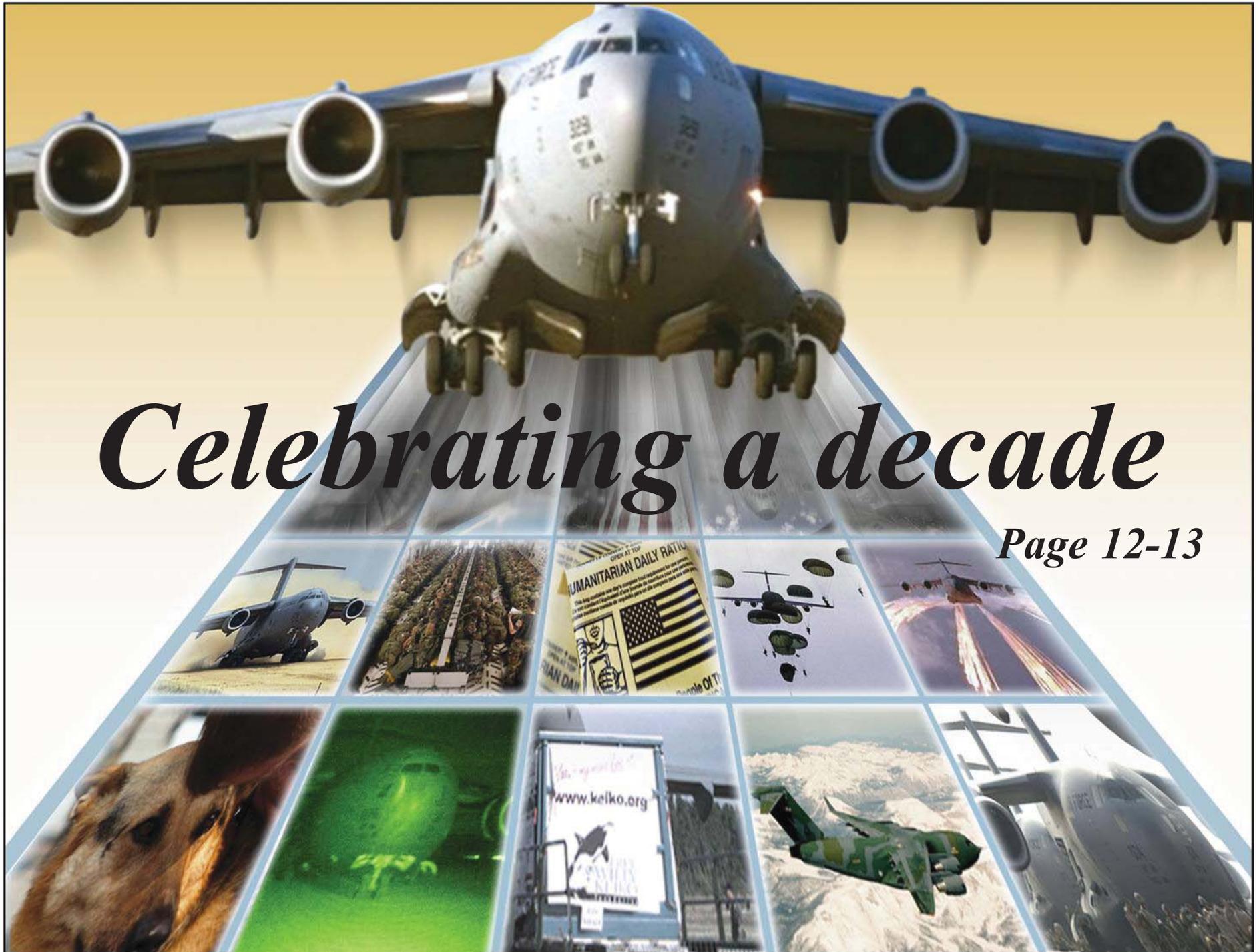


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Commander's Comments

By Col. Brooks Bash
437AW Commander

The 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron Traffic Management Office and 437th Aerial Port Squadron set a new record for the amount of cargo airlifted in one day last Sunday: 842 tons. Some of you may be aware that before February, our average for an entire month was only 670 tons. Great work!

On Tuesday we welcomed 54 new and returning honorary commanders. These community leaders are matched up with squadron commanders on base as a way to cement the great relationship we enjoy with the community outside our gates.

This past week we were also honored to have the Air Mobility Command and 21st Air Force command chief master sergeants and the first sergeants visiting Charleston AFB for AMC's First Sergeants' Conference.

