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By Col. Karl Young
437AW vice commander

Recognition

Congratulations to Team Charleston's Diamond Sharp airmen for August. We break new ground this month, naming an Army National Guardsman as one of our rising stars. Our first sergeants singled out the following people for special recognition: **Sgt. Tyrone Loadholt**, S.C. National Guard; **Senior Airman Maureen Ledford**, 1st Combat Camera Squadron; **Senior Airman Astin Moore**, 437th Aerial Port Squadron; **Airman 1st Class Edward Mims**, 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron; and **Staff Sgt. Wayne Pugh**, 437th Security Forces Squadron. Keep up the good work!

Welcome

On Monday, we welcome a congressional staff with a number of South Carolina representatives, who are visiting to get a personal look at our mission and facilities.

Mr. Garry Richey, Air Mobility Command's deputy director of logistics, also visits this week for a firsthand look at our operations and procedures. Please extend a warm welcome when you see him on base.

Air Force Ball

The Air Force Ball, Sept. 6, at the North Charleston Convention

Park it: Several Action Line callers have 'lots' of parking concerns

Q: I'm concerned about the handicapped parking at the new commissary. I've had two hip replacements and cannot get a close enough spot. Could you please put additional handicapped parking slots closer to the new commissary entrance.

A: Thank you for identifying this problem for our handicapped customers. We will install three additional handicapped parking spaces as close as practical to the commissary entrance. A new parking lot, which will go on the site of the old

The Commander's Action Line is your direct link to me. It's your opportunity to make Charleston AFB a better place to live, work and play.

First, give the appropriate base agency a chance to solve the problem, but if you don't get a satisfactory answer, call me at **963-5581**, or send an e-mail to action@charleston.af.mil.

To ensure you receive a response to your concerns, please leave your name and the information needed to contact you.



Col. Brooks Bash
437 AW commander

commissary, will start construction soon and is scheduled for completion in late September. It will provide eight handi-

capped parking spaces and should make access to the front of the commissary a little easier. Thank you for the call.

Q: I park my motorcycle at Bldg 74. At the new buildings they have concrete parking slabs, but our lot is asphalt and the kick stands sink into the ground. Can you help?

A: Thank you for identifying this problem for our motorcycle riders. When your facility was designed, no motorcycle parking spaces were requested. To address this problem, civil engineers will include this in the next Base Traffic Engineering Working Group Meeting. Leadership will determine how many spaces are needed for motorcycles. Thank you for the call.

Dispatch

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Mission Impossible

MEO: taking care of people number one mission

By **Capt. Heather Gordon and Master Sgt. Carneal Smith**

437 AW Military Equal Opportunity

“Focus on the mission” is a misused and abused phrase in our military. Some people think our mission is fixing a bad fuel pump on an aircraft, generating a report or processing travel vouchers all day. Although these are critical parts of the mission, they lack one important ingredient: taking care of people.

It is impossible to accomplish our mission if we are humiliated by inappropriate behavior and misconduct not conducive to good order and discipline.

We belong to a professional organization and took an oath of service to support and defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. However, we are our own worst enemy when we don't support and defend equal opportunity and treatment policies.

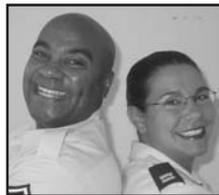
Policies are not a poster on the wall, but a tool for all members of the Department of Defense to utilize every day.

The Air Force has zero tolerance for discrimination based on race, sex, color, national origin or religion. This policy is reinforced by Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing com-

worth repeating

“Policies are not a poster on the wall, but a tool for all members of the Department of Defense to utilize every day.”

– **Master Sgt. Carneal Smith and Capt. Heather Gordon**
437th Airlift Wing Military Equal Opportunity



mander, in his Equal Opportunity and Treatment policy letter which states, “Equality and human dignity are essential elements to maintaining a quality force and are integral parts to readiness.”

Can an EOT incident happen to you? Absolutely. No one is immune to violations of this nature.

Someone makes a disparaging comment because the pigmentation of someone else's skin is different. Someone uses a racial slur in a dormitory fight. This couldn't happen at Charleston AFB, right? Think again.

The MEO office has processed a number of EOT incidents involving racial remarks. It's hard to believe that in 2003, 39 years since Congress passed into law Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, we are still dealing with

these issues.

All members of Team Charleston must take a proactive approach to remind personnel that any violation that results in an EOT incident will not be tolerated or taken lightly. If you are a military member, punishment for using a racial slur could result in administrative action or an Article 15, to include the loss of one or more stripes, forfeiture of pay, restriction to base and extra duty.

