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Welcome to Team Charleston



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Team Charleston: One family, one mission, one fight!

COMMENTARY

Commander's Comments

By Col. Brooks Bash
437 AW commander

The accolades continue to flow in for Team Charleston!

Awards

Congratulations to **Turner Wilson**, 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Air Mobility Command's supply technician of the year for 2002, and to **Senior Airman Charles Rash**, 437th LRS, who was named AMC's outstanding junior fuels technician.

AMC also recognized two members of the 437th Operations Support



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Clements

Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing commander, thanks retired Chief Master Sgt. James Minor, former 315th Airlift Wing command chief master sergeant, for serving as the guest speaker at Team Charleston's 2002 Annual-Awards banquet here Feb. 6. Minor shows the crowd a picture of his granddaughter, who he calls his inspiration.

Squadron Intelligence Flight: **Staff Sgt. Jonathan Sellers** is AMC's outstanding NCO of the year; and **Senior Airman Will Cornell** is the outstanding airman for 2002.

Additionally, the 437th Airlift Wing **Command Post** is 21st Air Force's nominee for AMC-level competition. Thank you all for your outstanding work.

We presented a 30-year pin to **Johnny Brant**, an aircraft pneudraulic systems mechanic in the 437th Maintenance Squadron. Thank you for your dedication.

We also recognized our Airman Leadership School graduates in a ceremony Thursday. Check next week's *Airlift Dispatch* for a list of graduates and the class award winners.

Hockey

The CAFB hockey team also gave us reason to be proud this weekend as they put the Navy on ice in an 8-6 decision Saturday at the North Charleston Coliseum. It was great to see the turnout for that game, and also for the Stingrays military appreciation night that followed.

Heart-to-Heart fitness run

I look forward to seeing a good crowd at the Heart-to-Heart fitness run today at 11:30 a.m. Sign-up starts at 11 a.m. at the Fitness and Sports Center. There is a free T-shirt in the deal for all runners and walkers.

Services campaign

We received \$7,500 for our part in last year's "Around the World in Ninety Days" services campaign. The money went towards picnic tables and shelters to be placed in the grassy area between the pool and softball fields. Enjoy these new amenities—you earned them.

Heightened FPCON

Due to heightened Force Protection Condition, the intersection of Midland Park Road and Aviation Avenue will remain closed until work is complete on a vehicle-inspection area near the Rivers Gate. Please be patient with delays at the gates as our security forces ensure only authorized vehicles and people are on the installation. Base security is everyone's responsibility. Be extra vigilant as you go about your daily activities, and report any suspicious activity to law enforcement at 963-3600. See page 7 for additional force protection information.

I could not be more proud of the work each of you do to keep missions moving. Enjoy this three-day weekend, keeping safety foremost as you take a well-deserved break.

Action Line addresses lack of heat, trash cans

Q: I recently had a class at the Maintenance Training Facility, Bldg. 112. During the entire three-week class, the temperature in our classroom did not exceed 65 degrees. Could someone assess this problem for a new heating system or move the classes to a different location, because it is hard to learn when you are more concerned about keeping bundled up and staying warm.

A: Thank you for bringing this issue to our attention, the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron was not aware there was a major heating problem at building 112 until we received your complaint. We coordinated with the facility manager on the problem and solution. He was unaware there had been a heating problem but will monitor the system and alert CE Customer Service immediately if this situ-

ation occurs again. We made adjustments to the controls in several rooms and increased the hot water temperature to correct the problem. Facility occupants are encouraged to report all problems with their facilities to their respective building manager. Building managers will, in turn, report the problems to CE and track the problems to completion.

Q: I moved on base in October and have some questions about trash collection. Is trash collection done by an off-base company or base 'owned?' I feel if I have to put the trash out in a decent manner the collectors should leave the cans in a decent manner. Every trash day when I go to get my containers, I have several either lying in the road, in a neighbors yard, thrown down, or upside down. I notice others on the street in the same

situation. Can something be done about the service? On the positive side, I do want to note that the trash collection is always on time.

A: Thank you for bringing this problem to our attention. The refuse contractor is a privately owned business under contract with the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron to provide Charleston AFB with refuse collection for both main base and family housing. The quality assurance evaluator for this contract notified the site

manager of your comments and addressed your concerns. The site manager assured the government representative these practices are not condoned by the company and briefed all employees to pay closer attention when returning the trash receptacles to the curb. If you have any further problems with this contractor, please don't hesitate to call the CE quality assurance evaluator at 963-4143.

— Col. Brooks Bash
437 AW commander

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.

Mentor or leader: is there really a difference between the two?