Awards

This coming week we will recognize 28 aircrew members who earned Distinguished Flying Crosses for their role in humanitarian airdrops and insertion of Marines into southeastern Afghanistan to stop fleeing Taliban forces. Team Charleston welcomes Maj. Gen. Nick Williams, 21 AF commander, who will present the awards in a Tuesday morning ceremony at the Charleston Club. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

This week we also recognized our nominees for the Federal Executive Association outstanding federal employees. They are: Outstanding Supervisor, **Mr. Ronald Westall**, 437 APS; Outstanding Managerial/Executive employee, **Mr. Michael A. Holtsclaw**, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron; Outstanding Scientific/Professional employee, **Mr. Jeffrey Garrett**, 437 CES; Outstanding Technician/Assistant employee, **Senior Airman Vijay Coleman**, 437th Comptroller Squadron; Outstanding Trade/Craft employee, **Mr. Carl Barton**, 437th Maintenance Squadron; Outstanding Clerical/Administrative employee, **Ms. Michele Arnold**, 437 CPTS; Outstanding Safety/Security Employee, **Mr. John Geraci**, 437 CES; and Team Award, **437 CES**.

We also presented a plaque to our **Civilian Personnel Office**, for their recognition as AMC's best in 2002. Congratulations!

Retiree Appreciation Day

All area military retirees are invited to the Charleston Club, Saturday, 8 a.m., when we will thank them for their service and offer informational speakers and displays. We are pleased to welcome S.C. Congressman Henry Brown as the featured guest speaker.

Family Entertainment

The Tradewinds quintet from Langley AFB, Va., is holding a free



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

Mr. Bradley Berkson, special assistant to the Principal Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisitions, Technology and Logistics, is briefed by Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing commander, and Lt. Col. Kevin Brewer, 437th Aerial Port Squadron commander, during a visit here June 4. Mr. Berkson visited Charleston AFB for a firsthand look at operations here.

concert Saturday, 5 p.m. at the base theater, featuring children's tunes. The event is in honor of Air Force families and their sacrifices.

ATWIND – Play two

This morning's fitness run is another opportunity to get an ATWIND ticket. Be sure you play *two* pieces for **each** member of your family to help the base qualify for quality of life money. If each person who played only one piece last year had played a second piece, CAFB would have earned \$25,000 in quality of life money, versus the \$5,000 we received. I am confident we can get the big money this year. Officials are giving a freebie: everyone can play the number **9999-2003-999** by going to www.atwind.com or by calling 888-597-9960. You can pick up additional tickets at any services facility and select base agencies, as outlined in the special ATWIND insert of this week's paper.

Safety

As we continue to support the global war on terrorism in an outstanding manner, I ask you to remain particularly mindful of safety. All aircrew members are reminded of the quarterly flight safety meeting Monday, 8 a.m., at the base theater. Whether you are flying or driving, on duty or off duty, identify risks and take action to mitigate those risks. Be safe out there - especially during these 101 Critical Days of Summer!

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Carpe Diem

Make every day something to look forward to

By Staff Sgt. Michelle Belles
437AW command post

“Never have an ordinary day.” This is probably one of the best sayings I have ever heard. Sure, it comes from a cookie commercial, but it can also be a great way of looking at life or an attitude to follow. If we try to follow this advice, I’m sure our work, social and family life would improve.

Most people have a standard routine, which is to wake up, go to work, go home, eat dinner and go to bed. Then they do it all over again the next day. Most people never think of a way to make it different.

Do something small that will make a difference in your day-to-day life. Here are three tiny steps that will help make your day a little bit out of the ordinary.

The first step is attitude. The nicest thing to see in a person is a good mood. Part of the reason for this is it seems so unusual because we get so accustomed to people being in a rotten mood. I don’t like going to the mall when the person helping me is grumpy. What is the point of being rude to your customers, while at the same time hurting your business?

worth repeating

“Living life outside of the ordinary not only improves the working environment, but your quality of life as well.”



— Staff Sgt. Michelle Belles
437th Airlift Wing command post

A good mood will get you farther in life, so why not go through the day with a smile? You will see how much better people will respond to you because a smile is contagious. It is a small change but you will be surprised by the impact it has on the people around you.

The second step is to try something new. I can’t count how many times I have gone to a restaurant and ordered the same thing I always do. We should not be afraid to try something new. This does not just apply to

food; it also applies to new places and new activities. There’s so much diversity in the world, and it’s right at our fingertips. Why waste it? Remember, change can be a good thing; you never know what you will find.

Carpe Diem is my final step. “Seize the day” because you never know when it could be your last. Life is too precious not to take that extra step, not to help that stranger, not to accomplish that goal (or at least start working toward it)—today. Sometimes people are so afraid of failure or of embarrassing themselves they miss out on many great opportunities. Don’t live a life of regrets; live a life filled with extraordinary days.

