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Senior Airman Justin Schleyer, 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron, says hello to his 9-month-old daughter, Emily, upon returning from a five-month deployment Saturday. Airman Schleyer and 11 other 437 SFS members traveled to several locations in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, ending their deployment in Baghdad, Iraq.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter

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# Commander's Comments

By Col. Brooks Bash  
437AW Commander

This week Charleston AFB hosted a number of activities honoring Security Forces and law enforcement personnel during National Police Week. I truly appreciate the sacrifices and risks these folks take on a daily basis to keep us safe. Hopefully you were able to participate in a few of the family events that were held throughout the week. Please join me in recognizing Security Forces' efforts during today's retreat ceremony at 4 p.m. at the base flagpole.

### Commander's Call

Last week I hosted several commander's calls focusing on current wing issues. Thank you for your exceptional attendance and questions. Be on the lookout for answers to your topics of interest in upcoming editions of the *Airlift Dispatch*.

### Shadow program

This week **Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Stephanie Hammer**, 437 AW Public Affairs, had the opportunity to shadow me. I always look forward to showing the young airmen how their efforts fit into the bigger picture of CAFB and the Air Force. Please continue to nominate your airmen for this great program.

### Hurricane Preparedness

A Hurricane Preparedness Exercise will be held for CAFB Thursday to train the wing on how to prepare for a hurricane. With only two weeks until hurricane season, it is very important to ensure that you and your family are prepared in the event of a natural disaster. I recommend everyone review his or her personal hurricane evacuation plan before the end of the month.

### Fitness Run

There was an outstanding show of people who participated in Tuesday's Armed Forces Fitness Run. More than 250 came out to show their support and run—a record-breaking number. The first "Spirit Award" was presented to the 437<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Squadron for the unit who showed



Col. Brooks Bash, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, reads *The Little Red Hen* to children at the Child Development Center here Wednesday. Photo by Andre Bullard

the most spirit. I encourage more squadrons to come out and run together and compete for this coveted honor.

### Fun Day

Don't forget to come out May 23 for a day of fun in the sun. The base pool opens at 1 p.m. followed by Asian Pacific Islander activities and a luau at 7 p.m. A C-17 static display will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring the family and enjoy. This is a well deserved break from our hectic pace.

### Safety

Memorial Day weekend kicks off the 101 critical days of summer for 2003. I cannot stress enough that safety is paramount during this season. While it is important for everyone to make sure to take some time off and enjoy the holidays, safety must be Team Charleston's number one priority. Keep up the great work!

## Action Line caller concerned about appointment line Medical Group fixes problem, advises against 'just walking into the clinic'

**Q:** Our one-year-old daughter got very sick recently. We called the appointment line and told them everything that was wrong and requested a same-day appointment with the doctor. When no one returned our call, I was pretty upset and called to ask if we could just bring her in. They said without an appointment we would be turned away and sent to the hospital. We took our daughter to Trident Medical Center, where she was admitted and stayed for a day and a half with pneumonia and the croup. How can we prevent this from happening, not

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](mailto: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

only to my child, but to any other child on base?

**A:** Thank you for voicing your concerns. The 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group leadership looked

into the situation you described and determined that standard operating procedures were not followed in your case. We do request patients make an appointment to

see a provider and strongly advise against simply walking into the clinic, so we can provide the best possible service. However, in urgent cases, we can nearly always arrange for the patient to be seen the same day or within 24 hours. People calling the appointment line can expect a return call within two hours for same-day requests and within 24 hours for routine appointments. The 437 MDG is conducting additional training regarding handling patient calls, which should prevent such an occurrence from happening again. Thank you for the call.

— Col. Brooks Bash  
437 AW commander

# AFOSI: They do more than 'wear civilian clothes and investigate airmen who use drugs'

By Robert Yarbrough

Office of Special Investigations  
Det. 310 commander

If someone were to ask you, "What does the Air Force Office of Special Investigations do?" how would you respond?

If you said, they are the people who wear civilian clothes and investigate airmen who use drugs, you would be correct, but that is not all we do.

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations has many other roles and responsibilities, which play a part in making Charleston AFB and the Air Force a safe and enjoyable place to work and live.

Special agents assigned to OSI are volunteers who come from virtually every career field in the Air Force. They include officers, enlisted personnel and civilians.

Together, they form a highly-trained team that investigates crimes against persons and property, defeat and deter base-level and contract fraud, combat threats to our information systems and technologies, and provide the Air Force counterintelligence support for its force protection mission.

It's a job that involves both excitement and opportunity.

Once accepted into the career field, agents begin their training at the U.S. Air Force Special Investigations Academy at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Glynco, Ga.

The 18-week special investigator's course includes instruction in law, investigative theory, report writing, forensics, interview techniques and other subjects designed to prepare special agents for the challenges of investigative duty.

But the training opportunities do not end there. Once an airman has mastered the basic skills of being a federal agent, they can request and compete for specialized training in fields such as forensic science,

## worth repeating

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— Robert Yarbrough

Office of Special Investigations Det. 310 commander

where agents learn detailed techniques for collecting and evaluating evidence.

They can become computer crime investigators and do "battle" against hackers or those who use computers as a means to commit crime.

OSI also has agents trained in the latest methods of technical and photographic surveillance. And of course, no investigative agency would be complete without trained polygraph operators.

While these are standard law enforcement specialties, OSI also has a cadre of agents who opt for the opportunity to become members of our antiterrorism specialty team. These agents are given specific training to conduct our counterintelligence mission in very austere locations in support of contingency operations.

Some of their training includes the U.S. Army Airborne School, Air Assault School, and even the coveted Ranger School. Some agents receive specialized training in the art of protective services.

These agents often become personal security advisors for senior Air Force leaders and travel with them when they visit high-threat areas.

Of course, you do not have to have a focus on a particular specialty to be an agent. In fact, the majority of the agents are not specialists and enjoy the everyday chal-

lenges that come from working at the detachment level.

Regardless of the specialty or training, each agent, like other members of the Air Force, must be prepared to deploy as part of a regular AEF rotation or in support of combat operations such as Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

It is during operations such as these that our expertise and knowledge of counterintelligence is vital.

As the only Air Force organization responsible for conducting counterintelligence, OSI must work off base with host-nation security officials to identify potential threats and threat information and then provide that information to the security forces and the wing commander so the appropriate force protection decisions can be made.

In the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, this mission is even more critical here in the United States, where we work every day with other federal agents from the Department of Justice and Department of Homeland Security, as well as state and local law enforcement agencies.

All of this is done to ensure Air Force people and assets here at home are just as protected as they are when abroad.

In all, being a member of OSI is both exciting and challenging work, and even though we do not always wear the "blue suit," we are still proud members of the Air Force.

Yes, we are the ones who conduct investigations of airmen who commit crimes, but we also do a lot of other things that afford you the opportunity to live and work in a safe environment and to make the most of your time while you are associated with Team Charleston and the Air Force.