By Maj. Andrea Rupp
437th Maintenance Operations Squadron commander

One of the buzzwords that has been floating around the Air Force for the last couple of years is "mentoring." Most folks seem to know what mentoring means, but I'm not so sure. What is called mentoring, in my opinion, is really just leading. Since I didn't think there is such a thing as mentoring, I decided to do some research into mentoring just to be sure.

I turned to Webster's Dictionary and surprisingly not only found no definition, but there is no such word in Webster's, or at least no verb form of the word mentor. According to Webster's, a mentor is, "a wise and trusted teacher or counselor." Knowing that there are words used in the Air Force that aren't necessarily in the dictionary, I looked for another source for defining mentoring.

I discovered Air Force Policy Directive 36-34,

Air Force Mentoring Program, and Air Force Instruction 36-3401, Air Force Mentoring. Each of these publications defined mentoring as, "a relationship in which a person with greater experience and wisdom guides another person to develop both personally and professionally." I don't know about you, but to me that sounds like something done by a leader. Again, I decided I needed to check a definition, but this time the word was "leading."

Webster's has many definitions for leading, but the one I think is most appropriate is, "to play a principal or guiding role." Maybe mentoring and leading do have something to do with each other after all. However, this definition for leading is just one facet of what I expect of a leader. I expect a leader to also have vision, communicate well, be decisive, reliable and open minded, while leading the organization to mission success. Based on the definitions I found and on my own personal beliefs, a leader takes

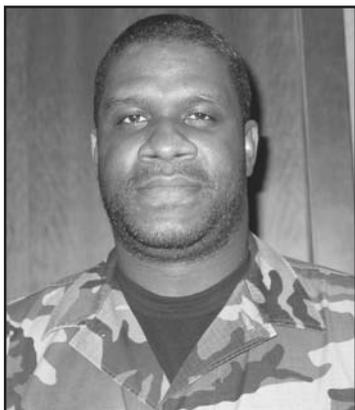
an interest in developing others personally and professionally. So, a leader is a mentor...but is a mentor also a leader?

Mentoring, according to the AFI, is something supervisors do for their subordinates, and the AFI provides pretty clear guidance on how to mentor someone. Mentors take an active role in developing subordinates by providing formal and informal feedback regarding professional development. The AFI offers checklist-type guidance on mentoring, making it very clear cut.

Leading, on the other hand, is difficult to define and isn't very clear cut. I've had supervisors who are leaders and have provided mentoring, and I've had supervisors who have been mentors, but were missing one or more of the leadership traits. It's unrealistic to expect everyone to be a leader, but it is very realistic to expect each of us to be a mentor. If you take on the responsibility of mentoring, you're on your way to leading.

Charleston chat

Why is it important to celebrate Black History Month?



"BHM presents opportunity to learn about your fellow airman's struggles, hopes and dreams."

— Staff Sgt. Michael Campbell
437th Maintenance Operations Squadron



"It is a month where we can all learn to live together and get along with our fellow human beings."

— Raymond Shultz
437th Comptroller Squadron



"When we learn more about other cultures we can learn more about ourselves."

— Airman 1st Class Megan Reed
437th Comptroller Squadron



"It is important for us, African-Americans and others to know the history behind our heritage."

— Senior Airman Raven Hill
437th Operations Group



"BHM provides the ultimate reflection into how far we have come as a nation."

— 2nd Lt. Brian Buschur
437th Operations Support Squadron

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CAFB new stage location for C-17 deployments

McChord arrives to assist in increased ops tempo here

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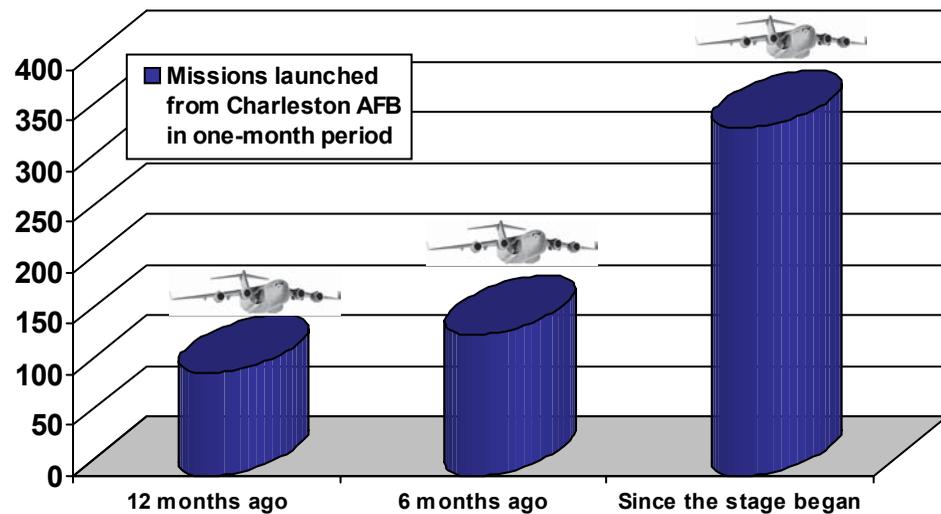
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Operations here increased in January, when Air Mobility Command established Charleston AFB as a stage location for C-17 crews flying cargo and passenger airlift missions in support of current deployments.