It doesn’t take much to be out of the ordinary. If you just take a small break from the monotony of your routine day to try something new, you will probably be happy with the results.

It may not make every day a death-defying journey, but it will make every day challenging and something to look forward to. Living life outside of the ordinary not only improves the working environment, but your quality of life as well.

“Never have an ordinary day.” Who knew a cookie commercial could have such great advice!

Action Line

Caller concerned about bicycle safety

Q: I was running on the newly paved trail across from the gym. After I crossed one of the streets a little girl on her bicycle was getting ready to cross the street. She would never have come to a stop if I didn’t tell her that there is a street and to stop and make sure no cars are coming. That particular area has bushes and could be a blind spot for a car, possibly resulting in serious injury or death if a child comes darting across the street. Can you please paint a bicycle stop sign on the trail pavement at each street? Also, would it be possible to have a bicycle safety/license class for all children who ride their bike on and/or off base so they can learn how to signal, stop and obey road signs and rules. After they have completed their training, you could give them a license that sticks to their bicycles?

A: Thank you for bringing this safety issue to our attention. Although we don’t have any bicycle stop signs painted on

the pavement, each street crossing is clearly marked with a crosswalk. From the driver’s perspective, the crosswalk is visible and has either a “Yield to Pedestrian” sign or a “20 MPH Speed Limit” with a yellow crosswalk warning sign. Drivers must obey speed limits and stay alert for bicycle riders and pedestrians. Additionally, our civil engineers have trimmed bushes along the bicycle trail to enhance visibility.

The wing recently provided children bicycle safety training requirements for protective equipment, such as helmets, at newcomer’s briefings. Young children should always be supervised when riding bicycles around traffic and when crossing streets. Parents or guardians are responsible for teaching their children proper bike safety and the rules of the road to include stopping before crossing the street, walking their bike through crosswalks and always being alert to their surroundings. Again, thank you for your call.

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NEWS

New commissary opens today



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey
Freddie Harmon makes last-minute preparations for the new Commissary's grand opening today.

Charleston AFB's new \$12.9 million commissary opens today, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony set for 9:45 a.m., immediately followed by the store's opening.

The new store is located directly behind the current facility, and the main entrance is near the Base Exchange, facing Dorchester Road.

"We've all been waiting in great anticipation to open this gorgeous, state-of-the-art facility," said Eddie Williams, store director. "All the commissary employees are as excited as the customers must be."

Opening-day fun will include many product demonstrations with free samples, and free hot dogs and chips in the parking lot.

The new store's sales floor is nearly twice as big as the old store and will offer the "latest and greatest" in décor and conveniences, including wider aisles, a new bakery and expanded produce, deli and frozen food sections. More than 3,000 new items will be added to the grocery department.

The new bakery will offer a variety of treats, including computer generated, edible pictures for special-order cakes. The deli will offer hot foods, including rotisserie chicken, chicken tenders, hot wings, potato wedges, soup and hot

sandwiches. A variety of special-order platters will be available with items such as wings or finger sandwiches.

Parking will come at a premium temporarily, however, until the old facility is demolished.

"We ask for everyone's patience with the limited parking situation, as the demolition project won't be complete until early August," said Mr. Williams. "Once the old building is gone and the new lot finished, we will have plenty of convenient parking."

The old commissary was built in 1972 and renovated in 1990. It averages \$2 million in sales and nearly 34,000 shoppers monthly. Construction on the new facility started in December 2001. The original \$11.5 million contract award was adjusted slightly to the final cost of \$12.9 million following routine fiscal fine-tuning during the construction process.

Funding for building or renovating commissaries comes from the 5 percent surcharge added to each customer's purchase before coupons are deducted. Customers' surcharge dollars have paid for these projects since 1974, reducing cost to taxpayers for the commissary benefit. *(Courtesy of the Defense Commissary News Agency.)*

Air Mobility Command first shirts swap knowledge

By Master Sgt. Angel Newman
 437 AW Public Affairs

worth repeating

"People are our number one resource. Helping those people find solutions to difficult problems is the core of a first sergeant's job. Having a well-trained first shirt is essential."

— Chief Master Sgt. Bruce Barton
 21st Air Force command chief

First sergeants from across Air Mobility Command came together this week at Charleston AFB to enhance their professional development.

Nineteen diamond-wearing senior NCOs participated in the command's annual first sergeant conference, hosted by the 437th Airlift Wing.

Topics ranged from career field management issues to specialty areas such as dealing with crisis, legal concerns, suicide awareness and deployments. Command chiefs from AMC, 21st Air Force and CAFB led the group through a wide range of discussions.

