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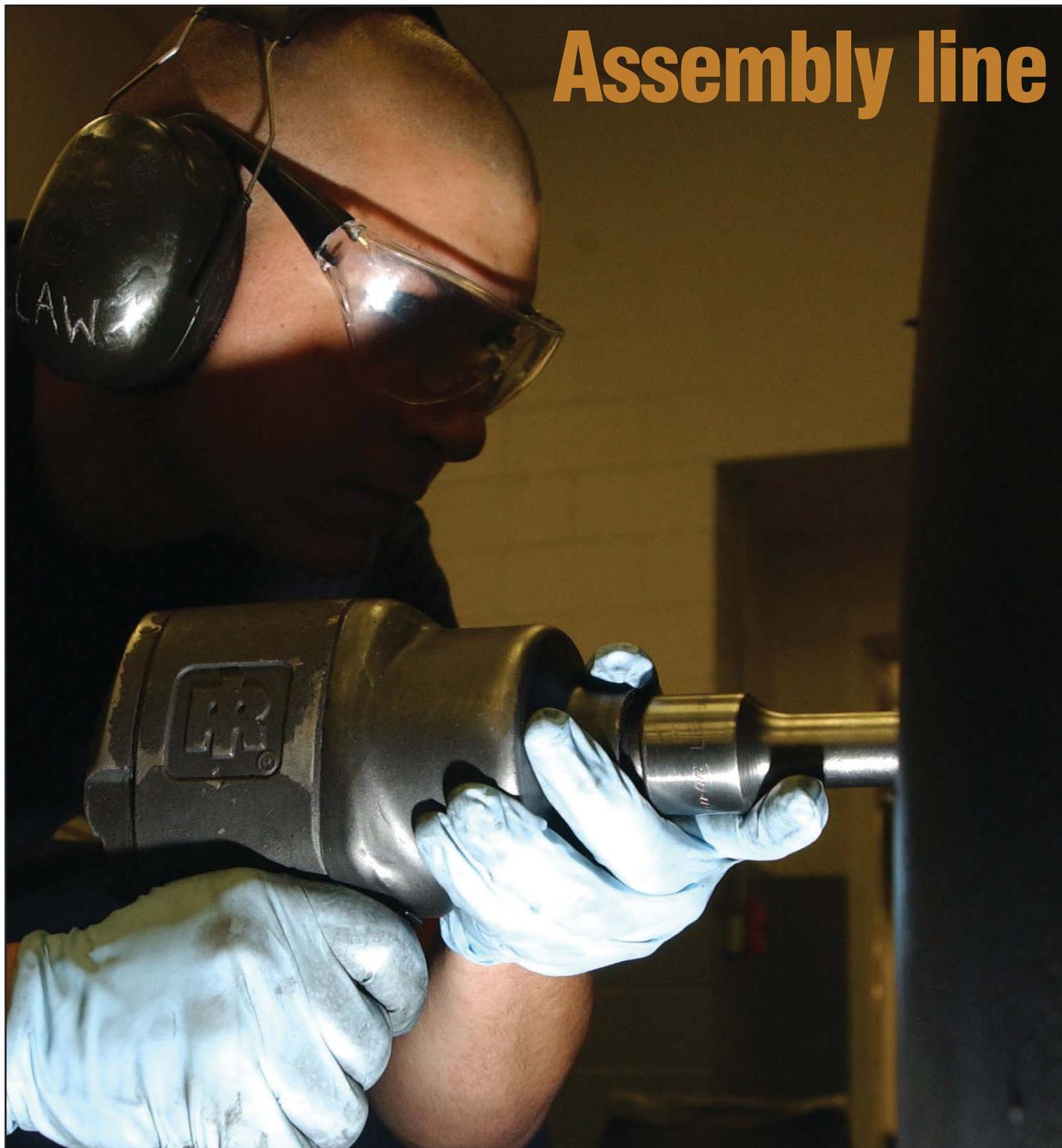


Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

Airman 1st Class Chris Simmons, a crewchief with the 437th Maintenance Squadron Wheel and Tire shop, uses an impact gun remove bolts from a tire. The Wheel and Tire Shop is the supply hub for all C-17 wheel and tire requirements east of the Mississippi River, and throughout Europe and Southwest Asia. The Wheel and Tire shop puts new tires, or skins, on wheels and is responsible for rebuilding tires, and receiving and sending out wheels. Since March, the shop's production increased from 300 to more than 420 wheel assemblies a month in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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By Col. Karl Young
437AW vice commander

Hurricane exercise

Good work on this week's hurricane training and four-day exercise culminating Thursday with the scenario of a Category I hurricane striking the base. The hurricane training was a good learning experience for all involved and is a precursor to a hurricane recovery exercise slated for July. Take time now to correct any deficiencies highlighted in this exercise.

Awards

We had good news from the Robins AFB, Ga., NCO Academy last week: three Charleston-area airmen earned top honors. **Tech. Sgt. Daniel Smith**, 437th Aerial Port Squadron, was the John L. Levitow award winner; **Tech. Sgt. John Fennessy**, 437th Mission Support Squadron, and **Tech. Sgt. Brad Newman**, 336th Recruiting Squadron, were distinguished graduates. Great job!

The local community recognized two CAFB airmen this week, awarding the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce Military Recognition Award to **Master Sgt. Connie Danbury**, 701st Airlift Squadron, and **Senior Airman Christi Skiles**, 437th Comptroller Squadron. The two were honored in a ceremony that also included presentation of the Abilene Trophy to the local community for outstanding support.

Additionally, AMC recently named **Tech. Sgt. Nicholas DeMichael**, 437th Operations Support Squadron, as its outstanding Mobility AirForce airlift combat tactician NCO of the year for 2002. Congratulations to all our award winners!

Change of Command

In a 10:30 a.m. ceremony today, we will say farewell to **Lt. Col. James Barr** and welcome **Lt. Col. William Isler** as the new commander of the 437th Operations Support Squadron. Thank you, Colonel Barr, for a job well done; we look forward to more great things from the squadron under

Colonel Isler's command.

Memorial Day

As you make plans for the weekend, remember to make *remembering* a part of those plans. We are still operating at our wartime pace, and memories of those lost in recent battles are fresh. The words of Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., speaking of civil war veterans as he marked a Memorial Day in 1884, ring just as true to us in the wake of recent conflict: "... the generation that carried on the war has been set apart by its experience. Through our great good fortune, in our youth our hearts were touched with fire." We truly are set apart by our experience in recent war, our hearts are touched with fire. Share that fire with your family and those around you. Start a tradition of remembrance your children can carry on proudly.

As you celebrate and honor those we remember on Memorial Day, keep safety in mind, no matter what your activity. This weekend begins the 101 critical days of summer, during which time most accidents take place. Think safety!

Bad weather postpones today's base activities

The celebration to thank troops and families, including the pool grand opening, C-17 static display, Asian-Pacific Islander family activities and luau originally scheduled for today have been postponed due to forecasted inclement weather. Watch the *Airlift Dispatch* for information on a new date for these events.

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

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

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



Col. Brooks Bash
437 AW commander

Leaders send Memorial Day message

Roche, Jumper: salute sacrifices, remember dedication to duty

The following is a joint Memorial Day message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper:

"As the flag soars gracefully to the top of the flagpole and then lowers solemnly to half-staff, the loss of great Americans who have fallen in our country's battles will weigh heavily on our hearts this Memorial Day.

"Memorial Day is our time to salute their sacrifices and remember their dedication to duty.

We remember their humanity, dignity and nobility. We remember their laughter, their tears and their determination to serve a grateful nation.

"This Memorial Day is indeed somber because of some of the finest of our ranks have recently fallen in battle. They are the mothers and fathers of children who will forever mourn their absence, the sons and daughters of parents who grieve their death, the husbands and wives of spouses who yearned for their return, and

heroes to us all. Their sacrifice is fresh in our minds as we pay tribute to their memory. They served valiantly to secure freedom for millions who have never tasted the liberties we enjoy every day.

