home Page at https://emss.dfas.mil, or contact the E/MSS customer support unit at 1-800-390-2348.

E/MSS gives the ability to:

- View and print leave and earnings statements
- Change Federal tax information
- Update financial account number
- Change Electronic Fund Transfer address
- Change correspondence address
- Elect and change Thrift Savings Plan



Combat Camera Photo of the Week

Photo by Staff Sgt. Shane Cuomo, 1 CTCS

Remembering

Tech. Sgt. Susie Henry, 437th Airlift Wing Protocol Office, connects a flag to a base flagpole Sept. 11 during Patriots Day. Patriots Day was held on Charleston AFB in remembrance of the terrorist attacks on the United States one year ago.

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represent information. After marking the punch cards, the keypunchers would run the cards through the central computer.

Now, Hebert works as a help desk operator for CAFB. She said she takes care of user IDs, passwords and terminal IDs for computer users here.

Hebert said she doesn't see the point in retiring, and plans to work as long as she can. When she started working at CAFB, her son was in kindergarten. Now he's a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force and Hebert jokes that he'll retire before she will.

After watching computers revolutionize over 40 years, she said what they are used for hasn't changed too much.

"We still get the same information," said Hebert. "Its just that we get more and much better information."

Hebert said she came in at 6:30 a.m. and stood up sorting cards all day until 5 p.m.

"Now the heaviest thing you have to pick up is a pencil," said Hebert. "In 40 years, it's really changed for the better."

Hebert said she's enjoyed working at CAFB for the past 40 years.

"I like to be busy," said Hebert. "It was more fun back then, but it's easy now. I really like my job now because there's no pressure.

"If I had to do it all over again, I would work with the military."

Marilyn Hebert

FEATURE

‘Dirt boyz’ kick asphalt, keep CAFB C-17s flying

PHOTOS AND STORY BY AIRMAN STEPHANIE HAMMER
437 AW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The pavement steams under the 100-degree heat index as they wipe the sweat from their brows. Blinded by the sun in the middle of the day, they work continuously to smooth out runways and roads.

Holes on the flightline might keep a plane down somewhere else, but at Charleston AFB, these “dirt boyz” keep C-17s in the air.

They are the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron Heavy Horizontal Equipment Shop, and the harsh weather conditions are no match for them as they pave the way in base construction.

“We do a lot of flightline repair,” said Staff Sgt. Kevin Henderson, 437 CE construction technician. “If the runways were to get damaged by bombs, for example, we repair the craters and get planes off the ground.

“We also do any work that needs to be done with asphalt and concrete, or any construction needing heavy equipment support,” continued Henderson.

“Dirt boyz” are especially helpful to the mission during deployments, said Airman 1st Class Brandon Woodward, 437 CE pavement and construction equipment operator.

“Our job is kind of unique in that we (deploy) and build the base for everyone,” said Woodward. “We do the runways, but we can also put up the tent cities. We have a lot of people deployed from the shop right now.

“Basically we get to construct things,” continued Woodward. “I can come back to the base in 50 years and say ‘I did that.’”

Working with heavy equipment has the potential to be an extremely dangerous job, said Henderson. It’s important for the operators to always be aware of what is going on around them.

“It’s bad out there when you’re doing asphalt on a hot day,” said Henderson. “You always stand a chance of burning yourself, and you constantly have to look out for equipment.”

When working with large equipment, the horizontal shop keeps safety in mind.

“Obviously we take safety precautions,” said Henderson. “We have safety briefings every week. We pretty much work under all weather conditions, except lightning and torrential downpour.

“Whenever they close the runway, we’re in and out as quick as we can,” said Henderson.

Laying asphalt and concrete isn’t the only thing CAFB depends on the horizontal shop to do.

“We repair potholes in roads and sweep the flightline and streets,” continued Henderson. “We just did concrete in base housing the other day. We do everything from installing signs to digging ditches, too.”

The shop also has a large effect on the appearance of the base.

“We have a direct impact on base morale,” said Staff Sgt. Paul Laird, 437 CE pavement and construction equipment operator. “We’re indirectly responsible for the upkeep of the base.”

Being a “dirt boy” isn’t just about building.