"The Charleston AFB stage is a key component of the Air Force's air bridge taking people and cargo to forward operating locations," said Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing commander. "Because of our role in the air bridge, Team Charleston is operating as if we are deployed in place."

Stage operations are different from business as usual, according to Lt. Col. Ronald Grickis, stage manager.

"A stage utilizes aircrews in such a manner that we get maximum usage from airframes," Grickis said. "For example, the Air Force normally



Source: Global Decision Support System

moves an airplane and crew from A to B to C and then the crew and airplane rest for 12-24 hours, then move on from C to D and E.

"The (civilian) airlines move a plane from A to B to C, and then a new crew jumps on and takes it from C to D to E, and so on," he said. "Staging is like that, it keeps the airframes moving and enables us to move more cargo in the same time period. We keep the 'aluminum' moving."

Besides the way aircraft and crews move, staging uses crews in a different way also, Grickis said.

"Things are different for the aircrews in that they typically are in alert status when they are in the stage," he said. "Essentially, once they enter alert, we can launch them

against a stage mission at any time within the specified window of the alert – the allotted time period.

"So we have this reservoir of crews ready to launch at any time," Grickis said. "Normally the crews are set against a mission, and they know the time they will alert, where they will go and what they will be hauling. In the stage, they only know their 'window.'"

All of this translates into an increased operations tempo here for the foreseeable future. Having additional support is vital.

"The McChord folks really have three roles," said Maj. Gerald Frederick, 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander. "Number one, Charleston is tapped out with the operations tempo now, and

a lot of folks are already deployed. There's very little fat on the bone here. Our Charleston maintainers have already been working 12-hour shifts trying to keep the jets flowing. These 250 technicians will help us work missions heading east."

The McChord logistics personnel are also following their aircraft here, Frederick said.

"They are integrated into our AMUs (aircraft maintenance units) so we can supplement the increased flow of aircraft, and get us healthy," he said. "Right now we have more than 100 people deployed. Granted, at the peak in Operation Enduring Freedom, we had over 200 deployed, but then we had 179 activated reservists on board. We're still at half that amount but without the Reserve supplement."

It really all comes down to workload, Frederick said.

"We have a tremendous workload that they (McChord) didn't have at their home station," he said. "It just made sense to bring them here."

The extra personnel give the 437 AMXS an opportunity to work aircraft smartly, Frederick said. Before they arrived, there were too few people and Charleston maintainers were constantly trying to put out fires.

Now, instead of two or three people working to turn aircraft for their next mission, there are five or six maintainers on the job, helping to keep the mission going.

Children seminar brings tips to military families on the move

By 2nd Lt Shaloma McGovern
437 AW Public Affairs

Team Charleston parents gained valuable insight on avenues to academic success for their children during a recent seminar. Charleston AFB's school liaison committee sponsored the Parents of Military Children Seminar Feb. 4 at the Charleston Club, featuring Dr. Mary Keller, executive director of the Military Child Education Coalition.

The coalition's mission is to educate military parents on how to get involved in their child's educational process.

"Since military families move every couple of years, the parents need to plan at least 2-3 years ahead academically for their child," said Keller.

According to MCEC, with an estimated 1.4 million military children in schools, moving can be

detrimental to success, especially for high-school juniors and seniors. Sixty-five percent of students who moved failed state math tests required in 25 states for graduation.

In general, math and science tend to be the problematic courses due to the lack of continuity in materials covered nationwide, Keller said.

"The parents are the best guidance counselor," said Keller. "Encourage your children to do extracurricular activities, teach them to fit in socially, and help them to be resilient."

One of the tools to provide success included creating a showcase portfolio early on in the child's education. Portfolios should include:

- Photocopies of all report cards
- Photo copies of the child's text book's title page
- Two samples of work a week for each text book

"The more you provide the new school, the better they will be able to fit your child's needs,"

said Keller.

Keller also encourages parents to have their children help build the portfolio.

"Ask them to pick out the one piece of paper for the week that (they are) most proud of, and make sure you date it," said Keller. "By junior high school, the child should be in charge of their own portfolio."

In addition to making military moves easier for children academically, the MCEC is working on helping children after high school, Keller said.

The coalition is trying to persuade colleges to accept military children at in-state tuition rates, which would save military families thousands of dollars each year.

"It's great that we know the support is out there, that someone is fighting for us," said Mary Beth Bash, who has two school-aged children.