If you would like more information on OSI agent duty, please visit our website at [www.dtic.mil](http://www.dtic.mil) or contact OSI Detachment 310 at DSN 673-3248.

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## NEWS

# 437 SFS team comes home

## Twelve airmen return from duty in SW Asia, Baghdad

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter  
437 AW Public Affairs

Twelve members of the 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron may have felt a little like Gilligan, finally escaping the island, when they returned to Charleston AFB Saturday.

The team left Charleston in January, not for a "three-hour tour," but for what they thought would be 45 days. Then the storm hit.

Operation Iraqi Freedom kept these Team Charleston members away from home for 126 days and landed them somewhere very different from Gilligan's Island paradise.

Their mission landed them in Baghdad.

"It was an experience for everyone involved," said Staff Sgt. Mark Furtado, 437 SFS.

Going into the "belly of the beast" wasn't anything the team expected when they left Charleston in January. However, they made the best of it.

"It was cool," said team leader Master Sgt. William Cline, 437 SFS. "It was neat being able

to look out the window and see tracer fire, then turn around and watch CNN broadcasting it live."

A lot happened at home while the team was away.

"I missed my kid's first everything," said Senior Airman Justin Schleyer, 437 SFS. When he left, his daughter, Emily, was just four months old. The little girl who could barely sit up and roll over is now crawling everywhere and sporting some new teeth.

Children weren't the only things missed. Besides real food, team members said they really missed sleeping in their own beds.

Now that they're back in Charleston, the SFS team has a lot planned to help them relax and readjust to home.

Some are planning trips to visit family out of town.

"I have a niece to marry off," Sergeant Cline said.

Others said they just plan to kick back and enjoy being home at last.

## Base plans 'fun day'

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber  
437 AW Public Affairs

The 437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron will host a "Thanks to Troops and Families" event to be held at the base pool and surrounding areas May 23, 1-5 p.m.

To highlight the grand opening of the base pool, a ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for 2 p.m. to showcase pool renovations and mark the normal weekend opening of the pool.

Activities for the entire family include a water dunk tank, air jump castle, a giant slide, an adrenaline-rush obstacle course, magician, clowns, pony rides, a sport bungee challenge and water/pool games.

The 437<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group will host an evening luau in celebration of Asian Pacific Heritage Month, 7 p.m., at the base pool. Authentic luau-style food and entertainment, including a cash bar, will be available. Tickets must be purchased by Monday and are available for \$13 through squadron representatives or Nancy Corbin at 963-4314.

## Justice Files

### Article 15 actions

■ A staff sergeant from the 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron drove a vehicle while drunk.

**Punishment:** Reduction to senior airman; 14 days extra duty; reprimand

■ A staff sergeant from the 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron used his government travel card for non-official purposes on numerous occasions.

**Punishment:** Reduction to senior airman; forfeiture of \$912; 15 days extra duty; reprimand

■ An airman first class from the 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron failed to go to his appointed place of duty at the time prescribed.

**Punishment:** Reduction to airman; restriction to Charleston AFB for 14 days; 14 days extra duty

■ An airman first class from the 437 AMXS consumed alcohol while under the age of 21.

**Punishment:** Suspended re-

duction to airman; restriction to CAFB for 14 days; seven days extra duty; reprimand

■ An airman first class from the 437 AMXS failed to go to his appointed place of duty at the time prescribed.

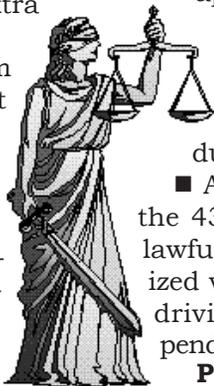
**Punishment:** Suspended reduction to airman; seven days extra duty; reprimand

■ An airman first class from the 437 AMXS failed to obey a lawful order by driving a motorized vehicle on CAFB while his driving privileges were suspended.

**Punishment:** Reduction to airman; seven days extra duty; reprimand

■ A technical sergeant from the 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Operations Squadron made a false official statement to a 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron investigator and shot his neighbor's cat with a bow and arrow causing injuries in the sum of \$1,501.

**Punishment:** Suspended reduction to staff sergeant; 45 days extra duty; reprimand



## 17 AS airman earns Levitow

An airman from the 17<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron earned the Sgt. John L. Levitow Award during Airman Leadership School Class 03-E.

Senior Airman Paul Guenther was presented with the award May 8 during the ALS graduation dinner at the Charleston Club.

Senior Airman Jeffrey Gorrell, 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, received the Academic Achievement Award.

Staff Sgt. Lauren Graddick, 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron, received the Academic Achievement and Distinguished Graduate Awards.

Staff Sgt. Brian Czerniak, 437 SFS, and Staff Sgt. Douglas Holzbaur, 437 AMXS, were also Distinguished Graduate Award recipients.

Senior Airman Schenecia Smith, 437<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron, received the Leadership Award.

Graduates from the five-week course also include the following:

**17 AS:** Senior Airman Brian Chaney

**437<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Dental Squadron:** Staff Sgt. Zelma Garcia Cordero and Senior Airman Yolanda Jones

**437 AMXS:** Staff Sergeants Roy Foster and Shanna Rossi, and Senior Airmen Joshua Bettinger, David Ruehling, Scott Greving, Christopher Salazar, Bernard Gurski Jr. and Russell Sumpter

**437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron:** Staff Sgt. Robert Wright, and Senior Airmen Stephanie Flowers and Travis Fowles

**437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron:** Senior Airmen Shanco Williams and Jason Lillard

**437<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron:** Senior Airmen Dixie Green, Benjamin Moles and Trent Hyland

**437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron:** Staff Sgt. Brett Diaz, and Senior Airmen Jennifer Guyne, Ruben Silva, Christopher Hargis, Maria Matos, Anthony Hayes and Lysander Stockton

**437<sup>th</sup> Medical Support Squadron:** Senior Airman Shakeera Wright

**437<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron:** Senior Airman Dina Lyons

**437 SFS:** Staff Sgt. Matthew Pease and Senior Airman Jeremy Littleton

# Former CMSAF visits Charleston AFB

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter  
437 AW Public Affairs

Retired Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Eric Benken visited Charleston AFB Thursday for a speaking engagement at the Airman Leadership School graduation.

While at CAFB, Chief Benken toured various base facilities and took time to pass along some of the lessons he learned during his Air Force career.

"Everybody who joins the Air Force and makes it a career looks back on the people who had a major influence," Chief Benken said. "My first supervisor, in 1970, was Master Sgt. Elizabeth Quatowski.

"She was the first person who reinforced to me the importance of standards and remembering the things I had learned in basic training, like how to dress for success, be on time and work with others as a team," he continued. "She made me understand the importance of training, of honing your skills and your craft.

"After that, every supervisor I had, I learned something important to building my own leadership style," Chief Benken continued.