Our nation's humble tribute this Memorial Day is a small measure of our enduring gratitude for their service.

"From the Revolutionary War to the ongoing global war on terrorism, each generation that has answered our nation's call to arms has served with honor. Those who

serve in our military are a part of a long tradition of sacrifice; those who give their lives are the standard-bearers for us all.

"As is our earnest obligation, we accept the mantle of responsibility to uphold freedom from our fallen comrades and march forward, forever mindful of their sacrifice. God bless all who have gone before and made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. And may God continue to bless each of you and our great nation." (*Air Force Print News.*)

Memorial Day Chaplain: lives were saved, lives were lost

By Chaplain (Capt.) Chuck Knauer
437 APS chaplain

As a young boy my first conception of Memorial Day was of my mom, myself and my grandparents going to three gravesites in our home state to lay flower wreaths on the tombstones of beloved family members.

There was my brother laid to rest at the tender age of two hours, who after a premature birth, finally went on to be in his eternal home buried in the National Cemetery in Sturgis, S.D. There were two of my grandfather's brothers who died in WW II and others of various ages. As we laid carefully chosen flowers, we remembered their lives as they touched our own.

We all have our own Memorial Day traditions. Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories to its actual beginning, with more than two-dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873.

To help Americans re-educate and remind themselves of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the "National Moment of Remem-

worth repeating

"Make your "remembering" sacred by living a life touched by love, kindness, gentleness and forgiveness. No other tribute comes close."

— Chaplain (Capt.) Chuck Knauer
437th Aerial Port Squadron chaplain



brance" resolution was passed in December 2000, which asked for all Americans "to voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to 'Taps.' at 3 p.m.

I am still amazed when I look at the developments in the world scene in the past 15 years: the end of the Cold War; the Berlin Wall coming down; the liberation of Kuwait; the twin towers; and now the liberation of the people of Iraq.

Lives were saved and lives were lost. Fathers lost sons, mothers lost daughters, children lost parents, and it is not over. Whatever your tradition is in observing Memorial Day, I would humbly offer this suggestion: make your "remembering" sacred by living a life touched by love, kindness, gentleness and forgiveness, no other tribute comes close. Kiss your children. Tell your spouse how much you love them. Salute the flag with gratitude and respect for all those who have contributed to its colors. Live a life less ordinary. Remember.

101 Critical Days of Summer campaign kicks off

By David Luttrell
437 AW Safety

Memorial Day weekend marks the beginning of the "101 Critical Days of Summer." This enjoyable, yet potentially dangerous time of year, lasts until Labor Day.

The 101 Critical Days of Summer are, historically, the most dangerous days of the year for the Air Force.

If history repeats itself, many members of the Air Force family will lose their lives in off-duty mishaps during this year's 101 days. Most of these deaths will be the result of traffic-related mishaps; however, the second leading cause of death is drowning. Last year, Air Mobility Command lost seven people during the summer.

All of the past 101 Critical Days' mishaps experienced by the Air Force were preventable. In all cases, if the individual slowed down, took a second to think about what they were doing and used Operational Risk Management, the mishap may not have happened.

During the 101 Critical Days of Summer, Team Charleston must do everything possible to help ensure the safety of friends, family and co-workers.

It involves putting safety first and encouraging others to use their "summer sense."

Together, Charleston AFB can make a difference and help ensure every member survives the 101 Critical Days of Summer.

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NEWS

STOP LOSS: AF releases some restrictions

Washington — Air Force personnel officials announced May 14 the release of more than half of the Air Force Specialty Codes restricted from retirement or separation May 2 under the Stop Loss program.

Of the 95 Charleston AFB members affected by Stop Loss, 23 will be released, according to Senior Master Sgt. Tony Caldwell, 437th Mission Support Squadron personnel employments and relocations superintendent. This is the number of individuals who had dates of separation or retirement between now and the end of November. Those who had separations or retirements beginning in December are able to separate as planned.