More information about the MCEC and what they can do for military families is at www.mcec.org.

Increased FPCON calls for more installation security

Security Forces give Team Charleston tips to remain vigilant

By 2nd Lt. Greg Holmgren
and Staff Sgt. David Rich
437 Security Forces Squadron

Force Protection Condition changes! Terrorist Threat Advisory High! What does all this mean? We are facing an increased or more predictable threat of terrorist activity. The FPCON system is a program standardizing the military services' identification of and recommended responses to terrorist threats against U.S. personnel and facilities.

Members the military have an inherent risk of terrorist attacks because they represent and fight for the freedom of the United States. For this very reason, it is important for military members and their families to employ personal protective measures:

- Keep a low profile
- Lock vehicles
- Recognize and report suspicious behavior
- Avoid establishing a pattern
- Vary routes of travel to and from work
- Alternate eating and shopping places
- Avoid crowded areas and large gatherings that do not have increased security
- Be suspicious of objects left in common areas or unexpected packages
- Be suspicious of mail or packages with too

worth repeating

"When something just doesn't look right or seems out of place, it's a good indication something is wrong.

— 2nd Lt. Greg Holmgren
437th Security Forces Squadron

much wrapping or postage, unusual odors or oil leaking through the paper

By increasing awareness, people can greatly reduce the possibility of being targeted by a terrorist or common criminal.

Charleston AFB also implemented protective measures throughout the installation, including the use of barriers at different locations around the base.

The uses of these barriers require an increased awareness when operating your vehicle. Be especially aware of other drivers when entering or exiting the barriers and while driving at night.

The entrance to Hunley Park and the checkpoint at Aviation Avenue also require increased awareness. Operating your vehicle at slower speeds is necessary at these locations for your

safety and the safety of the personnel manning these locations.

In order to facilitate quick and efficient entry onto the installation have your identification ready when approaching the gate. This will decrease the wait at the installation entry points.

No matter how well-trained and vigilant, security forces cannot be everywhere. They need everyone's help to ensure the safety and security of service members, dependents and civilians.

When something just doesn't look right or seems out of place, it's a good indication something is wrong. Watch for personnel conducting surveillance: for example, people sitting in a parked car taking notes or using a camera. When approached by individuals and questioned about the installation, take note of the questions asked and any information about the individual.

For more information about personal protective measures, go to <http://globemaster/ATL1/index.htm>, or call the 437 SFS Antiterrorism/Force Protection Office at 963-6146.

Report all suspicious activity to the Security Forces office at 963-3600 or Air Force Office of Special Investigations at 963-3248. The timely reporting of suspicious activity can prevent terrorism.

Justice Files

Article 15 actions

■ An airman 1st class from the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron failed to go to his appointed place of duty on several occasions.

Punishment: suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$300 pay per month for two months, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

■ An airman 1st class from the 437 CES drove a vehicle on Charleston AFB while drunk. **Punishment:** reduction to airman, 7 days extra duty and a reprimand.

■ An airman 1st class from the 437th Security Forces Squadron disobeyed a lawful general regulation by not maintaining her dormitory room in a safe, clean manner. She also disobeyed a lawful order issued by the first sergeant. **Punishment:** suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$150.00 and 14 days

extra duty.

■ A senior airman from the 437th Maintenance Squadron was absent without leave for approximately 34 days and misused his government travel card. **Punishment:** reduction to airman 1st class and 30 days extra duty.

Administrative discharges

■ A senior airman was discharged for minor disciplinary infractions with a general discharge.

■ An airman 1st class was discharged for failure to meet weight and body fat management standards with an honorable discharge.

■ Two airmen 1st classes were discharged for mental illness with honorable discharges.

■ An airman was discharged for homosexual conduct with an honorable discharge.



Be mine

Cassidy Abell, daughter of Joe and Laura Abell, 437th Services Squadron, makes a Valentine card at the Youth Center. Today is Valentine's Day ... don't forget that special someone.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Clements

AROUND THE AIR FORCE

AMC improves customer service on Patriot Express airline flights

SCOTT AFB, Ill. - Upgraded meals, movies, snacks and reserved seating are a few of the customer service improvements passengers aboard Air Mobility Command Patriot Express flights can now look forward to.

"We are trying to get away from the old 'cattle car' image," said Cindy Rothenbach of AMC's Passenger Policy Branch.

"Meals have been upgraded from economy or coach class to business class, with improvements in both quality and quantity," said Rothenbach.

Special meals are also available, including vegetarian, Kosher, diabetic selections and children's meals. Meals can be requested through the local transportation office or passenger reservation center no later than 24 hours before departure. And snacks, including chips, cookies and candy bars are now available to passengers while they view in-flight movies.