Supervisors are not the only people who contribute to the development of personal leadership skills, said Chief Benken.

"I've always said you look at leaders and at people and the leadership qualities they have, be they an airman or a general, across the entire spectrum, and you take those qualities and store them around your heart," said Chief

## worth repeating



"Soon, you become a composite of those leaders and mentors you met along the way."

**CHIEF MASTER SGT. ERIC BENKEN**  
*Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force (ret.)*

Benken. "Soon you become a composite of those leaders and mentors you met along the way."

Leadership qualities are an important tool in facing the challenges of the future, Chief Benken said.

"For the enlisted force (the biggest challenge) is the continued professional development of the enlisted force," said Chief Benken. "Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Murray is mapping that out.

From an Air Force perspective, the continued perfection of the way the military does business is the biggest challenge that lies ahead, Chief Benken said.

"It's no longer a 'Cold War' Air Force. It's continuing to become lighter, leaner and more lethal," he added.

Challenges are something every organization faces, and the Air Force is no different.

"First recognize that challenges aren't unique to the military," Chief Benken said.

"Regardless of where you work or what you do for a living, you face challenges, be they economic, organizational or personnel," he continued. "So many of those things are not unique to the military, so you face them just like everything else in life – 90 percent is attitude and 10 percent is everything else.

"Face every day ready to do your best, and be as positive as you can," the chief advised.

In a career that took him from Ellington AFB, Texas, to Osan AB, Korea, to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Belgium, and ultimately to chief master sergeant of the Air Force, Chief Benken said the most rewarding experience was being able to watch Air Force people succeed at what they do.

"I got to travel and see tremendous technical competency and a tremendous ability to overcome challenges," Chief Benken said. "I got to see the commitment and dedication of some very great Americans all over the world."

The pride in what Air Force members do is what they should look forward to, Chief Benken said.

"I think anybody in the Air Force today is part of the greatest air force and air power ever assembled on the Earth, probably in the universe," he said. "To be a part of this team is something to always be proud of. You can look back and know your life had meaning and importance, and be very proud that you served the nation and served the world."



## Quick stop

An F-18 performs a certification engagement test on a BAK-12 system on the Charleston AFB flightline May 8. CAFB provides an alternate emergency landing site for any tailhook-equipped aircraft with emergencies in the Southeast.

Photo by Andre Bullard

## NEWS

# ANG, Team Charleston 'get the job done'

By Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class  
Stephanie Hammer  
437 AW Public Affairs

Twenty-nine C-17 maintainers from Charleston AFB and McChord AFB, Wash., had to find a way to the 817<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Airlift Squadron in Southwest Asia by Saturday with what seemed to be no means of transportation.

In less than a week's time, members of the Air National Guard at the 117<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Birmingham, Ala., stepped up to the plate and volunteered to deliver the maintainers downrange, helping Team Charleston successfully meet the mission demands there.

"With all the airflow going in that direction, we thought we should be able to find someone to take the guys over there," said

Tech. Sgt. Eric Ritchie, 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron NCOIC of deployments.

Normally, the maintainers would get to their destinations through the Patriot Express, a new name for Air Mobility Command's commercial charter flights.

But with such short notice, there wasn't a flight available to take the passengers downrange in time. If not for the Guard, CAFB would have to rely on the Patriot Express to fly the maintainers overseas, which would put the crews in the Central Command Area of Responsibility two weeks too late, according to Sergeant Ritchie.

"We just called them (the ANG) up, and they agreed to pick up our guys on their way to (Southwest Asia)," said Sergeant Ritchie.

"This wasn't something they had to agree to, and they have helped us out tremendously."

To maintain a safer work schedule, more people are needed to meet mission demands downrange. The maintainers recently moved to a 20-minute-on and 40-minute-off work-cycle due to an increase in temperatures there.

"We're concerned about the safety of the people on the flightline," said Master Sgt. Steven Tuggle, production superintendent now deployed to the 817 EAS. "We're not going to jeopardize those (maintainers), so with the amount of people we have here now, there's no way we could generate the amount of aircraft (needed for the mission). The mission would be highly degraded without the help coming our way."

Not only did the Guard help with transportation needs by stopping to pick up Charleston maintainers, Sergeant Ritchie added they also saved the Air Force almost \$51,000.

"They saved us some money," said Sergeant Ritchie. "But (more importantly), if the guys didn't arrive at their destination on time, it would have (negatively) impacted the mission requirements (in Southwest Asia)."

The 117 ARW arrived at CAFB in a KC-135 and readily made room for Team Charleston to hop aboard.

"This is part of our job, and we're here to help," said Col. Bob Reinhardt, 117 ARW vice commander. "Whatever it takes to get the job done, we'll do it, and we're happy to do it."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Clements

## Police week

**Left:** Humberto Camara, son of Senior Airman Humberto, 15<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, shows his hand signals to Sgt. Ashley Foster, Medical University of South Carolina bicycle police officer, at the 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron's Bike Rodeo Saturday. The children participating in the rodeo received a bicycle-safety certification after safely completing the course and were entered into a drawing for a bike, helmets donated by the Base Exchange, and club gift certificates donated by the Charleston Club.

**Below:** McGruff, the crime dog, hands out hugs during a 437 SFS parade around base housing in squad cars and a humvee Friday. The parade is part of the base's National Police Week celebration, which wraps up today with Retreat at the base flag pole.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ruby Zarzyzny

# AROUND THE AIR FORCE

## Reservists, guardsmen get extended per diem

**WASHINGTON** – Air reserve component officials at the Pentagon are reminding reservists and Air National guardsmen that those called to active duty to support Operation Iraqi Freedom will receive per diem consistent with periods established for other recent conflicts.

Reservists and guardsmen ordered to support major military operations are normally entitled to receive per diem for up to 730 days at one location, according to the officials.

The two-year entitlement, originally designed for operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, also applies to OIF.

Officials were concerned reservists and guardsmen would confuse an earlier change to active-duty entitlements — establishing group waivers to receive entitlements beyond 179 days — to mean they would not receive per diem for current contingency operations.

Per diem entitlements under the two-year authority are not taxable and cannot be arbitrarily reduced, according to officials. Per diem is not payable to people in a commuting status.

In addition, dependents of airmen who are ordered to duty for 31 consecutive days are eligible for enrollment in TRICARE Prime, officials said. This is a change to the previous policy requiring 179 days of continuous active duty for enrollment. **(Air Force Print News)**

## President intends to nominate Roche for Army post

**WASHINGTON** – President George W. Bush announced May 7 his intention to nominate Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche to become the next secretary of the Army.

Mr. Roche, who became secretary of the Air Force June 1, 2001, said he is deeply honored, adding that he will work hard to justify the nomination, should Congress approve it.

“I am deeply honored that President (George W.) Bush has an-

nounced his intention to nominate me as the next secretary of the Army,” he said. “Should the nomination proceed to the Senate and should I be confirmed for this position, I will spare no effort to justify the confidence and trust the president and Secretary (of Defense Donald) Rumsfeld have placed in me.”