“When stop loss kicked off, those actions were frozen,” said Sergeant Caldwell. “Now that many AFSC’s have been released from stop loss, these people can now separate or retire but must set a new date and decide what option best suits them.”

Following a review of operational requirements, 31 officer and 20 enlisted career fields were identified for release from Stop Loss, officials said.

The Air Force announced Stop Loss, a Defense Department program designed to retain members of the armed forces beyond their established dates of separation or retirement, for 99 AFSCs and

Stop Loss restrictions lifted

The officer career fields released from Stop Loss restrictions are: 11BX, 11EX, 11FX, 11HX, 11KX, 12BX, 12EX, 12FX, 12KX, 12RX, 12TX, 13BX, 13DXA, 13DXB, 32EX, 43EX, 43HX, 43TX, 44EX, 44MX, 45AX, 45BX, 45SX, 46FX, 46MX, 46NXE, 46SX, 48AX, 48GX, 48RX and 51JX.

The enlisted career fields released from Stop Loss restrictions are: 1C2XX, 1C4XX, 1S0XX, 1T1XX, 3E000, 3E0X2, 3E4X1, 3E4X2, 3E5X1, 3E7X1, 3E8X1, 3E9X1, 3H0X1, 3N0XX, 4A1XX, 4A2XX, 4B0XX, 4E0XX, 4H0XX and 5J0X1.

deployed airmen March 13. The move was aimed at ensuring personnel levels were adequate to meet upcoming contingencies.

“It was not an action that we took lightly,” said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche. “It was designed to preserve Air Force skills essential to supporting the global war on terrorism and operations in Iraq.”

Maj. Teresa Forest, chief of Air Force retire-

ments and separation policy at the Pentagon, said this announcement is the result of an in-depth review.

“We had to consider the balance between the active duty and Air Reserve Component, as well as the need to remain responsive to changing events worldwide,” Major Forest said.

Deployed active duty, Guard and Reserve airmen whose AFSCs are released from Stop Loss will not be allowed to retire or separate until their deployment is completed, the major said. Air Reserve Component airmen who are mobilized, but not deployed, will be demobilized according to ARC policy.

The actual “termination” of Stop Loss has yet to be determined because Air Force and combatant commanders still need certain skills to directly support the war in Iraq, Forest said.

More career fields will likely be released in the future, she said, based on input from different levels around the Air Force. However, if airmen experience a severe hardship caused by Stop Loss, they can apply for a waiver through their chain of command. **(Air Force Print News and 2nd Lt. Kristy Miller, 437 AW Public Affairs, contributed to this article.)**

Impounded teddy bear teaches about OPSEC

Charlie T. Bear breaches security, apprehended by OSI

Commentary by Charlie T. Bear as told to Capt. Krista Carlos
437 AW Public Affairs

Editor’s note: what you are about to read is based on a true story.

I thought only humans could get in trouble for operational security violations, not a poor little teddy bear like me. So here I am, locked in a Special Agent’s safe all by myself, with no one to love or take care of me. If only people had taken the time to think about OPSEC, then maybe I wouldn’t be in this situation.

My name is Charlie T. Bear, and I once belonged to a third grade class at an elementary school. My previous owner donated me to Charleston AFB to help her students learn about math and geography. She asked some of the base’s air and ground crews to transport me to all the different countries they travel to and document their journeys in a notebook I carried around my neck.

I came equipped with a letter stating my name and where I came from,

along with a request for crews to annotate locations that I’ve flown to and details about cargo and personnel that we airlifted.

It seemed like such a good idea.

Inside my notebook, they listed all the locations we flew

to, how many passengers we carried, what time of day we flew, how long the trip was, how much fuel and cargo we had and what types of passengers we transported. This included some really cool details, but what some of the crews didn’t realize was that some of that information was sensitive.

I think the crews thought that since I belonged to a third grade class, they could be more open about listing details of our travels.

Unfortunately, this was not the case.