For family members or guests sponsored onto base, using a racial slur could result in being barred from CAFB. This means family members would not be able to work on base, use the commissary and other base agencies, and might have to find a new place to live. For guests, this means not being able to visit friends or attend activities on base.

As Colonel Bash's EOT policy letter says, “Charleston AFB is our workplace, our community and, for many, our home. We deserve to feel a true sense of pride in our community, our base and ourselves. As members of Team Charleston, we are all responsible for preventing, identifying and resolving discriminatory behaviors.”

The importance of working and living in a harmonious environment, free of discrimination, is a goal we must achieve in the military. Is it mission impossible? You decide.

Back to school

Safety gives tips on protecting pedestrians

By **Dave Luttrell**

437 AW Safety Office

When parents stress to children to look both ways before crossing the street, they have some important data to back up their concerns.

The second leading cause of death for children 5 to 14 years old is pedestrian injuries. Data from the National Highway Safety Traffic Administration indicate that 25 percent of children between ages 5 and 9, who were killed in traffic accidents in 1998, were pedestrians. These facts underline the importance of teaching safe pedestrian skills to children.

Children under age 10 are not able to judge speed, distance or direction. Their behavior is

unpredictable and compulsive, and they are easily distracted. Children are short in stature, and their field of vision is limited.

Parents should reinforce street safety by explaining consequences and by exercising a close watch on children outdoors. The 437th Airlift Wing Safety Office provides some safety tips for children:

- Do not let children younger than 10 cross the street alone
- Learn how traffic lights work; even though the light may be red, turning vehicles will still cross the path
- Walk only when walk signal is lit
- Do not allow children to play unsupervised in driveways, unfenced yards, streets or

parking lots

- Follow proper pedestrian safety rules to set an example for children
 - Walk, don't run, across the street, to give drivers reaction time
 - Look both ways before crossing a street; if a parked car is in the way, go to the edge of the car and look both ways
 - Cross only at corners and marked crosswalks. If there is a crosswalk button, press the button and wait for the walk signal to indicate that it is safe to cross
- In addition to pedestrian safety, parents should reinforce bicycle safety.
- Always wear a bicycle helmet that is properly fitted and complies with Consumer

Product Safety Commission standards

- Allow children younger than 6 to ride bicycles only under the direct supervision of an adult.
- Teach children about traffic hazards and pedestrians. Explain that, even on sidewalks, there are intersections with driveways and drivers may not be watching out for them. They must be careful to avoid people and other children on the sidewalk
- Do not allow children to ride bicycles at night. Riding at night is 20 times more dangerous than riding during the day
- Expand instruction on bicycle safety as children get older to include how to safely ride on streets and the importance of obeying traffic signals

NEWS

Civilian dedicates three decades of service to AF



Debbie Etheredge, 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander's secretary, received a civil service pin July 22 after three decades of service in the Air Force.

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

Three decades of dedicated service earned a Team Charleston secretary recognition recently.

Debbie Etheredge, 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander's secretary, received her 30-year civil service pin July 22.

The Hazelton, Pa., native moved to Charleston in 1969. After graduating from Goose Creek High School in 1972, she took her first job in civil service in April 1973 as a clerk-typist at the aerial port squadron's air freight section at Charleston AFB.

Mrs. Etheredge was excited about being hired because she thought the pay was great, amounting to \$60 every two weeks.

"In 1973, things were very different," said Mrs. Etheredge. "We had no computers, just plain typewriters. I remember when I started on base with an electric typewriter, I was amazed at the speed, compared to the non-electric one I usually worked with."

The base has also changed dramatically, said Mrs. Etheredge.

"The base wing headquarters was just a small, white building, and the base exchange was just a small little shop that was located where (the 437th Communications Squadron) is today."

Her husband transferred in 1979, and Mrs.

Etheredge left the aerial port for Hickam AFB, Hawaii. While at Hickam, she worked as the secretary for the Pacific Communications Command's directorate of supply. In 1983, she returned to Charleston and worked at the Naval Shipyard for two years.

She returned to the Air Force base in 1985 as the supply squadron's materiel management flight secretary. She moved to the commander's secretary position in 1987.

To have such longevity makes a huge difference, because she's seen changes in the squadron and sometimes even seen them change back, said Maj. Doug Bugado, 437 LRS operations officer.

"She knows the rationale behind the changes and keeps everyone on track," said Major Bugado. "I truly believe she's the one running the squadron. If it wasn't for her, we would fall flat on our face every day."

While Mrs. Etheredge didn't plan on being a career civil servant, she's now glad she is.

"I like my job, and I especially like the people," she said. "The base is beautiful, and it's a great place to work."