“We get to have fun and come out and tear things up,” said Airman Jeremy Winchester, 437 CE pavement and construction equipment operator. “But, we do whatever we have to, to get the job done.”

Senior Airman Corey Haugen, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron pavements and construction apprentice, uses a grater to spread asphalt and fill a pothole.

Using a roller, Staff Sgt. Michael Nikolaus, 437th Civil Engineer pavement and equipment operator, compacts asphalt to make it stronger on the ramp of a runway here.

The 437th Horizontal Heavy Equipment Shop dumps hot asphalt to repair holes in the runway.

Choices

Sept. 11 reflection, reaction

BY LT. COL. STEVEN GROENHEIM
14 AS COMMANDER

Where were you on the morning of September 11, 2001?

We had just finished squadron PT when my unit control center called me with the news. "There's been an accident in New York City" they said.

"I'll be there in a few minutes," I said, rushing to my car. I dashed back to my office just in time to see the World Trade Center burning on CNN. Then the second plane hit. "What in God's name is going on?" I asked myself.

I watched as long as I could before I had a 9 a.m. operations call with our flight crews. Just as I told my people what had happened, my crew scheduler interrupted me and whispered, "Sir, the Pentagon's been hit."

I took a deep breath, and with a crinkled brow, told my crews the latest info.

"This meeting is over, do not leave the squadron, and stand by for further instructions."

Everyone was glued to the TV for the next few days or more, experiencing emotions we'd never expected to feel in our lives. A few days later a friend sent me pictures of the carnage in New York and Washington, D.C. As I looked at photos of people jumping out of the World Trade Center, it hit me hard. Terrorists took precious freedoms away from these victims, and they were left with few choices.

They were no longer "endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights." Their freedoms at that moment did not include "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." The victims were given a choice-stay in the building and suffocate, burn and be crushed to death, or jump and die. They didn't have a choice to leave the building safely. Their freedoms were snuffed out as fast as the oxygen was consumed when 12,000 pounds of jet fuel exploded into each tower.

I can sympathize with, and grieve for, victims of natural disasters and accidents, but I have a hard time understanding the human nature behind these acts of horror, more devastating in lives lost than the attack on Pearl Harbor. This mindless and premeditated hatred released against innocent civilians brought out the best in us, because terrorism will not prevail in our country. We in the United States, who hold our freedoms so dear, watched an event unfold that we never thought we would experience.

How about the people aboard the hijacked airplanes? What did they have on their minds that morning? "Was the flight going to be on time?" "It's cold in here, I hope I can get a blanket." "I can't wait to see my husband and children at the airport." "I hope they will be happy to see me..." What were their thoughts the moment after they knew they were hijacked? They're freedoms were stripped away and seized by their captors to be used exclusively for their gain. Unalienable rights? No. They had few choices.

How did you feel the weeks and months after 9-11? Have those feelings waned? Are we as a nation emotionally spent? Do we feel like we need to get this behind us and move on?

There have been several news articles and TV documentaries recently. I hope you have made time to reflect on the tragedy that gripped our country on Sept. 11 of last year. Do you think anyone still harbors hatred for Americans and our freedoms? Is there anyone out there who would have the audacity to harm those who embrace our way of life? We all must remain vigilant to preserve our peace.

How did you support the war effort? Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

How are you feeling today? I hope you still take it personally. I hope we eradicate terrorism as we did polio and remove it from our vocabulary in the present tense. It will continue to require our total dedication, as it has for the last year. The next generation will ask us what happened that morning. I hope you remember it and vividly recall those trying times and the years that followed as the last chapter on terrorism. God bless America.

Air Force photo

An aerial view of the Pentagon shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Chapel schedule

107 Arthur Drive
Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
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.

Protestant Services: *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School in Bldg. 245, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service and 11 a.m. Children's Church. *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Bldg. 217 (old Chapel).

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, David Sirull, at 571-3264.

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

Movie schedule

Admission: 99 cents for adults and children.