Mr. Roche served as corporate vice president and president of the Electric Sensors and Systems Sector of the Northrop Grumman Corporation before moving to the Air Force. He is a 23-year veteran of the U.S. Navy. **(Air Force Print News)**

## CSAF adds books to reading list

**WASHINGTON** – Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper announced May 5 the addition of three books to his recommended reading list.

In a Chief's Sight Picture, General Jumper said the new books will help provide a broad understanding of where the service is as an air force, the challenges and demands it faces, and a clear vision to the future. The books are:

■ “Frank M. Andrews: Marshall's

Airman,” by DeWitt S. Copp and the Air Force History and Museums Program.

■ “The Crisis of Islam: Holy War and Unholy Terror,” by Bernard Lewis.

■ “Supreme Command: Soldiers, Statesmen, and Leadership in Wartime,” by Eliot Cohen.

“The ultimate source of air and space combat capability resides in the men and women of the U.S. Air Force,” General Jumper said, explaining why reading such books is important to one's growth as a leader. “We owe it to ourselves to continue our professional development to continue to hone our quality edge.”

“Frank M. Andrews: Marshall's Airman” celebrates the centennial of powered flight and commemorates the accomplishments of Gen. Frank M. Andrews, a leading founder of the Air Force. This selection chronicles Andrews' rise as one of America's great airmen, his command of theater forces during World War II and his special relationship with Gen. George C. Marshall.

“The Crisis of Islam: Holy War and Unholy Terror” provides an “ex-

cellent assessment of the historical foundation of how the Islamic world views the West and provides insight into the growing trend of terrorist acts directed against the United States,” General Jumper said. “This selection will help us understand the roots of Islamic fundamentalism as we fight the global war on terrorism.”

“Supreme Command: Soldiers, Statesmen, and Leadership in Wartime” offers insight into the wartime relationships between civilian and military leaders, the general said. The leadership characteristics of Abraham Lincoln, Georges Clemenceau, Winston Churchill and David Ben-Gurion are examined to show how each successfully exercised control over their military services during wars of national survival.

The CSAF Reading List, created by former Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald Fogleman in 1996, is designed to assist airmen in launching a career-long reading program and to supplement previous readings. The current list can be accessed at <http://www.af.mil/lib/csafbook/readinglist.shtml>. **(Air Force Print News.)**

## Combat Camera Photo of the Week



Photo by Staff Sgt. Shane Cuomo

### Gas 'n go

An HH-60G Pave Hawk from the 301<sup>st</sup> Rescue Squadron, Patrick AFB, Fla., conducts in-flight refueling with an HC-130 from the 39<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadron, Patrick AFB, May 5 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Spotlight

**SFS safety tip:** No matter what type of vehicle servicemembers drive, it is important to secure the vehicle at all times. When not occupying the vehicle, it should be locked, and keep all valuables secure by locking them in the glove compartment or hiding them in a secluded area in the vehicle.

**Dorchester Gate closure:** The repavement project near Dorchester Gate is expected to last until Sunday, unless affected by inclement weather.

Drivers should use the Commissary or Rivers Gates. The Dorchester Gate Visitor's Center will move to the Commissary Gate, and the new phone number during this short relocation is 963-5686.

For more information, call the Security Forces Control Center at 963-3600.

**Retirement:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron will host a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Thomas Foster today, 3 p.m., at the Reserve Auditorium, Bldg. 60. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Coney at 963-4594.

**Retirement:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron will host a retirement ceremony for Tech. Sgt. Bill "Boss" Wright Thursday, 10 a.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Scottie Franklin at 963-4282.

## Community Support

**Reception:** The "Saluting Our Troops" Military Appreciation reception on Wednesday, 6-8 p.m., moved to the Chamber of Commerce on 81 Mary St., downtown Charleston. To make a reservation, call 577-2510, ext. 2095.

## Around the base

**Ethnic cuisine:** The Asian Pacific Islander Council will sponsor ethnic cuisine Saturday during lunch at Starlifter Bowling Alley, Gaylor Dinning Facility and the Charleston Club. Everyone is invited to visit these locations for a taste of the Pacific.

**Screening:** The Navy Hospital of

## Charleston Warrior of the Week



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ruby Zarzyzny

### Special Agent Christopher Ford Air Force Office of Special Investigations

Christopher Ford is a special agent for the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. He is responsible for conducting counter-intelligence, counter-espionage, force protection, protective service operations, felony crime investigations and major procurement fraud investigations.

Special Agent Ford said he enjoys the flexibility and independence of conducting investigations for OSI. He joined the Air Force to become a criminal investigator, and his goal is to eventually become a Special Agent in charge of his own detachment.

The New York native has been at Charleston AFB since Sept. 2002, and other than his ride home from work when he inhales the paper mill fumes, he loves the weather and people of Charleston, who he said are more laid back than New Yorkers.

He also likes the downtown Charleston area and thinks Mount Pleasant has a lot to offer, too.

Special Agent Ford said he likes going to the gym, running, going to the beach and hanging out with friends in his spare time.

"I believe I am a good listener and will hear people out on their side of an issue," said Special Agent Ford.

"I am very fortunate to be assigned to CAFB, where the mission is vital to Operation Iraqi Freedom," he continued. "I am lucky to work with a great group of agents."

Charleston's Urology Clinic will have a free prostate cancer-screening clinic Monday, 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. The clinic is by appointment only for all active-duty and retired males more than 45 years old. To schedule an appointment, call 743-7583.

**OSA:** The Officers' Spouses' Association hosts its Bingo night at the Charleston Club Tuesday, beginning at 6 p.m. The cost is \$15 for members and \$17 for non-members. For more information or to make a reservation, call Donna Baker at 207-0401 or Kathy Braunbeck at 767-2375.

**Education center closure:** The Community Education Center will close Wednesday, noon, for a graduation ceremony practice and all day Thursday for the graduation. For more information, call Edna Grainger at 963-3736.

**C-17 display:** People with Department of Defense ID cards and up to five family members will be able to tour a C-17 on Spot 62 May

23-25, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Aircrews will be available to answer questions May 23 only. For more information, call 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jennifer Andrews at 963-5657.

**Golf:** Charleston Post SAME Annual Scholarship Tournament is May 23, 8:30 a.m., at the Patriot's Point Golf Course, Mount Pleasant. The entry fee is \$55 and includes green fees, cart, range balls, beverages and a barbecue lunch. For more information, call 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Seth Morris at 963-3986.

**FOD Walk:** The base is conducting a semi-annual Foreign Object Damage walk May 23 at 9 a.m. All base personnel are encouraged to attend and asked to arrive 15 minutes early.

The walk starts on the south end of Hangar 700 and sweeps the entire length of the flightline. Line badges are not required, and transportation will be provided to return individuals to Hangar 700.