All of Mrs. Etheredge's family has been involved in the military. Her husband, Bobby, is a retired Air Force master sergeant who worked in the aerial port squadron. One of her sons, Scott, is in the Air Force as an enlisted budget analyst. Her other son, Bobby Jr., spent time in the Marine Corps.

Asking for help

Jumper: suicide prevention begins with knowledge

Suicide prevention begins with leaders at every level being knowledgeable about resources available to help those in distress. This is the message Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper wrote to commanders July 21.

In the communiqué, titled 'Seeking Help and Suicide Prevention,' General Jumper urged commanders to encourage airmen to seek help, "earlier rather than later."

"We have made tremendous progress at Charleston, moving to a culture of personal responsibility and prevention," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Frank Budd, 437th Medical Group Behavioral Sciences Flight commander. "We are getting many more referrals from friends and first line supervisors, not just first sergeants, when they see someone in distress."

"There will always be reluctance to ask for help, that is just the way

most of us are built," he continued. "However, we are making 100-percent outreach every year to let people know help is available, effective and confidential."

The Air Force uses an integrated system of chaplains and professionals from life skills, family support, child and youth services, health and wellness centers, and family advocacy. All of them work together and take responsibility for prevention.

Of the 29 suicides among active-duty members during 2002, "only 24 percent sought help from life skills support centers in the month prior to their death," General Jumper wrote.

Jumper also addressed a common misconception among airmen: that getting help will damage their careers.

According to Jumper, airmen often confuse medical-record entries with personnel-information-file entries.

"Please emphasize that personnel information files document misbehavior, not medical or mental health visits," General Jumper wrote. "It is highly unlikely a voluntary mental health visit will have a negative career impact, but may in fact save one's career."

"One caveat is that, when a member has already been involved with illegal drugs, stolen from the BX, had repeated alcohol incidents, or comes into the military with a serious mental illness, the member gets help but does not evade the consequences of their behavior," said Colonel Budd.

Suicide rates in the Air Force have declined throughout the last six years. From 1991 to 1996, the active-duty suicide rate was 14.1 per 100,000. From 1997 — the year in which the suicide prevention program was fully implemented —

through 2002, the annual average was 9.1 per 100,000. The service's suicide rate in 2002 was 8.3 per 100,000 people — its second lowest in 20 years.

As of July 21, there had been 19 suicides among active-duty airmen this year — a rate of 9.3 per 100,000. No suicides were among active-duty airmen deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Despite these positive trends, Jumper emphasized too many airmen choose to take their own lives.

"We have noticed an increase in the number of people thinking about or attempting suicide here at Charleston, so every one needs to stay vigilant and be available to help," said Colonel Budd.

(Air Force Print News and Airman 1st Class Stephanie Hammer, 437 AW Public Affairs, also contributed to this article.)

EMTFs: mobility support to 21st century warfighters

Editor's Note: The July 25 reorganization announcement incorrectly described the chain of command within the new Air Mobility Command structure. Beginning Oct. 1, AMC wings, the groups at Dyess, Robins and Little Rock AFBs, and the EMTFs will report to the 18th Air Force commander. The four Air Mobility Operations Groups and the en route system will report through the EMTFs.

By Col. Dave Thurston
AMC Director of Public Affairs

On Oct. 1, Air Mobility Command's warfighting reorganization will transform the command's structure to ensure better mobility mission focus for today's expeditionary Air Force. According to AMC commander, Gen. John Handy, the result will be enhanced command and control.

"In the future, all presentation of forces to the warfighter will be through one numbered Air Force responsible for the Tanker Airlift Control Center, 12 wings, three groups, two Expeditionary Mobility Task Forces and the en route system," he said.

The reactivated 18 AF will focus on presentation of those mobility forces to the unified commanders for execution of AMC's worldwide operational mission. The existing 15th and 21st Air Forces at Travis AFB, Calif., and McGuire AFB, N.J., will be redesignated as Expeditionary Mobility Task Forces.

But what is an EMTF, and how does it fit into AMC's new architecture?

The new Expeditionary Mobility Task Forces are key to the execution phase of warfighting. Each of the EMTFs will be commanded by a general officer responsible for leading the efforts of AMC's four Air Mobility Operation Groups and their subordinate units, providing worldwide expeditionary mobility support. The EMTF will maintain administrative control over the AMOGs and ensure their appropriate representation and support.

Each AMOG can field professional multifunctional teams to extend existing AMC infrastructure through in-place employment and rapid forward deployment to meet the nation's Global Air Mobility needs. They can deliver, on short notice, mission-ready command and control, aerial port, and aircraft maintenance personnel to project and sustain combat forces worldwide.