Photo by Capt. Krista Carlos

After a very educational trip to the Middle East, I was able to add on another three countries that I had never visited, all of which cannot be released, but were written down in my notebook.

We transported quite a few passengers and pallets before I was sent back to Rhein-Main AB, Germany again. After another eight to 10 hour mission, we were back in the Lowcountry. I was happy to be home and see my third-grade class again, but little did I know what was in store for me.

After debarking the plane in Charleston, I was tossed to the 437th Aerial Port Squadron to be loaded up and taken to somewhere in South America. What could have been such a fun trip was shortly canceled

once someone in the squadron thumbed through my notebook and noticed some of the operational details in it.

Within two hours, I was swept up by the Office of Special Investigations, and taken to their building and questioned by two special agents. They quickly handcuffed me and placed me in a dark safe and confiscated my notebook and letter.

So here I am. Back to where the story begins. Locked in a dark safe because several people failed to practice good OPSEC. Details as harmless as cargo transported, locations flown and personnel carried, when put together, create a big picture that can pose a threat to the operational security of many flying missions.

My story is just a warning to personnel out there who may encounter other donations like me. Be careful and mindful of what you say and write, even if appears to be harmless. You never know where that information may end up.

Special delivery

Iraq channel mission departs from CAFB

Tech. Sgt. Ruby Zarzyczny
437 AW Public Affairs

In the 1800s, people relied on the Pony Express for delivering their mail. The Pony Express rider would occasionally stop and get a fresh horse before continuing on his mail route.

Much like the Pony Express, the C-17 is on a cargo and passenger relay, but instead of getting a fresh C-17, the C-17 gets a fresh crew before going on to its final destination in Iraq.

The United States Transportation Command established a new channel mission with Air Mobility Command from Charleston AFB to Iraq to sustain the contingency there. The first C-17 channel mission to Iraq left Charleston AFB May 9.

"Channel missions will run at least twice a week, but already we've seen them more frequently than



Crew members deployed to Iraq unload cargo from a C-17. The first channel mission left here for Iraq May 9 and a steady flow of cargo has been departing Charleston ever since.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ruby Zarzyczny

that," said Master Sgt. Thomas Halpin, 437th Aerial Port Squadron. Supplies needed for the channel mission are trucked to CAFB where the 437 APS palletizes the cargo.

The frequency of the channel

mission is determined by Central Command, and all requests flow through TRANSCOM.

Channel missions originate from Charleston AFB, with C-17s carrying various supplies including tires,

office equipment and meals-ready-to-eat. The crews fly into Rhein-Main AB, Germany, and go into crew rest before their next mission. A fresh crew then takes over the second leg of the channel mission to Iraq.

"This will be my crew's second mission into Iraq," said Maj. Keith Moore, 701st Airlift Squadron, on a recent flight into Iraq. "Once we're in Iraq's airspace, we will have to rely on the Airborne Warning and Control System, or E-3A aircraft, for guidance into the airfield and then land on a taxiway because the runway is still damaged."

"We had room for little extras, so we brought them pizzas, base newspapers and lots of soda," said Staff Sgt. Rick Higuera, 701 AS. "It's a team effort. We're very proud to be contributing to the mission and supporting the troops on the front line by supplying them with ammunition, food and equipment."

CAFB agencies help children cope with separation

By Tech. Sgt. Ruby Zarzyczny
437 AW Public Affairs

The Charleston AFB Family Support Center Chapel, Family Advocacy Program, Health and Wellness Center and Child Development Center are agencies helping families cope with the fears separation.

Talking to children about deployments, reassuring them they will be safe and loved while parents are gone, and listening to children's feelings and concerns are what the Healthy Parenting Initiative recommend for parents to do when coping with deployments and separation.

Jim Hernandez, 437th Medical Group Family Advocacy Program director, agrees with the experts and their recommendations to help children.

- Be aware of children's feelings about the news, and limit the amount of news they see. Talking to them about what they see on T.V., what they hear others say, and their fears and anxieties about the war may help alleviate some of their stress.