Several "Golden Bolts" will be hidden, and participants who find them will be awarded prizes for excep-

tional attention to detail. Prizes include dinner for two at Bocci's Italian Restaurant and a one-night stay at the Charleston Place Hotel valued at over \$450. For more information, call 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. George Cole at 963-2791.

**ESC:** The next Enlisted Spouses' Club meeting is May 27, 6 p.m., at the Family Support Center. A guest speaker from casualty services will provide information on the notification process and collecting benefits should something happen to a family member. For more information, call Pamela White at 767-4052.

**Blood drive:** The next base blood drive is May 29, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Capt. Paul Brown at 963-4678.

**Volunteers:** Alton Middle School is seeking volunteers to build shelters for bus stops and build a garden. For more information, or to volunteer, call Tech. Sgt. Tundra Gatewood at 963-6901, or Audrey Whetsell at 412-5548.

## FEATURE

# CEC helps airmen achieve educational goals

By Tech. Sgt. Ruby Zarzyczny  
437 AW Public Affairs

Eighty-two percent of the enlisted population at Charleston Air Force base doesn't have a degree. However, 49 percent of these enlisted members have between 30-89 college semester hours and are close to earning either an associate's or bachelor's degree.

Thursday at 2 p.m. in the CAFB theater, 166 of these enlisted members will graduate from the Community College of the Air Force with associate's degrees.

"The CCAF degree is a baseline degree and improves the Air Force member's professional capacity," said Diana Roebuck, 437<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron community education services director. "Counselors can use the credits from the CCAF to help you get the bachelor's degree you want."

In an effort to continue helping airmen reach their educational goals, the CEC studied the educational needs of the base population and increased the educational programs available.

"In August 2003, Park University will be joining the Community Education Center and will offer bachelor's of science degree programs in computer science, management of computer information, human resources, marketing and criminal justice administration," said Ms. Roebuck. "We will also be expanding our classroom space to meet the students' needs."

One obstacle military students face while trying to earn their degrees is deployments, which can put an immediate and unexpected stop to the class.

"All the schools at the center now accommodate students who are TDY with alternative delivery modes, like online and video classes," said Ms. Roebuck.

The center offers bachelor's degree programs with Southern Illinois University and bachelor's and master's degree programs with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. City Colleges of Chicago offers more than 40 general education classes at CEC required for many degree programs.

All of these programs offered at the center fall within the financial limits of the tuition assistance program, which pays \$250 per semester hour. With the 100-percent TA program, the only out-of-pocket expense for the student is the cost of books.

After deciding on a degree program, seeking guidance from an education counselor can set a student on the right course.

"Most adult students come to us know which direction they want to head, but are unsure of how to get there," said Elizabeth Connell, 437 MSS Community Education Center guidance counselor. "A counselor provides the student with a map or plan."

"We typically discuss previous history and educational background as well as future goals," continued Mrs. Connell. "In addition to educational guidance, I can also advise students on career goals, an example being the commissioning programs, which have undergone significant changes in the past year."

The education center also offers free DANTES and CLEP testing for military members on Tuesdays and Thursdays, by appointment, at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Information about these tests, study material, and practice tests can be found on the Globemaster website by selecting Mission Support, 437 MSS and then education services flight. Information is also available at [www.petersons.com/airforce](http://www.petersons.com/airforce), register using the code FL4418.

As a high school dropout who now holds a master's degree in education, Mrs. Connell's philosophy on education is; "If I can do it you can too."

"An education is one of the few things in life that no one can take away," said Mrs. Connell. "I love the field of education, and I firmly believe the guidance I give students can have a significant impact on their lives."

## CCAF graduates to receive degrees

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

Tech. Sgt. David Becker  
Staff Sgt. Anthony Johnson  
Staff Sgt. Jamie Lewis  
Staff Sgt. David Patterson  
Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Rossa

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

Tech. Sgt. Ethelwoldo Gonzalez-Gonzalez

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

Tech. Sgt. Robert Borden  
Master Sgt. Charles Gosner

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

Senior Airman Victoria Bruemmer  
Master Sgt. Randall Kinser Jr.  
Staff Sgt. Trevor Smith

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

Staff Sgt. Donna Brown  
Staff Sgt. Wayne Clark  
Master Sgt. Robert Cole  
Master Sgt. Ronnie Davis  
Staff Sgt. Brittney Goodroe-Miller  
Staff Sgt. Piper Hudson  
Staff Sgt. Bret Irwin  
Staff Sgt. Suzanne Jenkins  
Staff Sgt. Garrett Rosier  
Staff Sgt. Anne Russell  
Tech. Sgt. Darrell Williams

### 373<sup>rd</sup> Training Squadron Det. 5

Staff Sgt. Jeramie Banks  
Tech. Sgt. Richard Calhoun  
Staff Sgt. Jamey Elms  
Staff Sgt. David Glessner  
Tech. Sgt. Frederick Malle  
Staff Sgt. Matthew Mercer  
Staff Sgt. Richard Spotts  
Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Spurgeon

### 437<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Dental Squadron

Master Sgt. Michael Fox  
Staff Sgt. Tiffany Richardson

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

Senior Airman Kimberly Caver  
Staff Sgt. William Giles  
Master Sgt. Ronald Herman  
Master Sgt. Scott Lorick  
Staff Sgt. Rasheed Philson  
Staff Sgt. Michael Sedovic  
Staff Sgt. Anthony Steele  
Staff Sgt. Diamond Cookson  
Master Sgt. James Greer  
Staff Sgt. Lawrence Henry  
Master Sgt. John Kiser  
Staff Sgt. Keith Langford  
Senior Airman Ryan McCosco  
Tech. Sgt. Edward Ostrowski  
Master Sgt. Kathey Rwason  
Staff Sgt. Danwel Varner  
Master Sgt. Avery Woolridge  
Master Sgt. Kerry Wright

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

Staff Sgt. Gilma Davis  
Tech. Sgt. Thomas Dybowski  
Senior Airman David Foster  
Staff Sgt. Paul Gipson  
Master Sgt. Desmond Harris  
Tech. Sgt. Edward Jensen  
Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Stanislav Komitov  
Tech. Sgt. Rodney Mayo  
Senior Airman Billie Palmer  
Master Sgt. Marty Parnell  
Master Sgt. James Pride  
Tech. Sgt. Cyril Rousseau  
Tech. Sgt. Gary Smith  
Master Sgt. Edward Swinson  
Staff Sgt. Aaron Vance  
Staff Sgt. Ryan Wilson  
Staff Sgt. Walter Worthington

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

Staff Sgt. James Brown  
Staff Sgt. Geoffery Gunn  
Master Sgt. Sherley Jones  
Staff Sgt. Jonathan Mathe  
Staff Sgt. Kammie Shannon  
Staff Sgt. Jason Smith  
Staff Sgt. Pamela Smith