The EMTF commanders will also play a vital role as deployable Directors of Mobility Forces during contingency operations. As the DIRMOBFOR, the EMTF commander will serve as the designated agent for all air mobility issues in the Area of Responsibility or Joint Operations Area, and for other duties as directed. They will also exercise coordinating authority between the theater command and control nodes, the TACC, and DoD's Joint Movement Center in order to expedite the resolution of air mobility issues.

The EMTF commanders' role is outreach focused, leading AMOG personnel from initial

base assessment through full operational capability, anywhere in the world. General Handy points out that the word "task" is already central to the way AMC conducts business.

"That's how we do it today - it's how an AMOG operates," said General Handy. "They get a task from the Tanker Airlift Control Center and tailor their resources to accomplish that specific task. The EMTFs will always be out there in peace or war. Their role is mobility. How do I create austere airfields out of nothing? How do I take a robust airfield and make it useful? That will be their expertise. They can go anywhere and do anything - they're organized under this one-star whose role is to look out there and say 'what can I do to help?'"

Redesignating the current numbered Air Forces to EMTFs provides precise focus on what General Handy describes as "Job #1" — warfighting. The divestiture of redundant staff functions at the NAFs makes the EMTFs light, lean and agile while consolidation of command and control at 18 AF places centralized warfighting responsibility within a single command element. General Handy says the end result is easily understood.

"The new construct makes it very clear to anyone who looks at the organization that we are part of a task force - it's expeditionary and the task is mobility. We can facilitate mobility in an expeditionary manner anywhere in the world."

OSS civilian named 2002 Air Force Outstanding Resource Manager

By Airman 1st Class Amy Perry
437 AW Public Affairs

Walter Jensen was named the 2002 Air Force Outstanding Resource Manager of the Year.

Mr. Jensen is the 437th Operations Support Squadron aviation resource management chief. His team of managers is responsible for keeping the statistics for all aircrews including flying hours, flying accomplishments and flight physical requirements.

The award doesn't belong just to him, said Mr. Jensen.

"I don't look at this as my award, it is validation of the work of everyone in my career field here," he said. "The base was recognized, through me, for the work they did. This is not my award. Yes, I received it, but I received it on behalf of them."

Each flying squadron has approximately five people who

record aircrew data.

"It's a joint effort, you can't just drop the ball in one squadron and expect it to be picked up in another," said Mr. Jensen.

He is a dedicated, self-motivated professional, said Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing commander.

"His 'get it done right the first time' attitude and initiative set him apart from the rest of his contemporaries," said Colonel Bash. "He excels in the daily duties as our host, aviation resource management leader."

Mr. Jensen retired here in 1982 as a lieutenant colonel and navigator for C-141s. He has worked as an aviation resource manager since 1988.

"I look at my work as a continuation of my active duty service," said Mr. Jensen. "There's something about the (Air Force) way of life. When it's all you've ever done, it gets comfortable."



Photo by Britt Lock

In the money

Tech. Sgt. Susie Henry, 437th Airlift Wing Protocol, receives a \$500 Around the World in Ninety Days prize July 23. Tickets are available at a variety of 437th Services Squadron locations and events until Aug. 31. For more information, go to www.atwind.com.

AROUND THE AIR FORCE

CSAF announces new fitness program

WASHINGTON – Airmen will begin hitting the track soon as the Air Force begins a new physical fitness program, the service's senior leader announced in his July 30 "Fit to Fight" Sight Picture.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper directed that airmen will now test their fitness levels by performing sit-ups, push-ups and running 1.5 miles.

The change is being made because "we are a much different Air Force today," according to General Jumper.

General Jumper cited the physical requirements demanded by recent deployments around world as the impetus for the change.

"The amount of energy we devote to our fitness programs is not consistent with the growing demands of our warrior culture," he said. "It's time to change that."

Details will be released soon that will get airmen back to the basics of running, sit-ups and push-ups, Jumper said. The cycle ergometry test, in use for the past 10 years, will continue for those who, for legitimate reasons, are not able to run.

Other changes include issued workout clothes and a renewed focus on the commander's ownership of airman physical fitness.

"We are planning to ... put responsibility for (physical training) in the chain of command, not with the medical community or the commander's support staff," General Jumper said.

"I expect this effort to be led from the top, starting with commanders and senior (noncommissioned officers)," he said. "I expect those who have trouble meeting the standards to be helped by others in their unit until they do meet the standard."

The program begins Jan. 1. General Jumper said he plans to lead National Capitol Region Air Force general officers in a fitness test during the first week of January. Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray will lead area command chiefs later in the week.

"I think all of us can agree that we were disappointed with the fit-

ness standards we found when we came into the operational Air Force," General Jumper said. "Let's not disappoint ourselves any longer."