"This is a terrific opportunity for our first sergeants to come together and discuss staff concerns and issues, fine tune our talking papers and cross feed our best practices," said Chief Master Sgt. Mike Kerver, AMC and U.S. Transportation Command command chief. "It's invaluable

able to have crossfeed like this. A lot will be discussed off-line, and people will look at policies and procedures they may not have considered before and take this knowledge back to their units. We really appreciate CAFB and First Sergeant Council's here for the logistics support."

Representatives from each AMC base, along with command tenant units extending as far as Japan and Germany, made the trip for the conference. Despite operations tempo continuing to run high, senior leaders feel this time was well spent.

"As commanders, we rely heavily on our first sergeants," said Col.

Brooks Bash, 437 AW commander. "They help keep squadrons focused on the mission."

For first sergeants, the mission is people, and what better way to hone their skills than to build on each other's experiences?

"People are our number one resource," said Chief Master Sgt. Bruce Barton, 21 AF command chief. "Helping those people find solutions to difficult problems is the core of a first sergeant's job. Having a well-trained first shirt is essential."

With more than 200 first sergeant authorizations in AMC, consolidating and sharing information is crucial, according to Chief Kerver.

To aid in this process, this year's conference brought in key players in the first sergeant career, field including the special duty and assignment managers.

One of the major goals discussed was recruitment.

Air Force-wide manning levels are expected to drop to under 90 percent in August, according to Senior Master Sgt. Chris Anthony, first sergeant special duty manager. "We need to fill our first sergeant positions at 100 percent," said Sergeant Anthony. With expected attrition rates, he said 350 new diamond seekers are needed over the next year and another 250 every year after. This was a challenge recognized by all the participants, but also one they embraced.

"We will continue to spread the word about first sergeant opportunities," said Chief Master Sgt. James Roy, 437 AW command chief. "We have great people in the positions now, like those represented at the conference, and we'll just need to find more like them."

'Patriot Partner'

Program brings Guard, Reserve to aerial port squadron here

By 2nd Lt. Kristy Miller
437 AW Public Affairs

Air National Guard and Reserve units are temporarily taking over a portion of the workload for the 437th Aerial Port Squadron as a part of a program known as Patriot Partner.

From June 1-15, nearly 130 Reservists and Guardsmen will provide 35 to 40 percent of the manpower for the 437 APS.

"It all goes back to the total force concept—this gives Reserve and Guard units a chance to prove to active-duty units and to ourselves that we can take over the workload if need be," said Senior Master Sgt. Bill Cresswell, 179th Aerial Port Squadron, Mansfield Air National Guard Base, Ohio.

Patriot Partner also gives the Reservists and Guardsmen the opportunity to do some hands-on training during a very busy period.

"It gives individuals efficiency training because they're actually doing the job in the real world," said Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Saltz, 179 APS.

Patriot Partner is a program that Charleston AFB has been a part of for the past several years, but this year, things are a little different.

"Normally, Patriot Partner would give our

people some time off, but this year, because of the workload, they just integrated with us," said Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Halpin, superintendent of air freight at the 437 APS.

"It's nice having the extra bodies," Sergeant Thomas said. "We definitely can use them and they're doing a great job."

The Reserves and Guardsmen involved in Patriot Partner hit the ground running to keep up with the high operations tempo here. While operations overseas may be slowing down, the 437 APS remains just as busy, setting a new record Sunday, by moving 842 tons of cargo.

"We've been able to integrate well here," said Capt. Peter Cevallos, 84 APS. "We try to keep up with the operations tempo and everyone's done a great job so far. It's pretty neat how you can bring in different people from different units and create a whole new unit instantaneously."

Participating in this year's Patriot Partner in addition to the 179 APS are: the 919th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.; the 84th Aerial Port Squadron, Greenville, S.C.; the 80th Aerial Port Squadron, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga. and the 143rd Aerial Port Squadron, Quonset Point Air National Guard Base, R.I.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey
Staff Sgt. Matt Coffman (left) and Staff Sgt. Brian Hicks, 135th Aerial Port Squadron, Baltimore, Md., participated in "Patriot Partner," a program where nearly 130 Reserve and Guardsmen take over almost 40 percent of aerial port operations here.

Team Charleston to deploy entire airlift squadron

Session prepares family for separation

By Airman 1st Class Stephanie Hammer
437 AW Public Affairs

While many people are returning home from deployments, Charleston AFB is as busy as ever, gearing up to deploy another flying squadron.

The entire 16th Airlift Squadron is deploying in July to take over stage operations at Rhein-Main AB, Germany.