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

Senior Airman Brandon Alexander  
Tech. Sgt. Gerald Bloss  
Master Sgt. Ryan Braga  
Tech. Sgt. Stephen Daggett  
Tech. Sgt. Shawn Lindsey  
Staff Sgt. Bobby Madison  
Staff Sgt. Marlene Munoz  
Master Sgt. Dorothy Quick  
Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Lashawn Walker  
Master Sgt. Paul Legg

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

Tech. Sgt. Paul Harris  
Master Sgt. Kenneth Stempert

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

Staff Sgt. Antwan Carlisle  
Senior Airman Christigayle Skiles  
Senior Airman Amy Wheelock

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

Staff Sgt. Roddrick Cohen  
Master Sgt. Victor DeLaRosa  
Staff Sgt. Robert Pletcher  
Senior Airman Carl Stiles

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

Staff Sgt. Sheldon Cash  
Senior Airman Elizabeth Jenkins  
Senior Airman Kenneth Simpson  
Staff Sgt. Charles Anthony  
Tech. Sgt. Steven Beasley  
Staff Sgt. Patrick Bolt  
Master Sgt. Freddie Brown  
Staff Sgt. Warren Carey

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Clifton  
Staff Sgt. Nichole Dixon  
Staff Sgt. Shannon Glasper  
Senior Airman Maria Soupley

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

Senior Airman Brenda Barhart  
Tech. Sgt. Anthony Milunas  
Staff Sgt. Davidna Rossington  
Staff Sgt. Damien Tymes  
Master Sgt. Darrin Wilbanks  
Tech. Sgt. Donna Williams

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

Staff Sgt. Angel Jesses

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

Staff Sgt. Marcus Jesses

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

Tech. Sgt. Brian Athens  
Staff Sgt. Michael Nagy

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

Master Sgt. Gregory Brown  
Master Sgt. Richard Gilmore  
Staff Sgt. Shawna Keith  
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Marks  
Staff Sgt. Leslie Melencion  
Staff Sgt. Angela Putnam

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

Tech. Sgt. John Andrews  
Master Sgt. James Demeter  
Staff Sgt. Kirk Edwards  
Master Sgt. Kevin Keeler  
Tech. Sgt. Brian King  
Staff Sgt. Steven Shown  
Tech. Sgt. Terrence White  
Senior Airman Nathan Zahn

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

Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Demichael  
Tech. Sgt. Charles Irwin  
Tech. Sgt. Terry Topouzoglou

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

Master Sgt. Phillip Brown  
Staff Sgt. Kenneth Byrd  
Staff Sgt. Sammy Garvin  
Staff Sgt. Bruce Hatfield  
Staff Sgt. Scott Shaffer  
Tech. Sgt. Michael White

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

Staff Sgt. Janita Brown  
Staff Sgt. Margo Ham  
Staff Sgt. Noel Reed

### AFROTC Det. 072

Master Sgt. Admiral Lee

### AFSFC Det. 3

Staff Sgt. Bryon Baker  
Master Sgt. David Dorminy  
Staff Sgt. Keith Grant  
Senior Master Sgt. Cornelius Hudson  
Staff Sgt. Thomas Rary

## FEATURE

# Gift of hope

## 437 AMXS helps homeless veterans get back on their feet

Story and Photos by  
Tech. Sgt. Ruby Zarzoczny  
437 AW Public Affairs

There's a homeless person up ahead. Try to avoid eye contact. Keep your head up. Don't acknowledge him.

Often anxious and afraid to make contact with a homeless person, some people act as if the homeless are mere sidewalk fixtures or just simply not there. United States military veterans— some retired and often disabled, filling an empty void with drugs and alcohol hopelessly, feeling like no one cares— are lost within the homeless population living on the streets today.

Every one of these homeless veterans has served their country and every one of these veterans made sacrifices for the freedoms Americans enjoy every day.

Thankfully, an organization in Charleston is trying to help the homeless veterans who want to get off the streets and back on their feet, and the base is getting involved too.

The 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's Shark Flight organized a donation program for the homeless veterans at the Good Neighbor Center in Charleston. Since December 2002, these volunteers have given their time taking food and supplies to the shelter and visiting with the veterans once a month.

"The center has a great need for everything from food to clothing and household items," said Master Sgt. Preston Cook, 437 AMXS section superintendent. "We collect money and donations. We take the money we collect and buy restaurant-style cans and large quantity items that are easier to use for large groups. Any donations are welcome and nothing will go to waste."

Thirteen volunteers from the base, led by Sergeant Cook and Master Sgt. Zachary Edison, 437 AMXS section superintendent, bought supplies at Sam's Club with money donated and distributed the supplies along with donated items, to the center April 30.

During the visit, Frank Brown Jr., Good Neighbor Center addiction counselor, gave the volunteers a tour of the facility.

"The center gives veterans hope and encouragement to cope with their addiction, and return to a normal life off the streets,"



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Ruby Zarzoczny  
Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Classes Timothy Lyons and Alina Woods, Staff Sgt. Vernell Richardson and Master Sgt. Preston Cook unload supplies bought for homeless veterans at the Good Neighbor Center in Charleston.

said Mr. Brown. "The average age of the veterans at the center is 52 years old, and many of them served during the Vietnam era."

These veterans come straight from living on the streets, all of them have alcohol or drug addictions, and about 89 percent of them are dealing with depression or other mental health issues, he said. Many are entitled to veteran's benefits but haven't received them, so while they are here we also help them get their veteran's benefits, he continued.

"At the center, we provide the veteran with their basic needs for hygiene, food, clothing and bedding," said Mr. Brown. "We teach them basic life skills like hygiene, dressing and money management, the skills they may have lost living on the streets."

"We expect them to maintain their two-man rooms in a neat and orderly fashion and to maintain good hygiene," said Mr. Brown. "We do room inspections and award a room of the week and a room of the month, and display their certificates on their room windows to encourage and boost their self-esteem."

Mr. Dan Hearl, Good Neighbor Center resident manager, is a retired Army sergeant first class and a former homeless veteran. He lives on-site and manages the center.

"I'm like the first sergeant here, said Mr. Hearl. "The center has a zero tolerance for drugs and alcohol, so I give random tests and conduct room inspections. But I'm also a role

model and an unofficial counselor. I enforce the rules, help maintain sobriety, and give support and encouragement to the guys."

The former hotel, converted into a 35-man center, is always full, and at any time there are at least seven people on the waiting list to get in, said Mr. Brown.

The veterans at the center pay \$35 a week for rent and \$25 a month for food and can stay at the center for up to two years, said Mr. Brown.

"Many of the veterans are indigent, so we put together strategies to help them work off their rent and food by working around the center," he continued. "We do this to teach them to be responsible by meeting their obligations, and that there's no free lunch."

After the tour, the volunteers sat down with the veterans to share a meal of lasagna, salad and brownies provided by people from a local church.

For most of the volunteers, like Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class John Hassell, 437 AMXS crew chief, this was their first time volunteering at the center.

"I think this is a great program to help homeless veterans transition back into normal life," said Airman Hassell. "Seeing the homeless veterans makes you appreciate what you have, and it makes you want to do more."