"Another improvement this year is the change in our reserved-seating policy. Where before you couldn't get a seat assignment until you checked in for the mission, passengers can now reserve their seat 90 to 120 days prior to departure," said Rothenbach. "We hope to have the reserved seating system fully online

in March."

Fun kits for youngsters are another bonus for those flying on the Patriot Express. Children 12 years and younger can get a fun kit to help relieve the monotony of long flights. Kits are provided in cases or backpacks and include game books, puzzles, crayons and other child-oriented activities.

AMC continues to work aggressively with charter airlines and its customers to improve travel experiences for all DOD passengers, according to Lilley. **(Air Force Print News)**

Space-age coating gives structures blast resilience

TYNDALL AFB, Fla. - With the threat of global terrorist action growing daily, the Department of Defense's vital work force and assets must be adequately protected.

In response to this threat, engineers at the Air Force Research Laboratory Materials and Manufacturing Directorate developed a method for providing crucial protection—a polyurethane, elastomer coating for concrete block walls, reinforced concrete, and lightweight, manufactured structures such as trailers.

Air Force engineers developed methods to retrofit existing, conventionally-built structures with spray-on, elastomeric coatings to provide protection from explosions, said research engineer Dr. Jon Porter.

After completing full-scale explosive testing on concrete block walls and lightweight trailers at Tyndall's test range, plus overseas as part of a joint, international, cooperative program, Porter said tests revealed the elastomeric retrofit was capable of providing adequate protection without any fiber reinforcement.

During tests, researchers discovered that elastomeric samples expanded to twice their original length before rupturing. This characteristic allows a retrofitted wall to flex and keeps blast fragments and pieces of a wall from harming people inside. **(Air Force Print News)**

Air Force identifies new race categories

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - Airmen are now able to identify more than one race in their

official personnel files because of a change in how the Air Force records racial information.

Some race designations will automatically change to fit the new categories as part of the data conversion. The new categories are part of a government-wide effort to standardize race data.

Now, they will be able to select any number of five newly designated race groups.

The revamped choices are American Indian or Alaska native, Asian, black or African-American, native Hawaiian or other Pacific islander, and white.

The easiest way for people to view and update their racial designation is on the Virtual Military Personnel Flight by clicking the "vMPPF" button at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>. Race choices and descriptions of the new categories are located on the "personal information" page under the "records review" link.

For more information, call the Air Force Contact Center toll-free at 1-866-229-7074 or DSN 665-5000. **(Air Force Personnel Center News Service)**

DOD activates commercial airlift reserves

WASHINGTON - Commercial airlines have been enlisted by Department of Defense officials to transport troops and equipment as part of the buildup for possible war with Iraq.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld ordered the activation of Stage 1 of the Civil Reserve Air Fleet. The CRAF, created in 1952, boosts U.S. military airlift capability with civilian planes, if needed.

Under Stage 1, 22 U.S. airline companies will make 47 of their passenger airliners and 31 cargo planes available for military use, according to U.S. Transportation Command officials. Currently, only the 47 passenger aircraft are being activated. The cargo planes could be drafted into service quickly if needed.

The Civil Reserve Air Fleet program has three stages. Stage 1 is the lowest activation level. Stage II was activated for the first time during Operation Desert Shield in 1990. Stage III, for full-scale mobilizations, has never been activated; it calls for the use of up to 400 civilian aircraft. **(American Forces Press Service)**

Combat Camera Photo of the Week



Photo by Staff Sgt. Cherie Thurlby

Off-loading

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Hardwick, a C-130 loadmaster, 320th Air Expeditionary Wing, in a forward deployed location, talks to a crew chief from Jacobabad Air Base, Pakistan, about proper cargo off-loading procedures during a mission in support of Operation Enduring Freedom Jan. 29.

NEWS BRIEFS

Spotlight

Retirement: The 437th Maintenance Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Statement Feb. 21, 11 a.m., at Bldg. 60 in the 315th Reserve Auditorium. For more information, call Capt. Amanda Zumbrunnen at 963-4498.

Around the base

Youth sports: Youth baseball and softball registration will be held at the Naval Weapons Station Youth Center until Feb. 28. The registration fee is \$35 and \$40 after Saturday. For more information, call Glenn Cox at 764-7530.

Commissary: The Commissary will be closed Monday and Tuesday in observance of President's Day.

OSA: The Officers Spouses' Association is hosting Bunko night and Mexican buffet dinner Thursday, 6 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information or to make reservations, call Donna Baker at 207-0401 by Sunday.

Shots: Due to mobility requirements, the Immunizations Clinic will be open to active duty only on Tuesday. The Immunization Clinic changed their hours to accommodate smallpox vaccinations. During the following hours, the clinic will be closed for all other immunizations: Monday-Saturday, 8-9 a.m., and Monday-Friday, 3-4 p.m. Other than these reserved hours, the clinic will maintain its normal hours of operation.