"It's a formal deployment," said Lt. Col. Gary Goldstone, 16 AS commander. "All the men and women of the 16th have been at this for a long time, and now we're going to pick up and go as an entire unit."

"It's absolutely vital to the United States for us to do this, so we're going to go and do it," he continued.

The 16 AS began the deployment process with a Family Support Center briefing geared toward helping children deal with deployments.

The three-hour class taught parents how to assist a child experiencing stress and

anxiety of any kind.

"The pre-deployment process itself is hard because you know you have a deployment that you need to meet, and you need to prepare the family as that date grows closer," said Lt. Col. Randy Witham, 16 AS director of operations.

"Making sure everything is running smooth on the home front allows me to do my mission overseas without having to worry," he continued. "If I can ensure they are cared for, then I can devote my attention to the job I'm doing."

The briefing was attended by children of the squadron as well.

"The hardest part is that my mom has to be my mother and my father," said Elena Witham, daughter of Colonel Witham.

Overall, the squadron found the information helpful.

"This briefing reinforces that it's important to talk to your children about your deployment, and let them know you care for them," said Colonel Witham.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Clements

Karen Brown, wife of Staff Sgt. Jason Brown, 16th Airlift Squadron load master, and their son, Dalton, attend a Family Support Center briefing to prepare for the 16 AS deployment.

NEWS

Honorary CC: Program brings local community, Team Charleston's 'cream of the crop' together

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber
437 AW Public Affairs

Charleston AFB kicked off the 2003 Honorary Commanders Program Tuesday at the Charleston Club.

Now in its third year, the program encourages an exchange of ideas, experiences and friendship between key members of the local civilian community and the AFB military community.

There are 54 honorary commanders paired with 32 active-duty commanders and the command chief master sergeant. They serve two-year terms and then become part of the honorary commanders' advisory group.

"AFB is fortunate to enjoy an

exceptional partnership with our local community; a partnership which is vital to our mission accomplishment," said Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing commander, in the opening ceremony. "Honorary commanders, are an essential part of maintaining the strong relationships needed to sustain such a successful partnership."

"It's important for the civilian community to understand what the Air Force base does and why," said Sam Lyons, director of business development for Palmetto Ford and honorary commander to Colonel Bash. "This program also gives the active-duty commanders an opportunity to interact with the cream of

the crop from our community."

Local leaders talked about why they decided to become honorary commanders.

"Sam (Lyons) invited me on a C-17 trip about two years ago, and I've been intrigued by the Air Force ever since," said Mary Stewart Sheppard, owner of Low Country Diagnostics and honorary commander of the 437th Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron. "It is so important for civilians to have a better idea of what is going on at the Air Force base. (Average) people don't understand what the Air Force base means to Charleston."

"I've learned so much about how the Air Force operates and how important the C-17 is," added

Dottie Karst, president of Charles Foster Staffing and honorary commander of the 437th Maintenance Squadron.

Mrs. Karst said the program is also a great way for military members and civilians to interact with each other.

Honorary commanders are invited to a number of base events and attend unit functions as if they were a member of the squadron or group.

"To become an honorary commander is a great honor," said Johnnie Thompson of the Tuskegee Airman, Inc. in Walterboro, S.C., and honorary commander of the 437th Operations Group. "It's really an exhilarating feeling."

Civil engineer civilian receives 30-year service pin

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber
437 AW Public Affairs

A civilian in the 437th Civil Engineering Squadron received a 30-year service pin from Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing commander May 28.

Al Ravenel, a carpenter in the 437 CES, said the award is a milestone in his career. It culminates all his time working with different areas of the military – the Army, Navy and Air Force.

He received other awards in his career, but said this one is more meaningful because it covers a 30-year period.

As a carpenter, Mr. Ravenel repairs doors, sheetrock, ceramic tile, acoustical ceilings, cabinets, wood fencing, gates and a host of other carpentry items.

Little did he know that his uncle, also a carpenter, would have a major influence on his civil service career. When Mr. Ravenel was growing up in Awendaw, S.C., he worked summers with his uncle who built many of the homes in the rural town just north of Mt. Pleasant.

"He was an inspiration for me," he said.

Mr. Ravenel said he enjoys the carpentry field because no two days are identical.

"One day I might be repairing sheetrock, and the next day I'm fixing a privacy fence," he said. "I like the continual challenge of the job."

Mr. Ravenel said he also likes the environment.

"It's encouraging to work with coworkers who don't mind sharing their knowledge about the carpentry field," he said. "That way you are always learning, always growing."

Ronald MacKenzie, 437 CES facilities mainte-



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber

Al Ravenel, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron carpenter, received a 30-year service pin May 28.

nance foreman, said that Mr. Ravenel is easy to work with.