"The message is simple: If you are out of shape, fix it. If you have people in your squadron who need help, help them.

"January 2004 is the date," he said. "Be ready." **(Air Force Print News)**

AF seeks female military training instructors

LACKLAND AFB, Texas – Today, more and more women are crossing into the blue, and as the number of female airmen grows, so does the Air Force's need for female military training instructors.

MTIs teach basic trainees how to become airmen, and the Air Force would like basic trainees to have more female instructors to look up to.

Today, 25 percent of Air Force basic trainees are female, yet

women make up only 13 percent of the MTI corps.

All enlisted airmen attend basic training at Lackland AFB. Consequently, basic military training instructors also get their training there. Once airmen are selected as MTI candidates, they travel to the MTI School at Lackland to attend a 14-week training course.

During the first seven weeks of training, MTI candidates learn techniques for teaching trainees how to live basic-training style. They learn how to do everything they expect their trainees to do: make a bed the military way, polish combat boots and execute drill movements.

In the second half of MTI training, students are assigned to a basic training squadron where they work alongside a seasoned instructor and guide a basic military training flight of 40 to 60 trainees through their six-and-a-half weeks of basic training.

Every Friday morning at Lackland, airmen who have com-

pleted basic training march in a graduation parade in front of thousands of their parents, relatives and friends.

MTI school students receive their campaign hats the morning their flights graduate from basic training, just before the parade ceremony begins. Then the students take their final steps toward becoming MTIs by marching their flights through the parade.

MTIs serve a three-year controlled tour. They also receive \$350 per month of special-duty pay, \$375 beginning in October, and an annual supplemental clothing allowance.

Razor-sharp senior airmen and above who are interested in MTI duty can find information on how to apply by visiting www.lackland.af.mil/737web/org.cfm?content=MTI_duty. Those interested may also call Lackland's MTI recruiting team for information at DSN 473-1016 or commercial (210) 671-1016. **(Air Force Print News)**

Combat Camera Photo of the Week



Photo by Staff Sgt. Quinton Burris

Speaking their language

U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Greg Shanahan, civil affairs specialist with the 486th Civil Affairs Company from Broken Arrow, Okla., speaks with Iraqi citizens April 11, during a visit to their village. The 486 CAC is deployed to an undisclosed location, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

NEWS BRIEFS

Spotlight

Air Force Ball: The Air Force Association Chapter 297 is sponsoring the Air Force Ball Sept. 6 at the North Charleston Convention Center. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The guest speaker is Lt. Gen. Duncan McNabb, Headquarters U.S. Air Force Staff, Plans and Programs chief.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased through squadron representatives. The menu includes a garden salad, herb chicken with roasted garlic crème, vegetables, rolls, and Chocolate Lovin' Spoon Cake or cheesecake.

Baby-sitting services are offered on site for \$10, and reservations can be made with Tech. Sgt. Janet Clayton at 963-6024. The 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron offers free transportation from Charleston AFB to the convention center. Valet Parking at the convention center is offered by the 437th Comptroller Squadron. Promotional Embassy Suites rooms are offered that night for \$89. To make reservations, call 747-1882 and reference the Air Force Ball.

Around the base

AFSA: The Air Force Sergeant's Association Chapter 306's next meeting is Tuesday, 11 a.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. John Danko at 963-4590.

SLC: The School Liaison Committee's next meeting is Tuesday, 11:30 a.m., at the

Charleston Warrior of the Week



Airman 1st Class Mary McNair

437th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Airman 1st Class Mary McNair is a logistics planner in the 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron. She is responsible for coordinating deployments for the wing and enjoys working with different organizations to get her job done.

Airman McNair was the first airman out of basic training to join her career field, and said it's a lot on her shoulders.

"The Air Force is basing a lot of things off of the way I work in the career field," said Airman McNair. "I'm proud to have a lot of people rely on me."

The Hartford, Conn., native has been at Charleston AFB for more than one year. She joined the Air Force to meet different people and explore new horizons.

Airman McNair plans to get a degree, become an Air Force officer and work in the legal office.

In her off time, she enjoys volunteering at schools and helping with children. Her hobbies are latch-hooking, swimming and reading.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Clements

Charleston Club. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Donna Jackson at 963-2202.

Luncheon: The All American Luncheon is Aug. 15, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at the Charleston Club. The menu is hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad and coleslaw for \$8 (club members) and \$10 (non-members). For more information or to make a reservation, call Staff Sgt. Laurie Ryan at 963-5603. Volunteers are needed to create ethnic designs on tables. To volunteer, call 2nd Lt. Shaloma McGovern at 963-3383.