Clinic: Clinical Medicine will be open to active duty only on Tuesday due to mobility requirements.

Study skills: There will be a study skills seminar at the Community Education Center Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Edna Grainger at 963-3736.

CLEP: There will be a math CLEP preparatory class at the Community Education Center Feb. 24-26, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. All personnel must sign up in person and confirm their seat by noon Thursday.

Charleston Warrior of the Week



Senior Airman Nicole Dobson
437th Operation Support Squadron

Senior Airman Nicole Dobson is a personnel apprentice with the 437th Operations Support Squadron. Her primary job is to provide personnel administration support to her unit.

"I provide support for over 200 military and civilian personnel assigned to the squadron," said Dobson.

"The best part of my job is that I love the people I work with," said Dobson, "they are like my family away from home."

Dobson joined the Air Force because she felt it had a lot to offer her after coming straight out of high school. She liked the benefits and stability that could help her get a degree.

"My future career goals are to help people in any way I can," said Dobson. "I want to major in sociology so that I can help people by providing them with my expertise in any problems that they might have."

When Dobson is not working, she enjoys reading, listening to music, hanging out with her friends and attending church.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

Chiefs: The Chief's Group holds their monthly meeting Thursday, 11 a.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Virgil Childers at 963-2054.

CGO: The Company Grade Officer Council meets Feb. 21, 4 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Shaloma McGovern at 963-3383.

Basketball: The North Charleston Lowgators is having a military appreciation night Feb. 21, 7 p.m., at the North Charleston Coliseum. Discounted tickets can be purchased by showing a valid Military ID Card at the box office.

Workshop: The Family Support Center is having a Life Makeover Workshop beginning Feb. 26, 10:30 a.m. - noon. For more information or to register, call the FSC at 963-4406.

Academy: A representative from the Air Force Academy will be at

the Community Education Center Feb. 26, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., to brief on the academic and commissioning requirements of the Academy and the Air Force Prep School.

Parenting: The clinic is offering a free Common Sense Parenting Class on March 4, and meeting for six consecutive Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call Jim Hernandez at 963-6504.

Scholarships: The Officers Spouses' Association is offering Silver Wings Scholastic Scholarship Assistance Awards to qualifying Air Force spouses and dependents for the 2003-2004 academic year. Applications are available at the Family Support Center, Community Education Center and the Consignment Shop. For more information, call Bryn Brown at 875-6008.

Taxes: Personnel serving in Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Southern Watch or Operation En-

during Freedom automatically get an extension of at least 180 days from the date they leave the area of responsibility to file their federal income taxes. For more information, call the Legal Office at 963-5502.

Uniforms: Personnel are asked to limit the wear of uniforms off base, especially during travel and special events. This includes official travel, which rescinds previous Air Mobility Command guidance. The wear of uniform is still permissible when traveling to and from work.

Overpricing: The Zero Overpricing Program's goal is to eliminate overpricing incidents where the Air Force pays more for an item than it's worth. Monetary awards are available through the Air Force Suggestion Program when an overpricing incident is identified and approved. To report an instance where an item's price isn't fair and reasonable, contact the Wing Zero Overpricing Monitor at 963-4826.

STILL SERVING: *CAFB retiree news*

Volunteers are clearly visible at the Pharmacy, Thrift Shop and Family Support Center, but those are not the only base organizations that use volunteers. The base Retiree Activities Office can provide information to anyone interested in volunteering.

In 1965, the Community Service Society of New York launched a pilot project called Serve and Enrich Retirement by Volunteer Experience on Staten Island. The idea was to assist retirees in finding meaningful volunteer opportunities in the community and making use of their varied experience.

The program's success exceeded every expectation. The findings led to the establishment in 1969 of the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, legislated as a volunteer program within the Administration on Aging. It was launched in 1971 with 11 projects throughout the nation.

Locally the RSVP project is sponsored by the American Red Cross, Carolina Lowcountry Chapter, and is part of President Bush's USA Freedom Corps. The Corporation for National and Community Service in Washington, D.C., funds the projects and reports annually on the number of volunteers and their hours in each community.

The local project is the largest in the state, and one of the largest in the region, with 1,600 volunteers serving 150 different agencies in hundreds of different ways. These volunteers donate an average of 275,000 hours annually.

RSVP welcomes volunteers over 55 to join their community of talents serving others. The Retiree Activities Office is available to answer questions about this program at 963-4409, or call the local RSVP Office at 744-8021, ext 381. **(Coutesy of the 437th Airlift Wing Retiree Activities Office.)**

Charleston STEPs it up again

By 2nd Lt. Jennifer Andrews
437 AW Public Affairs

An Air Force staff sergeant at the Naval Weapons Station Charleston was promoted to tech. sergeant through the Stripes to Exceptional Performers program Feb. 5.