"Al is very knowledgeable in his trade" said Mr. MacKenzie. "When I have a problem I go to him for his expertise. He does a lot of our big remodeling facilities projects on base."

Mr. Ravenel finished a three-year, nine-month enlistment with the Army and began his civil service career as a store worker in the commissary at Fort Benning, Ga., in 1976. After three years he decided to return to the Charleston area and got a store-worker job at the Charleston Naval

Supply Center, which was part of the Charleston Naval Shipyard. From 1979-1982, he supplied Navy ships with tools and most of the mechanical items needed on ships.

Then, in 1982, he landed a carpenter-worker job at the Charleston Naval Shipyard, which was the turning point in his federal-service career.

"It gave me the guideline to find out exactly what my career was going to be," said Mr. Ravenel. "Before that, I wasn't sure of my profession, but I got a good feel for the work by working with a journeyman carpenter. Then I knew that this was something I want to do for the rest of my civil service career."

He advanced to a journeyman carpenter in 1986 and did that for 10 years until the Navy Shipyard closed.

When the shipyard closed, Mr. Ravenel said he was hurt at first but knew it wasn't the end of the world.

"I knew I had the skills that I could use on the outside," he said.

Fortunately, three months after leaving the shipyard, Mr. Ravenel got his present job with 437 CES through the priority-placement system.

Outside of his civil service work, Mr. Ravenel said his carpentry skills come in handy. Now when his house needs repairs, he doesn't have to call a carpenter, he can do it himself. In fact, Mr. Ravenel said when he built his house in 1994, he completed about 60 percent of it himself.

"That was a big plus for me," he said.

As he looks toward the future, Mr. Ravenel, now 49, plans to retire from civil service in six years. Even then, he said he'll probably continue to work small carpentry jobs.

AROUND THE AIR FORCE

Re-enlistment bonuses to be adjusted

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas – Air Force officials recently revised re-enlistment bonuses, adding or increasing 40 career field zones and decreasing or removing 100, according to Air Force Personnel Center officials.

The revision to the selective re-enlistment bonus program includes additions of zones in two career fields that previously did not have a bonus. In addition, 10 career fields that previously had some type of bonus were deleted from the revised list.

“The SRB program is a retention tool the Air Force uses as an incentive to help keep the right people in the right jobs to accomplish our mission,” said Maj. Gen. Peter Sutton, director of learning and force development at Air Force headquarters in Washington.

“This change (in SRBs) is the result in part of increased retention rates. But airmen should also remember that SRBs are not an entitlement,” he continued. “The Air Force will continue to shift this program based on the needs of the Air Force and our global mission.”

Criteria used for determining which enlisted skills receive an SRB include current and projected skill and total manning levels; re-enlistment rates; and category of enlistment, career field force structure changes and inputs from functional career-field managers. SRBs are authorized in 0.5 increments (or multiples) and in three re-enlistment zones for people with between 17 months and 14 years of service.

The revised Air Force specialty code listing of SRB multipliers includes increases in 12 Zone-A (17 months to six years of service), 14 Zone-B (six to 10 years of service) and seven Zone-C (10 to 14 years of service) career fields. It also includes additions in two Zone-A, four Zone-B and one Zone-C career field. Multipliers decreased in 38 Zone-A, 20 Zone-B and five Zone-C career fields.

Ten Zone-A, 15 Zone-B and 12 Zone-C SRBs were deleted; two new AFSCs were added, and 10 AFSCs were deleted in either Zones A, B, C or some combination.

Additions and multiple increases were effective June 4. The SRB multiple decreases and deletions are effective July 4.

The new list of bonuses is at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/Reenlistments/reenlistments.htm>. **(Air Force Personnel Center News Service)**

Eagle Flag replaces Phoenix Readiness

FORT DIX, N.J. – Air Mobility Command’s Phoenix Readiness combat training has ended and will be replaced in October by the Air Force’s expeditionary combat-support training program, Eagle Flag.

“It’s exciting for us to be evolving into a flag-level school,” said Lt. Col. Michael Dickey, 421st Training Squadron commander who is in charge of the course. “It means taking our world-class training up a notch and helping the Air Force improve its expeditionary capabilities.”

Phoenix Readiness was a two-week training course that prepared airmen and other Department of Defense forces to open and estab-

lish forward-operating bases similar to what was recently done in Southwest Asia. That mission will not change.

One of the advantages of the Phoenix Readiness course was the opportunity to receive training and then apply it in the field the following week.

First Lt. Allan Rich, 821st Air Mobility Squadron, McGuire AFB, N.J., attended the course two years ago and then again recently after returning from Iraq.