Any person under 17 years of age requires a parent or adult guardian (a minimum of 21 years old) to purchase an admission ticket for the minor 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.
"Austin Powers in Goldmember" – Mike Myers

Dr. Evil and Goldmember hatch a time-traveling scheme to take over the world. As Austin Powers chases these villains through time, he joins forces with an old flame, Foxxy Cleopatra. **(PG-13) 123 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
"Blood Work" – Jeff Daniels

Former FBI director Terry McCaleb, who has recently recovered from a heart transplant, is tracked down by a woman to investigate the death of her sister, whose heart happens to be the one McCaleb received. The case looks like a simple robbery until clues start to point to murder. **(R) 105 minutes**

Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m.
"Martin Lawrence Live" – Martic Lawrence

Comedian Martin Lawrence takes the stage for a stand-up performance in which he covers everything from his childhood to a series of arrests in the 1990s. **(R) 103 minutes**

SPORTS & FITNESS

Sensible Weigh aims at making lifestyle changes, permanently

By Airman Stephanie Hammer
437 AW Public Affairs

Making permanent lifestyle changes is the focus of the Health and Wellness Center's Sensible Weigh program.

According to Capt. Sean Schumm, 437th Medical Group Nutrition Program manager, Sensible Weigh has been around for several years as an active-duty, weight-management program designed to help those on active duty who have been referred to the HAWC for help in weight control.

"People are put on the program when they are flagged for being over their max weight, but we do allow those who have not been flagged to refer themselves if they feel they are moving towards being overweight," said Schumm.

Sensible Weigh is a four-class series that covers the topics of goal setting, good nutrition, exercise and behavioral management.

"We tackle the entire scope of weight loss," said Schumm. "We cover all aspects related to weight-loss, including supplements and fad diets, the correct way to lose weight, how to make healthy food choices and what the correct portion sizes really are."

According to Schumm, in 2001, those who completed all four classes, on average, lost approximately 15 pounds. Those who did not complete the classes lost approximately 3 pounds.

"The No. 1 focus of the program is lifestyle changes," said Schumm. "We're not looking to give a quick fix, but want to help them make permanent changes."

Sensible Weigh also includes a 90-day follow up, said Schumm. The purpose of the follow-up is to check the progress of an individual and see how they're doing.

"The class structure helps because we don't see people just once," said Schumm. "The more times you see people, the better their chances are of success.

The program offers members a fat and calorie counter, fast food nutrition guide and booklet that covers the four topics of weight loss.

"The food and exercise diary is also helpful," said Schumm.

Schumm also said that the best part of Charleston AFB and the programs offered here are that they're more community and preventative focused.

To sign up, call 963-4007.

Nutrition Facts
Serving size: 1/4 Recipe (188g)
Servings Per Recipe: 4

Amount Per Serving	
Calories 189	Cal. from Fat 45
	% Daily Value*
Total Fat 5g	8%
Saturated Fat 1g	4%
Cholesterol 0mg	0%
Sodium 240mg	10%
Total Carbohydrate 31g	10%
Dietary Fiber 8g	35%
Sugars 0g	
Protein 10g	

Vitamin A	75%	Vitamin C	40%
Calcium	10%	Iron	20%

*Percent Daily Values is based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs.

% Daily Value: Indicates how food fits within a 2,000 calorie diet based on dietary recommendations for most healthy people.

Middle Section: This helps to calculate daily limits for fat, fiber, sodium and other nutrients.

Vitamins & Minerals: The Percent Daily Value is the same as the U.S. Recommended Daily Allowance for vitamins and minerals (same levels).

(***Information taken from www.metrokc.gov***.)

O'Hara takes top spot

By Staff Sgt. Jason Smith
437 AW Public Affairs

More than 40 Team Charleston members showed up at the Sports and Fitness Center Saturday morning to participate in the base's first-ever biathlon.

Mike O'Hara pulled in front of the pack and scored the overall best time, completing the 5K run and 15K bike in 43:55.

"I really looked at is as more of a fun run than anything," said O'Hara. "I took a big lead on the run and never looked back."

O'Hara said he runs every day, and he knew he would do well in the 5K portion of the race. He didn't expect to come in first because he never practices cycling.

Mary Beth Bash came in first overall for the women with a time of 52:28. Her husband, Brooks Bash, won his category for males over 40.

The course started at the Sports and Fitness Center and ran down Hill Boulevard toward the flightline. Competitors turned right at Bates Avenue and eventually made a left into the housing area. The course came out of housing near the Dorchester Gate where it ran from Hill Boulevard to the gym.