Staff Sgt. Charman White, the NCOIC for the commander's support staff at the Naval Brig, was very surprised when her commander called a staff meeting and announced to everyone she was out of uniform.

"I tried to keep her busy in my office while we snuck her husband in," said Maj. Greg Foster, White's commander. "Once I pointed her out and asked her to come forward, she had it figured out."

Her reaction was ecstatic.

"I started crying," said White. "I was very

excited. I was supposed to test next week and now I don't have to."

White began her career as an airman 1st class, when she lead the Personnel Reliability Program for 145 airmen at Noervenich, Germany. She went on to win the 17th Air Force and USAFE's personnel specialist of the year for 1993 while at Kleine Brogel, Belgium. In 1996, while at Fort Dix, New Jersey, she was named AMC's personnel specialist of the year. When she moved to the Air Mobility Warfare Center, she won personnel manager of the year an unprecedented four years in a row.

White has been in the Air Force 12 years. She's been stationed Germany, Belgium, Guam and New Jersey.

"I like it," said White of her current assignment. "It's interesting working with the Navy."

benefit period has expired. For more information, call Humana Military Healthcare Services at 1-800-444-5445.

Federal law provides mobilized Guard and Reserve members the opportunity to keep their employer-sponsored healthcare coverage.

For more information, call 1-800-336-4590.

The Military Medical Support Office serves as the centralized tri-service point of contact for customer service and medical/dental case management. The MMSO coordinates civilian health care services outside of an MTF for active duty military and Reserve components. For additional information call 1-888-647-6676.

For questions or concerns about medical benefits, members can visit the 437th Medical Group TRICARE Flight, or call 963-6706/6710. **(Courtesy of 437th Medical Support Squadron/TRICARE Flight)**

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: 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.

Tonight, 7:30 p.m.
"Antwone Fisher" – Denzel Washington

Antwone is ordered to see a Navy psychiatrist to learn to control the anger impulses that cause him to fight with shipmates. His therapy inspires him to seek out the family that abandoned him as a child. **(PG-13) 113 minutes**

Saturday, 2 p.m.
"Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" – Elijah Wood

The second in the Tolkien trilogy: Frodo the hobbit braves terrible dangers in the attempt to have the evil ring destroyed. **(R) 179 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
"Catch Me if You Can" – Tom Hanks

Frank lived a life of crime using his abilities of forgery and escape. FBI agent Shaye respected his abilities so much, he eventually worked out the deal that got him out of prison after just five years. **(PG-13) 140 minutes**

TRICARE news

Families of National Guard and Reserve called to active duty in response to the Sep 11, 2001 terrorist attacks are eligible for enhanced benefits under the TRICARE Reserve Family Demonstration Project.

TRICARE Standard beneficiaries who live in a military treatment facility catchment area must use the MTF for inpatient care or obtain a Non-Availability Statement for TRICARE to share in the cost of a civilian hospital stay. Reservist family members under the Reserve Family Demonstration Project will not be required to obtain an NAS.

Reserve components and their eligible family members are eligible for Continued Health Care Benefit Program when they lose military health care benefits and their transitional health care

RECOGNIZING DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY

Team Charleston announces annual-award winners

By Master Sgt. Angel Newman
437 AW Public Affairs

Forty-three airmen, NCOs, officers and civilians competed to be named Team Charleston's best-of-the-best at this year's 2002 Annual Awards banquet here Feb. 6, after a year-long dedication to this year's theme: duty, honor, country.

"Duty, honor, country: three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be and what you will be..." a quote by Gen. Douglas MacArthur and reiterated by retired Chief Master Sgt. James Minor, former

315th Airlift Wing command chief master sergeant, as the guest speaker.

Minor took the crowd through the many challenges America has faced, from its fight for independence to today's struggle with terrorism.

"We have served and we have sacrificed," said Minor.

Having long been a "rallying point" for the country in the past, Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing commander, added that duty, honor and country are equally as important now.

"Duty is about 'excellence in all we do' and getting the job done," said Bash. "Honor, or

'integrity first,' is the bedrock of the wing, and country equates to 'service before self.' Team Charleston, without a doubt, does this everyday, and in my career, I have never seen it done any better.

"We are on the verge of perhaps even more conflict, and we'll ask more people to go into harm's way, possibly asking for the ultimate sacrifice," continued Bash. "Today we're working harder than we've ever worked, and everyone is giving 110 percent," said Bash. "You are truly all winners, and I thank you."

Those recognized for their commitment to duty, honor and country were:



Airman
Senior Airman Vijay Coleman
437 AW Wing Staff

Coleman single-handedly processed more than 9,800 of 26,000 travel vouchers this year and achieved an unheard of 99-percent accuracy rate, with a workload increase of 35 percent.