For more information about donating and volunteering through AMXS, call Sergeants Cook or Edison at 963-4796 or 4041, or come to the fish-fry fundraiser May 21 at the Good Neighbor Center.

# Celebrating heritage

## Asian Pacific Americans face adversity, 'leave an indelible mark on the world'

By 2nd Lt. Nick Okamura  
437 LRS

It's another month, and another appreciation theme is here. So, just why should you pay attention to this one? Well, it's Asian Pacific Heritage Month, and it's more significant than you may realize.

Now, I could discuss statistics, percentages and other numbers, but I think it's much more interesting to read about the significant contributors; those who stood up at some moment in their lives and did something that left an indelible mark (for the afternoon, anyways), I thought I would tell you about one of the stories I know best. The story of Sadao Munemori.

In 1945, the world was a different place. Segregation would not end for another 20 years, and attitudes about diversity and equality were very different than they are now. It would be another year before the Air Force would break from the Army to form its own branch.

We were fighting a war in Europe, and the Japanese across the Pacific. On the home front, Asian/Pacific Americans were subject to quick racism and internment camps because of fear and misunderstanding. And yet, as Asian-American families were being moved from their lives into the converted horse stalls and tent-cities that made up the camps, young men were signing up to go fight the war.

The United States was experimenting with using non-Caucasian people in combat roles; most notable to us were the Tuskegee Airmen, the all African-American flyer squadron. The all-Asian 100<sup>th</sup> Fighting Battalion/442<sup>nd</sup> regiment combat team was also born in those days, and would find itself the most highly decorated Army unit to this day.

At full strength, the 442<sup>nd</sup> numbered only 4,500 men, but would earn somewhere in the neighborhood of 3,900 individual decorations. They were nicknamed "the purple heart battalion" because almost everyone had at least one Purple Heart.

So who was Private Munemori?

Private First Class Sadao S. Munemori was

an Army E-3 assigned to the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT in World War II. One fateful day in Italy, his unit was pinned down by grazing fire from the enemy's strong mountain defense.

Command of the squad suddenly fell to him when the squad leader was wounded. Some might have cowered, but he charged through direct fire to make solo frontal attacks on enemy positions.

He took out two machine guns before being forced to withdraw. He then made his way through the gunfire and grenades from the other enemy emplacements when something happened.

He had nearly reached a shell crater occupied by two of his men when an unexploded grenade bounced off his helmet and rolled toward his helpless comrades.

He stood up into machine gun fire, dove onto the grenade and covered the blast with his body. Through his swift and self-

less actions, Private Munemori opened up the way for the rest of the company's advance, and hesitantly saved the lives of two of his men, knowing full well that it would cost him his own life in the process.

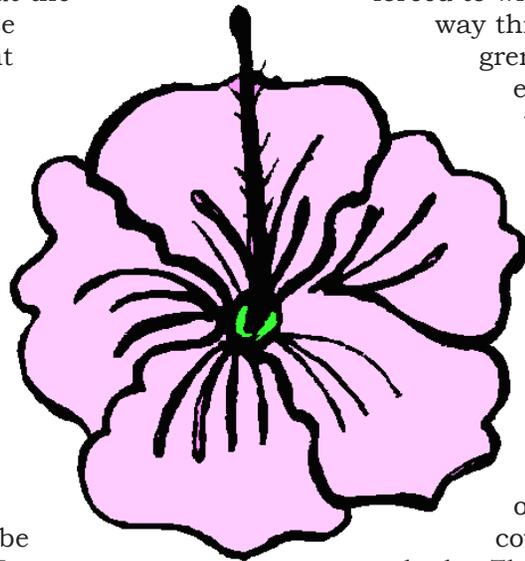
Private Munemori was just an Army E-3, but his sense of leadership, devotion to duty and courage earned him the nation's highest decoration: the Medal of Honor. The Navy even named a ship after him.

So, why do I tell you this tale? It's because he was only one of 22 other Asian Americans who were awarded the Medal of Honor.

These recipients, and all the other members of the 110<sup>th</sup> and 442<sup>nd</sup>, fought to help unite the country and preserve freedom for all, even during times when their own freedom was not guaranteed by the laws of their own country.

To write about the multitude of contributions from other Asian/Pacific Americans would fill the *Airlift Dispatch*.

But, by giving you a brief glimpse of a tangible contribution, perhaps you have taken a moment to think about something you might not have otherwise. This is really what Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month is about. Now go get some Poi.



### 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.**

**"Chicago" – Renee Zellweger**

Based on the award-winning musical, Roxie's one wish is to follow in the golden footsteps of vaudeville performer Veima Kelly. Roxie gets her wish, but some very wrong steps land both the star and starlet in prison for separate murder charges. **(PG-13) 114 minutes**

**Saturday, 2 p.m.**

**"What a Girl Wants" – Amanda Bynes**

Daphne, a spirited young American girl, travels to London in search of her long-lost father, an influential aristocratic politician. As Daphne attempts to prove love can conquer all, her impulsive behavior creates an uproar in high society, where her unique style threatens to undermine the relationship she has waited her whole life for. **(PG) 104 minutes**

**Saturday, 7:30 p.m.**

**"Bruce Almighty" – Jim Carrey**

Free sneak preview (seating first-come, first-serve) — **(PG-13) 95 minutes**

## SPORTS & FITNESS

# Undefeated MDG leads soccer

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber  
437 AW Public Affairs

Outscoring their opponents by an average of 9-2, Medical Group (4-0) is one of three undefeated intramural soccer teams.

“We have been able to pool together a wealth of talent,” said MDG coach Darren Cannone. “Half of our team from last season returned and for those who have left, we have filled in the gaps quite sufficiently with new Med group players and a few from the players pool.”

Offensive stars include Monti Cutlip, who leads the team with 11 goals, followed by Adilson Vieira De Andrade with 10 and Bryan Debowsky with seven. The balanced MDG attack features seven of the 10-person team who scored goals this season.

Jason Ham and Thomas Shaak pace the defense, which has only allowed seven goals in four games.

Another undefeated team, Civil Engineer Squadron (3-0), is outscoring its opponents about 6 to 1.

“I think we got lucky this year with some hefty recruiting and found some diamonds in the rough in the squadron who didn’t even know we had a team,” said CES coach John Fuschich Jr. “I see us getting stronger with every game that goes by.”

Fuschich said his team’s experience and a strong defense have been instrumental in the team’s success.

“Our goalie has 12 years of experience and even the older guys have a few tricks up their sleeves. I’m strictly defense, and I love it,” said Fuschich, who also plays defense for the base ice hockey team.

The defending regular season and tournament champions, Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, is also undefeated at 2-0. Forward David Wagner leads an offense that scored 15 goals in two games. Neil Aemmer and two other goalies have limited their opponents to five goals in two games.

“We have a solid, deep team with 15 players,” said NNPTC coach Miki Kunitake. “We have a lot of new players, but we are solid at all positions.”