“The course has improved 600 percent since the last time I came,” he said. “They’ve done a good job of trying to equate it to (the) real world. I’m very impressed with the differences, and it’s only going to get better with Eagle Flag.” **(Air Mobility Command News Service)**

Officials set promotion release dates

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas – The Air Force plans to release its list of new technical and master sergeant promotions June 26 (June 27 for those units across the international date line). The list of new staff

sergeant promotions will be released Aug. 13 (Aug. 14 for those units across the international date line).

The lists of those selected for promotion will be available on the Air Force Personnel Center’s home page by 4:30 p.m. CDT June 27 and Aug. 14, respectively.

The announcements were delayed from the originally scheduled dates to allow as many deployed airmen as possible to be considered in the regular promotion cycles. The delays will have no effect on the promotion effective dates: Aug. 1 for technical and master sergeants and Sept. 1 for staff sergeants.

“Waiting to find out if you’ve been selected for promotion can be nerve-racking, and we know that,” said Chief Master Sgt. Mark Billingsley, chief of the enlisted promotions branch here. “But we want to give everyone the opportunity they deserve to make promotion this year. By waiting to make selections we can consider more people.”

The personnel center’s home page is at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil. **(Air Force Personnel Center News Service)**

Combat Camera Photo of the Week



Photo by Staff Sgt. Shane Cuomo

Up, up and away

Pararescuemen from the 304th Rescue Squadron are hoisted up to an HH-60G Pavehawk at Tallil Air Base, Iraq, during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

NEWS BRIEFS

Spotlight

SFS tip of the week: Terrorists want publicity to get their point across. Most terrorist targets are something that will draw the media's attention. Usually terrorists are offensive in nature and are unable to defend against a strong assault, so they tend to be "quick and dirty." Most terrorist targets will be easy to access, like unguarded buildings such as hotels or dorms. To report suspicious activity, call Security Forces immediately at 963-3600.

Around the base

MPF: The outbound assignments, retirements and separations, and employments and retraining sections of the 437th Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight will be closed all day today.

The 437 MSS will be closed for an official function June 20, 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Anyone needing an ID card during these hours can go to the 315th ID card section, Bldg. 51, room 129, or the Naval Weapons Station Charleston ID card section, Bldg. 302.

The 437 MSS will also be closed June 27, 9-11:30 a.m. for a change of command ceremony.

VFW: The Tech. Sgt. Walter C. Fulda Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3433 is participating in the Retiree Appreciation Event Saturday at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Dave Mellert at 871-2407.

LRS: The DRMO section will not accept any items in building 532 from Sunday – July 14. After July, DRMO will accept items in the new LRS Bldg. 610. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Thomas Miskimin at 963-2568.

Heart Link: The next Heart Link spouse orientation program is June 24, 8:45 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Family Support Center. Reservations are

Charleston Warrior of the Week



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber

Airman 1st Class Michael Barrows 437th Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Michael Barrows is a 437th Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment apprentice. His duties include maintenance and inspection of ground equipment that supports the aircraft.

"What I like best about my job is the fact that every day, what I do directly affects the mission of the C-17 in a positive way," he said.

Airman Barrows said he joined the Air Force for the education, a better way of life for his family, and to serve and protect his country.

"My future goals are to finish my degree and become a commissioned officer," said Airman Barrows.

The Whitney, N.Y., native has been at Charleston AFB for seven months.

"The base is wonderful," he said. "The surrounding area is great. If there is something you want to do, Charleston has a place to do it."

His favorite activities are going to the beach with his family and going to the Summerville Speedway. He also enjoys spending as much time as he can with his three children.

required. For more information or to make a reservation, call the FSC at 963-4406 by Tuesday.

Study skills: A study skills seminar is scheduled for Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at the Community Education Center. This class helps personnel prepare to take career development course exams, college tests and CLEP/DANTES tests. To make a reservation, call 963-4575 today.

Health Care Council: The Joint Health Care Consumers Council meets Thursday, 2 p.m., at the Navy Hospital Charleston Auditorium. For more information, call the Navy

Hospital at 743-7607, or the Managed Care Flight at 963-6710.

Career seminar: A "Marketing Yourself For a Second Career" seminar is June 20, 9-11:30 a.m., at the Family Support Center. The free seminar is geared toward those who plan to leave the service in the next one to five years. For more information or to make a reservation, call the FSC at 963-4406.

CLEP exams: Some College Level Examination Program exams are going to Computer Based Testing June 30. June 27 is the last day the Community Education Center can test anyone on the following CLEP exams: General – Humanities; Subject exams - General Chemistry, College Level German, General Biology, and Western Civilization I and II. For more information, call CEC customer service at 963-4575, or 963-7201.