Jail and Bail: The Hispanic Heritage Committee is sponsoring a mock "Jail and Bail" fundraiser Aug. 20, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Participation in the event is voluntary and should be coordinated through supervisors. Charleston AFB personnel can have someone "arrested" for only \$10. The individual will remain in lock-up for one hour, unless they post \$20 for bail. Pictures of the mock arrest will be sent to the person requesting the arrest and the arrestee.

Volunteers are needed to serve as drivers, arresting officials, photographers, dispatchers and bondsmen. Sign up to work an one-hour increment. All proceeds from the event will support activities which display ethnic heritage and provide cultural awareness and diversity.

For more information or to volunteer, call Staff Sgt. Sonja Bragg at 963-5226. The "Jail and Bail" hotline can be reached at 568-0248 Aug 18, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Commissioning brief: The Charleston AFB Education and Training Flight holds a commissioning briefing Aug. 20, 9 a.m. This briefing is mandatory for all interested in applying for a commissioning pro-

gram. For more information, call Elizabeth Connell at 963-4578.

Decals: The 437th Security Forces Squadron requires all cars to get a decal by Aug. 21, or personnel will have to get a visitor's pass each time it enters the base.

Math CLEP course: A math college level examination program preparatory class runs Aug. 25-27, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the base education center. Personnel must sign up in person by noon Aug. 22, for the class. For more information, call Cynthia Stegall at 963-4575.

Stepfamily class: Family Advocacy offers a five-session class concerning stepfamily living beginning Aug. 26 and continuing the following four Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, call Jim Hernandez at 963-6504.

Elmendorf Lodging: Due to a software problem at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, those who made reservations after May 1, and have an arrival day of July 28 or later, should contact the North Star Inn to reconfirm reservations at DSN 317-552-2454 or (901) 552-2454.

AF promotes 13 from CAFB to captain

The Air Force announced 13 CAFB first lieutenants from line officers, staff judge advocate, medical service corps and biomedical sciences corps July 30.

437th Airlift Wing

Matthew Schwartz

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17th Airlift Squadron

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437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Mona Medley

437th Civil Engineer Squadron

Timorah Harlen

437th Services Squadron

Sarah Murphy

FEATURE



Left: Coal chases cattle egrets away from the flightline here. Border collies like Coal are used to control the number of birds entering Charleston AFB airfields.

Below: Coal takes a break after pursuing fowl that feed in the open fields along the flightline.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Tyrone Pearsall

C-17's best friend

Border collies help protect aircraft

Story and graphic by 2nd Lt. Bryan Lewis
437 AW Public Affairs

It's a bird. It's a plane. No, it's...a border collie?

Every day, a team of five well-trained border collies search the flightline here for birds in danger of damaging aircraft.

Fowl, such as blackbirds, seagulls and egrets, can't resist coming to the open fields of the flightline to nest and feed.

"The open fields are perfect because it makes it easy for the birds to find bugs," said Rebecca Ryan, Flyaway Farm and Kennels owner, who has been contracted for bird wildlife control on base.

With the arrival of birds comes the danger of one being ingested in an aircraft engine. However, thanks to border collies like Kim and Coal, Charleston AFB airfields have a unique team to help control wildlife.

"Kim and Coal see it as a job, and they love it," said Mrs. Ryan. "They don't have the monotonous job of herding cows or sheep, which allows them to have a good time while protecting the local aircraft."

The border collies are trained on real birds in the field. They aren't trained on sheep or domestic ducks. The result is a dog that thoroughly knows the job of working with birds, said Mrs. Ryan.

"The birds see our dogs as a predator," said

Colette DeGarady, the contractor's wildlife biologist. "We have already seen a large change in the birds. They are much more nervous now."

Fowl that are being chased see the dogs as a

wolf or coyote. Knowing the dogs as predators, the birds associate them with the area, making this bird-control technique a long-term tactic, said Ms. Degarady.

The work the dogs do is not only fun for them, but safe for the birds as well. Border collies do not have a kill instinct. Working the wildlife, not harming it, is their intent.

"I like using the dogs to control the wildlife," Ms. DeGarady said. "It is a natural remedy."