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Clements

**Top:** Chris Harris of 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron dribbles the ball as Todd Mingin of 437<sup>th</sup> Communication Squadron plays defense.

**Left:** Michael David of 437 CS moves the ball up the field during base intramural soccer play.

| Place | Team      | Won | Loss | Tie | GF | Avg  | GA | Avg   | Pct   | Games |
|-------|-----------|-----|------|-----|----|------|----|-------|-------|-------|
| 1     | MDG       | 4   | 0    | 0   | 37 | 9.25 | 7  | 1.75  | 1.000 | 4     |
| 2     | CES       | 3   | 0    | 0   | 19 | 6.33 | 5  | 1.67  | 1.000 | 3     |
| 3     | NNPTC     | 2   | 0    | 0   | 15 | 7.50 | 5  | 2.50  | 1.000 | 2     |
| 4     | CS        | 2   | 1    | 1   | 13 | 3.25 | 14 | 3.50  | 0.625 | 4     |
| 5     | AMXS      | 1   | 2    | 1   | 13 | 3.25 | 13 | 3.25  | 0.375 | 4     |
| 6     | FLYERS    | 0   | 2    | 0   | 7  | 3.50 | 13 | 6.50  | 0.000 | 2     |
| 7     | LRS       | 0   | 2    | 0   | 3  | 1.50 | 11 | 5.50  | 0.000 | 2     |
| 8     | MXS       | 0   | 3    | 0   | 2  | 0.67 | 15 | 5.00  | 0.000 | 3     |
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# Participation in Fitness Challenge doubles

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber  
437 AW Public Affairs

The Health and Wellness Center's Fitness Challenge "Spring Into Fitness" is underway and its director says participation had more than doubled from last year. "Spring Into Fitness" is a health challenge for the Charleston AFB community designed to encourage cardiovascular conditioning, resistance training education/awareness and dietary supplement education/awareness, said director Jason Ham.

Ham said 35 teams, of four each, are

participating this year compared to 14 last year.

Points are awarded by the amount of time a person takes part in aerobic activity. For example, it doesn't matter if a person runs 10 miles per hour or walks one mile per hour, time involvement and frequency are the critical factors for this competition. A team member can earn up to 60 minutes a day for aerobic exercise.

The competition goes through May 30 and members of the first, second and third place teams will receive grand prizes. T-shirts will be awarded for teams completing the competition.

## Standings as of Monday

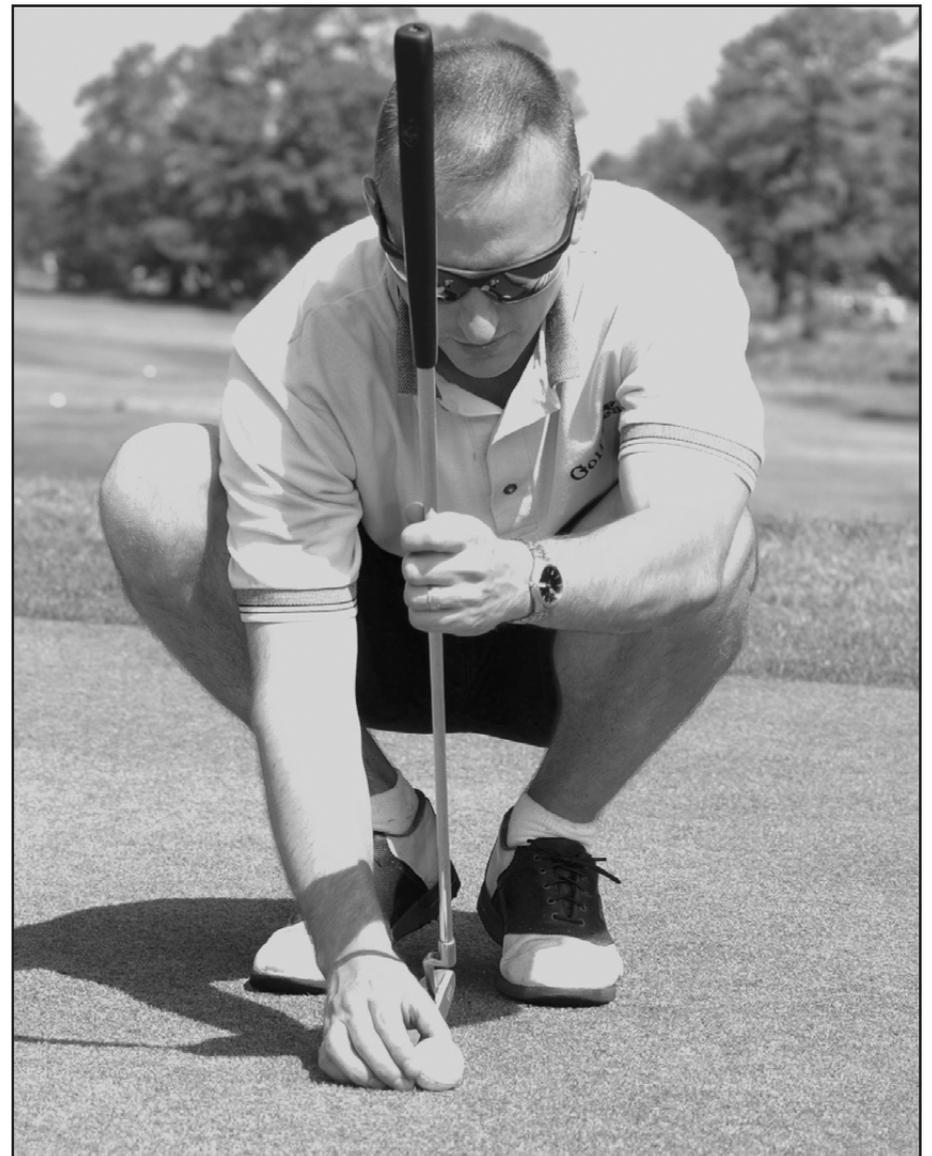
**Fitness Fanatics** (1680): Jay Copher, Corey Martin, Stephanie Hall, Dave Siegrist.

**Heart Attacks** (1620): Col. Brooks Bash, Col. Karl Young, James Roy, Mary Beth Bash

**Gator Gals** (1620): Nita Corbin, Sara Scivally, Sue Wilburn, Cindy Ebeling.

**Combat Camera Chameleons** ((1470): Jennifer Strickland, Steven Turner, Lori Haas, Michelle Foreman.

**Charleston's Angels** (1420): Tundra Gatewood, Cassie Isom, Brandi Mathews, Mary Cooper.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Corey Clements

## Golf championship

Bobby Bryan of the 300<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron edged out Doug Hetzel, 300 AS, by one stroke to win the 36-hole golf base championship Sunday at the Wrenwoods Golf Course. Bryan fired a 79-78-157 to become the gross champion for 2003, while Hetzel carded 83-75-158 to finish second.