- If children have concerns about the deployed parent's safety, be honest and remind them the parent is careful and will take care of themselves. If the parent is not in a dangerous place, tell the children and answer any questions they may have.

- Be aware of signs of stress like bed-wet-

worth repeating

"We hear among flyer families, 'it's the unpredictability, not being able to plan anything that is the hardest.'"

— Lt. Col. Frank Budd

437th Medical Group Mental Health Flight commander

ting, emotional withdrawal, temper tantrums or changes in the child's normal behavior or eating habits.

- Stay calm and offer comfort. If this can't be done, get help from friends or family, the Family Support Center, chaplain or other professionals.

Communication is essential, but can be difficult when a child is too young to speak.

"Our children are so young, and some of them are non-verbal," said Debbie Ross, Child Development Center director. "We're the link between child and parent and their feelings. We are with the kids eight to 12 hours a day, and we pay close attention to their needs and behavior."

The FSC offers many programs to help spouses and families while their military member is deployed. Some of the programs offered are video phone, Sip-n-Chat, e-mail, Give Parents

a Break, morale calls, Car Care Because We Care, Operation R.E.A.D and free calling cards, said Master Sgt. Ken Gilmore, 437th Mission Support Squadron family readiness NCOIC.

"The unit has an integral part in the family support program," said Sergeant Gilmore. "The Spouse Link is a program where a spouse, working with the first sergeants, acts as a go between the FSC and the commanders. They call the spouses of deployed unit members to see how they are doing and provide information to the family members."

"I think one of the most destabilizing things about deployment for families is the 'go-wait' before the member actually leaves, and the 'go home-not yet' when you are returning," said Lt. Col. Frank Budd, 437 MDG Mental Health Flight commander. "We hear among flyer families, 'it's the unpredictability, not being able to plan anything that is the hardest.'"

"The Aerospace Expeditionary Force was designed to address this but war has curtailed that plan," he continued. "While it is relevant to talk about how to help families with stress, we also need to herald the tremendous strength and resolve of our Air Force families."

For more information about helping children cope with separation, go to www.mfrc.calib.com/healthy parenting, or call the FSC at 963-4406, Chapel at 963-2536, Life Skills Support Center at 963-6852, Family Advocacy Program at 963-6972, HAWC at 963-4007 or Reserve FSC 963-5818.

AROUND THE AIR FORCE

C-17 modification marks start of partnership

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – A ceremony May 1 celebrated the first C-17 to go through the Global Reach Improvement Program.

Lt. Gen. Charles Coolidge, Air Force Materiel Command vice commander, received the symbolic Air Force Form 981 hand off, returning the aircraft to Air Mobility Command at the ceremony. General Coolidge then passed the aircraft to Capt. John Holani, the aircraft commander, to return the plane to its home station at McChord AFB, Wash.

The transfer signaled a significant step forward for the public-private partnership between the Boeing Company and the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

The center already performs scheduled analytical condition inspections on C-17s. GRIP is an agency's annual modification and modernization plan.

The increased GRIP workload was brought to Robins and middle Georgia as a result of the sustainment partnership between the U.S. Air Force, the center and Boeing.

Before the agreement, all major aircraft enhancements and new systems installations that were accomplished during GRIP occurred at Boeing Aerospace Support Center in San Antonio.

During the aircraft's three-month stay, it underwent 10,000 labor-hours of maintenance. The aircraft received Block-12 upgrades including global air traffic management, electronic-engine control and Block-12 avionics.

General Coolidge said the Air Force-Boeing partnership will deliver a quality product to the warfighter at the lowest possible cost. **(Air Force Print News)**

AMC commander reestablishes uniform travel policy

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. – Gen. John Handy, commander, Air Mobility Command, and commander, U.S. Transportation Command, ordered a return to the October policy directing all AMC personnel to wear their uniform when traveling on of-

ficial business within the continental United States.

In February, because of the war in Iraq and an increase in the national terrorist threat level, General Handy temporarily suspended the requirement.