One lap on the course was five kilometers, so participants had to bike the trail three times after running it once.

Steve Parrish, Fitness and Sports Center director, said he was pleased with the outcome of the race.

"This was the first time we've run a biathlon on the base," said Parrish. "We wanted to see how user friendly the cyclists riding around the base would be. The outcome was good."

Parrish said the gym is looking at holding a triathlon next year, and the biathlon was a good test to see how it would work.

In the more immediate future, CAFB members will be able to participate in monthly commander's fun runs. Parrish said each run will cover about three miles, and will have some kind of theme.

The Fitness and Sports Center already has a Halloween run planned for Oct. 31, 7 a.m. All participants are invited to wear a Halloween costume for the run.

Results

Males under 20:	Females under 20:
Joseph Giguerre	**Tiffany VanMotnen**
Males 20-39:	Females 20-39:
Mike O'Hara	**Amy Grady**
Jake Raser	**Tina Schaffer**
Paul Baczweski	**Cherie Thurlby**
Males over 40:	Females over 40:
Brooks Bash	**Mary Beth Bash**
Matt Ricks	**Karen Wade**
Steven Turner	**Frankie Cox**

Photo by Britt Lock

A participant in Saturday's biathlon gets ready to start the 15K bike portion of the race.

Willoughby, Wright select four of sixteen right

By The Swami
Pigskin Prognosticator

Sven Stauber made a Monday night comeback over Tony Rice by picking the Eagles over the Redskins. Stauber won the first official week of Swami action with a mediocre 12-4 record. He tied Ricein picks, but Stauber had the closer tiebreaker score.

The Swami was annoyed this week by the trash talking of some of his biggest fans. Terry "The Coach" Gabbert and Dave " The Dreamer" DeRemer were the two biggest mouths. The Swami thought he had a bad week, but these two jokers were worse. There were 69 entries for week two, and Gabbert finished third from the bottom.

Gabbert talks a big game but really can't keep up with the Swami. The Swami has now offered to give Gabbert golfing lessons so he can try his luck at something else.

DeRemer wrote some disparaging remarks about the Swami on his entry sheet. The Swami figures he must have been talking about himself because his picks were just like his comments-ridiculous!

The Swami does not have much to say about the Cowboys this week. The Swami, with the good heart he has, phoned Cowboy owner Jerry Jones to give him some tips and advice. The Swami told Jones it would be another miserable year with maybe two or three wins. The Swami then phoned Tennessee Titan coach Jeff Fisher and told him to lose last week for the sake of diehard Dallas fan Allison Bethea. Bethea just retired, and the Swami thought that would be a nice gift to her. See, the Swami is a nice person after all.

Having the distinction of the "worst pigskin picker" belongs to Beth Willoughby and Gary Wright. Both of them had 4-12 records. The Swami compliments them on their ability to pick the tiebreaker score. Willoughby hit it on the nose and Wright missed it by one. At least these two Swami wannabes can do something right.

"Please, don't waste the Swami's time anymore," said the Swami. "You are obviously clueless about a great number of things."

The Swami could talk bad about the abilities of Team Charleston members all day, but he wouldn't even have time to scratch the surface, so why bother?

Keep those awful picks coming in, and stop dreaming about being as great as the Swami.

Week Four

Name/Phone #: _____
Comments: _____

Sunday, Sept. 29
Chicago @ Buffalo
New Orleans @ Detroit
Carolina @ ***Green Bay***
New York Jets @ Jacksonville
Miami @ Kansas City
Houston @ ***Philadelphia***
Cleveland @ ***Pittsburgh***
Dallas @ ***St. Louis***
New York Giants @ Arizona
Tampa Bay @ Cincinnati
Tennessee @ ***Oakland***
New England @ San Diego
Minnesota @ Seattle

Monday, Sept. 30
Denver @ Baltimore

Monday night total points: _____
Swami's Monday night points: ***35***

Swami's picks are in bold and italics.
Send your picks to: Swami@charleston.af.mil
Picks may be dropped at the Public Affairs office in Bldg. 1600, Room 224.
Picks must be submitted by Friday, Sept. 27, 4 p.m.