School physicals: The Family Practice Clinic is performing school summer and sports physicals, for Family Practice patients only, June 26 and July 30. To schedule an

appointment, call 963-6880. Patients must bring shot records.

Recycle: The next curbside recycling date for military family housing is Thursday. For more information or to pick up recycle bins, call the base pollution and prevention manager at 963-2690.

Medical training: Classes for the Red Cross Medical Assistant Training Program begin in the Family Practice Clinic June 23. The program is open to family members of active duty and retired personnel. Training consists of basic sciences, followed by practical and on-the-job training, and lasts six months. Required attendance is five days a week, eight hours a day. Upon graduation students will be awarded an American Red Cross certificate and letters of recommendation.

Applications are available at the Family Practice Clinic and the Family Support Center, and will be accepted through today. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Christina Marx at 963-6969, or Staff Sgt. Katie Hartley at 963-6991.

To submit information considered for News briefs, send an e-mail to dispatch@charleston.af.mil with subject: **NEWS BRIEFS**; or send a fax to **963-5604**, ATTN: **NEWS BRIEFS**. Submissions must be received no later than close of business Friday the week before publication.

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.

Today, 7:30 p.m.

***"The Lizzy McGuire Movie"* – Hilary Duff**

Lizzie and her pals plan to live la dolce vita while on a class trip to Italy. Mistaken for an Italian pop star, Lizzy is transformed from a gawky teen to a beautiful pop star. A whirlwind of surprising events forces her to find the true meaning of friendship. **(PG) 90 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

***"It Runs in the Family"* – Kirk Douglas**

From Mitchell Gromberg to his son, Alex, and his grandson, Asher; everyone is trying to cope with life and a distinctly different set of problems. Mitchell grapples with his mortality while Alex tries to avoid becoming his father. Meanwhile, Asher just tries to stay relatively straight as he goes through college. **(PG-13) 109 minutes**

June 20, 7:30 p.m.

***"Identity"* – John Cusack**

(R) 90 minutes

SPORTS & FITNESS



Photos by Airman 1st Class Tyrone Pearsall

Batter up!

Top: Karen Reynolds, Rockies T-Ball team coach, hands Little League medallion to her team players. Little League baseball at Charleston AFB held its closing-day ceremonies Saturday. The ceremonies capped a Little League season that started April 22. It consisted of play in four co-ed divisions: six T-Ball teams (ages five and six), four Machine-pitch teams (ages seven and eight), two Minors teams (ages nine and 10) and one Majors team (age 11 and 12).

Right: Victoria Nichols, daughter of Robert Nichols, Athletics Machine-Pitch team coach, receives a Little League medallion. A total of 167 players and 28 coaches were honored in the ceremonies. Each player and coach received a Little League medallion and certificate, and the coaches also received a volunteer mug. Representatives from South Carolina Little League District 4, which includes all of Charleston County, were also honored. They were Jennifer McCarthy administrator and Alan Smith umpire consultant.

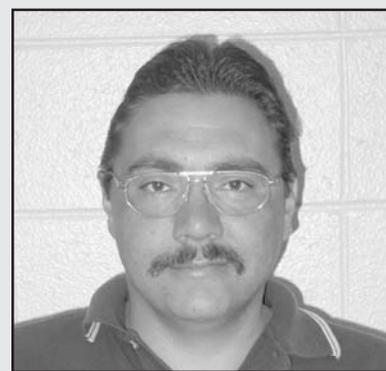


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Allen Fleming 437th Services Squadron youth sports coordinator

Responsibilities: Mr. Fleming is responsible for organizing and facilitating youth sports while ensuring safety and training procedures have been followed. He is in charge of organized team sports such as baseball, soccer and basketball. He also ensures children have a healthy and safe environment.

Experience/professional background: Mr. Fleming started his career as an Air Force youth assistant with the 86th Services Squadron, Vogelweh, Germany, in 1997. He was an Army assistant sports director there from 1998 to 2002. He returned to the Air Force with the 86 SVS as youth sports director before coming to Charleston AFB last month. He is a certified youth sports administrator through the National Alliance for Youth Sports and a certified youth sports coach clinician through the National Youth Sport Coaches Association.

Mr. Fleming spent seven years in the Army as military policeman.

Education: Mr. Fleming graduated from Grundy HS, Grundy, Va.

Goals: Mr. Fleming said his first priority is to increase enrollment in youth sports. He says there are many athletes on this base, ages five to 18, and he would like to get them enrolled in sports. He plans to start a cheerleading program for basketball and flag football and bring flag football on line in 2004.