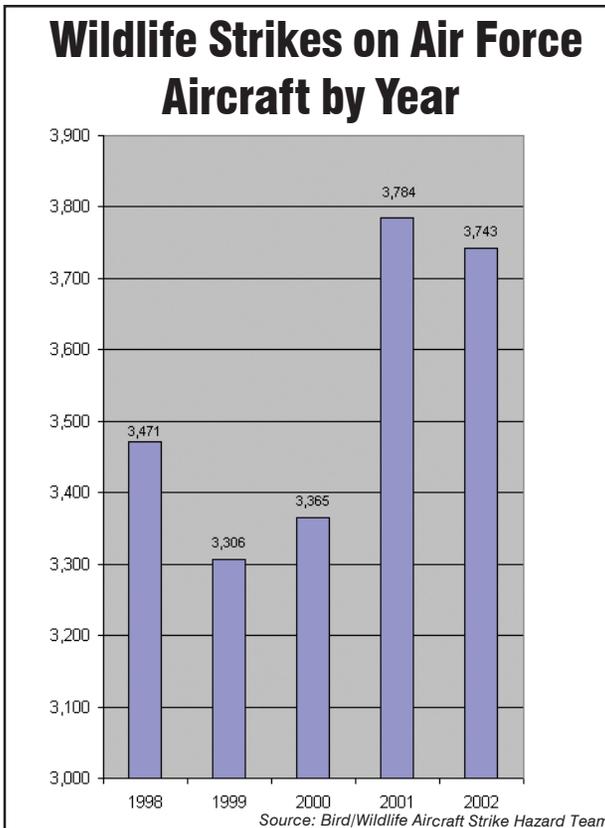
Bird control is needed every day, all day, to assure flightline safety. Border collies are just part of the whole process to govern the wildlife.

"We brought in Flyaway Farm and Kennels due to their expertise in handling bird wildlife hazards," said Lt. Col. Adam McMillan, 437th Airlift Wing Safety chief. "The border collies are part of the whole team of wildlife control experts."

Along with the dogs, the contractor employs wildlife professionals who have the best intentions for wildlife in mind. Other tactics employed include cutting high foliage to remove feeding areas, reducing standing water and monitoring the birds' migratory patterns.

Fortunately, the border collies don't know this. They view themselves as the heroes of wildlife control, said Mrs. Ryan.

"This is a sunrise to sunset position," said Ms. DeGarady. "Our dogs know that and work extremely hard."



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* - 5 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Bldg. 245.

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: Synagogue Emanu-El, 5 Windsor Dr., Charleston, S.C. Phone: 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.

Today, 7:30 p.m.

"28 Days Later" – Cilliam Murphy

A small group of people in London survived a virus that wiped out most of the Earth's population. The virus was unleashed accidentally by an animal-rights group, and once people are exposed to it, they turn into zombie-like creatures. **(R) 113 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

"Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" – Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore and Lucy Liu

The sequel reunites Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore, and Lucy Liu as the indomitable crime-fighting heroines. In the Angel's new adventure, the captivating trio once again demonstrate their expertise at espionage, martial arts and disguise. **(PG-13) 108 minutes**

Aug. 15, 7:30 p.m.

"Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde" – Reese Witherspoon

(PG-13) 94 minutes

WELLNESS TIP

Physical inactivity contributes to **300,000** deaths per year

The benefits of daily exercise include:

- Lower blood pressure and cholesterol
- Prevent/retard osteoporosis
- Reduce obesity and symptoms of arthritis
- Decreased incidence of coronary heart disease



SPORTS & FITNESS

Youth golf championship wraps up here July 31

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber
437 AW Public Affairs



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

Brandon Capps, 12, finished third in the Tiger Woods division at the youth golf championship July 31. Brandon, grandson of retired Navy officer Wesley Keith, has been playing golf since he was 7.

The Charleston AFB youth golf championship had its biggest turnout ever at Wrenwoods Golf Course July 31.

Forty-one children, ages 5- 15, participated in the "on course" experience tournament, which ended a youth golf clinic this summer.

"I like golf because it's fun, and it's a challenge for me," said Brandon Capps, 12, who finished third in the Tiger Woods division. Brandon, the grandson of retired Navy officer Wesley Keith, won the Jack Nicklaus division last year and has been playing golf since he was 7.

Todd O'Hara, 15, took first place in the Tiger Woods division. Todd,

the son of Senior Master Sgt. Josh and Deb O'Hara, 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, played for the Fort Dorchester High School golf team last year as a freshman.

Nine-year old Hailey Metcalf, daughter of Staff Sgt. Lori and Mike Metcalf, 437th Mission Support Squadron, tied for first place in the Karen Harrell Division.

Hailey, who has been playing golf for two years, enjoyed the obstacle course and the competition for ATWIND tickets in the golf clinic.

"I like to putt the ball, and I like the feeling when I hit a good shot," she said. "Both my parents play golf, and I like spending time with them on the course."

Assistant golf manager Todd Luster, who coordinated the youth golf program, said he was pleased with the turnout.

"They were a great group of kids to work with all summer," he said. "From the first class to the last class, there was great improvement in all the kids."