Senior Company Grade Officer
Capt. Brian Wald
437 AW Operations Group

Wald was awarded the distinguished flying cross for the insertion of 26 Marine expeditionary units into Camp Rhino, Afghanistan, to block retreat of Taliban and Al Qaida forces.

Non-commissioned Officer
Tech. Sgt. Barry Moorefield
437 AW Operations Group

Moorefield completed 126 combat hours during 30 sorties into severely hostile, austere environments in Afghanistan. He off-loaded 350 tons of cargo.



Category 1 Civilian
John Geraci

437 AW Mission Support Group

Geraci was selected as the Air Mobility Command's Civil Engineer Technician of the Year for 2001. He was also a unanimous peer selection as Fire Protection Flight Officer of the Year.



Senior Non-commissioned Officer
Master Sgt. Steven Foster
437 AW Mission Support Group

Foster provided 139 loans to base personnel during crisis situations and disbursed \$4,700 in emergency grants to 18 families during financial hardships.



Category 2 Civilian
Jeffrey Garrett

437 AW Mission Support Group

Garrett played a major role in the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron being named the best large civil engineer squadron in the Air Force for 2001.

First Sergeant
Master Sgt. Janet Osborne
437 AW Mission Support Group

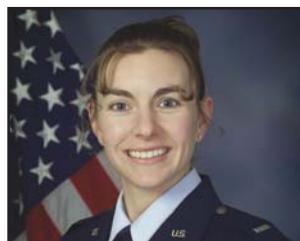
Osborne spearheaded holiday cheer and angel tree programs that raised more than \$8,000 and collected over 1,000 gifts for more than 200 needy families.



Category 3 Civilian
Michael Holtsclaw

437 AW Mission Support Group

Holtsclaw led the 437 CES Operations Flight to the best in the Air Force for 2001. He shattered the fiscal 2005 program goals for military family housing energy savings.



Junior Company Grade Officer
1st Lt. Micaela Brancato
437 AW Maintenance Group

Brancato maintained a 95 percent in-commission rate and a 99 percent reliability rate for aerospace ground equipment. She managed more than 540 equipment items valued at \$13 million.

Honor Guard
Airman 1st Class Trevis Humphrey
437 AW Mission Support Group

Humphrey provided numerous professional drill and 21-gun salute ceremonies for fallen retirees and veterans throughout the state. His contribution to such honorable ceremonies was much appreciated by family and friends of the deceased. (Photo not available)

SPORTS & FITNESS

AF drops puck on Navy



Jeramie Banks hits the ice for a save in the third period. Banks shut down the Navy for the first two periods, allowing only one goal.

Photos by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey



Karl Nichols races to beat a Navy player to a loose puck. Nichols helped lead the Air Force team to victory, scoring two goals and one assist.

By Senior Airman Michael Blouin
437 AW 16th Airlift Squadron

After blowing a 5-1 lead with a little over 18 minutes left in the game, Air Force halted a late Navy comeback and won the Air Force-Navy hockey game by a score of 8-6.

The game took place Feb. 8 before the South Carolina Stingrays game for Military Appreciation Night at the North Charleston Coliseum. About 100 people were sporadically in attendance for the free Air Force vs. Navy game, and a season high 10,529 for the Stingrays afterwards, who unfortunately lost 5-2 to the Roanoke Express.

Goalie Jeramie Banks shut down Navy for the first two periods, only allowing one goal. Karl Nichols played incredibly, scoring 2 goals, and one assist.

"This was a fun game and a great win for the Air Force," said Nichols.

The game started out low scoring 2-1 beginning the second period. That's when Air Force started the score fest. The scoreboard lit up with three goals for Air Force in the second period, and just beginning the third. At one point, in the third period, with eleven minutes left, Air Force had a commanding 6-2 lead. Navy then scored an unbelievable three goals in the next 8 minutes. That brought the score to 7-5. Navy scored another goal 54 seconds later, and edged the score to 7-6. Navy now only trailed by one goal, but with time running out. Navy kept the pressure on, but after a Navy miscue, the puck was stolen by Air Force. With only one minute remaining, Denis Paquette slapped a pass to a wide-open J.C. Conner, and short-handed the last and final clinching goal for a final score of 8-6.

Chris Koch, 17th Airlift Squadron, who was unable to play because he just returned from a deployment two hours prior to game time, commented, "I wish I could have been out there to play, but I was away defending our country."

One of the former players from last year's team, Chuck Omelson, was on hand to watch the game.

"Air Force really put it to the Navy. If I wasn't deployed for the last six months, I would've been out there helping to win," said Omelson.

Another hockey fan, Robert Coleman was sitting near the glass was asked what he thought of the game. He replied, "It was cool being able to sit right on the glass where all the action is!"