Tournament results were:

Tiger Woods Division (9 holes):
1. Josh O'Hara 2. Randall Shirar
3. Brandon Capps

Jack Nicklaus Division (6 holes):
1. Julian Keur 2. Nicholas Holba
3. Dillon Heckendorn

Ben Curtis Division (3 holes) 1. Tie — Alex Holba, Austin Cook
2. Trevor Burns 3. Camden Abell

Tom Watson Division (2 holes)
1. Jamal Lopez 2. Tie — Blake Bollig, Austin Moore
3. Tie — Jerry Price, Christopher Holba

Karen Harrell Division (2 holes)
1. Tie — Hailey Metcalf, Taylor Owen
2. Holly Shope 3. Katie Holba
4. Cassidy Abell

Charleston hosts All-AF Basketball Camp

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber
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Twenty-four men from Air Force installations worldwide have been at Charleston AFB since July 28 participating in the All-Air Force Basketball Training Camp.

For the sixth year in a row, Team Charleston hosted the camp, which concludes Aug. 15.

The basketball candidates included players from bases in Korea, Turkey and the United Kingdom, as well as Alaska and Hawaii.

Thirteen of those players will be selected to represent the Air Force at the Armed Forces Basketball Championships Aug. 16-24 at Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base, N.C.

"We intend to bring home the gold medal," said third-year coach Mark Watley, whose Air Force teams have lost the gold to Army in tiebreakers two years in a row.

Watley described last year's talent as, "great high school to mediocre junior college," while this year's talent is, "good junior college to mid-level Division I college."

"We didn't finish in last year's tournament," said Mr. Watley. "We'd get ahead by 15-20 points, get tired and could not finish off our opponents."

This year Watley said he is stressing more

conditioning so fatigue won't be a factor late in the game.

The Air Force basketball training camp, usually held in October or November, is being held in the summer this year because the World Military Championship, or Conseil International du Sport Militaire, is scheduled for Sept. 13-23 in Cantina, Italy.

With the switch to summer, camp players will not get the usual fall competition against local college squads, according to Eddie Goad, 437th Services Squadron Sports and Fitness Center sports director and project officer for the All-Air Force basketball training camp. For example, last year they played College of Charleston, The Citadel and Coastal Carolina.

However, they did play in a highly-competitive tournament in Wilmington, N.C., this past weekend.

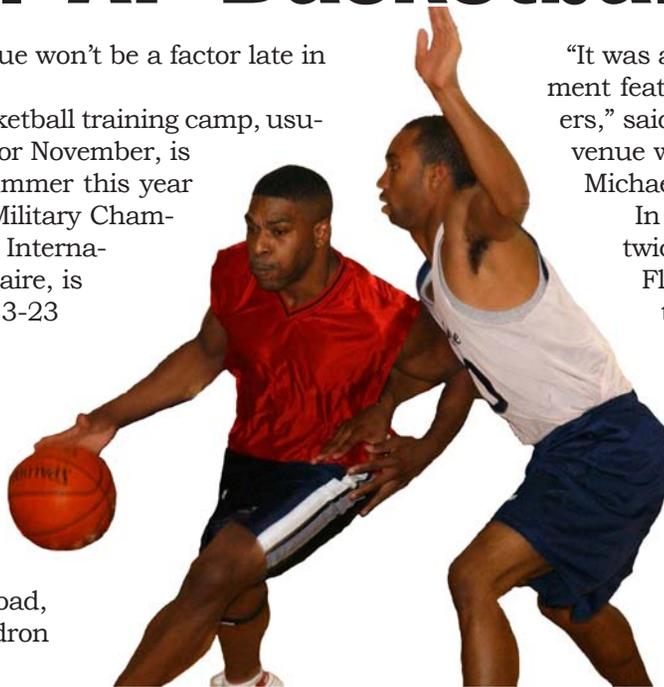


Photo by Airman 1st Class Tyrone Pearsall

Kendrick Proctor guards a Charleston Flyer as he tries to dribble to the basket Tuesday.

"It was a NCAA-sanctioned tournament featuring many college players," said Mr. Goad. The main venue was Laney High School, Michael Jordan's alma mater.

In addition, they have played twice against the Charleston Flyers, a team which features several former college players and participates in East Coast tournaments.

The All-Air Force squad will play the Flyers again tomorrow, 1 p.m., and Wednesday, 7 p.m., in their final tune-ups before the Armed Forces Championships.

Team Charleston members are invited to attend the free training

camp games on the Globemaster court at the fitness center.

The team usually practices three times a day at 8:30-11:30 a.m., 1:30-4:30 p.m., and 6-8 p.m. Team Charleston members can also attend practices.