With the war complete and the terrorist threat level lowered, the commander said all AMC personnel need to return to the original policy of wearing any combination of blue service uniform (long- or short-sleeved blue shirt with tie/tab) when traveling on duty-related, CONUS-only commercial flights.

Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve personnel performing duties that require them to take direction from the AMC commander are also required to adhere to the policy. Guard and Reserve personnel performing duties under the direction of their parent command should abide by that agency's policies.

AMC officials said there are certain instances where it would not be practical to wear the blue service uniform on commercial flights. The following are authorized exceptions to the uniform travel policy:

- Personnel traveling on long trips with extended layovers that would

result in a less-than-professional appearance.

- Personnel traveling with excessive or bulky equipment or baggage, or if wearing blues would make transporting equipment or baggage impractical.

- Personnel traveling in the CONUS en route to temporary duty overseas or returning from an overseas TDY.

- Personnel involved in duties where wear of the uniform would jeopardize their mission (i.e., working with the secret service, security details, etc). **(Air Mobility Command News Service)**

Enlisted aide upgraded to special duty

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii –The enlisted aide program, now an official Air Force special duty, was authorized the new Air Force Specialty Code of 8A200 last October. Before the AFSC assignment, enlisted aides worked under a generic code of 9G000, which did not authorize specialty training.

A senior enlisted aide at Pacific Air Forces took the lead in organiz-

ing the career field's first training conference May 12-16.

Enlisted aide duty is a voluntary special duty open to all career airmen, Murdock explained. Qualified enlisted members who pass an extensive screening process are assigned to specific general officers, relieving them of tasks and details that could affect the officers' primary duties if they had to perform them.

Murdock said the duties of an enlisted aide generally vary since they are tailored to the needs of each general officer. However, most enlisted aides perform such tasks as: meal preparation, to include menu planning and shopping; housekeeping, to include daily routine tasks; maintaining the general officer's uniforms; outside chores, such as lawn care and gardening; and arranging official social events.

Senior leaders recently placed a priority on standardizing the training and career opportunities for enlisted aides to provide stability to the program, said Brig. Gen. Richard Hassan, director of the Air Force senior leader management office at the Pentagon. **(Pacific Air Force News Service)**

Combat Camera Photo of the Week



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jerry Morrison

A good view

Air Force 1st Class Brandon Midthun, aerial gunner on a MH-53M PaveLOW IV helicopter from the 21st Special Operations Squadron, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom, mans his .50 caliber tailgun during a combat mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

NEWS BRIEFS

Spotlight

SFS safety tip: If a package is found that looks suspicious in any way (oil stains, odd shape, no return address, unusual odor, etc.), don't open the package. Isolate the room the package is in, and notify security.

Retirement: The 437th Maintenance Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. James Demeter Tuesday, 3 p.m., at the Reserve Auditorium, Bldg. 60. For more information, call Master Sgt. Charles Morris at 963-4652.

Retirement: The 437th Contracting Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Greg Anderson Wednesday, 2:30 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Chris Seaman at 963-5174

Around the base

FOD Walk: The base is conducting a semiannual Foreign Object Damage walk today 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. For more information, call 2nd Lt. George Cole at 963-2791.

Cub Scouts: Pack 483 is having a donation-only car wash Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Shoppette parking lot. They are also looking for committee chair members and pack leaders. If interested in the positions or signing up a child, ages 6-11, call Ray Rightmier at 963-2936, or Tom Ferguson at 963-3508.

Military Retiree Appreciation Day

The Annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day and Information Fair is June 14, 8 a.m., at the Charleston Club. There will be more than 30 information tables and a C-17 tour will be available for retirees and their families. The program includes eight speakers on retiree benefits and issues, including Congressman Henry Brown, chair of the veterans benefits subcommittee. For more information, call Retiree Affairs at 963-2228, e-mail raymond.borelli@charleston.af.mil, or visit the Web site at https://www.charleston.af.mil/retiree_activities/RAPOCharleston.htm.

Charleston Warrior of the Week

Airman 1st Class Ciji Robinette 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Airman 1st Class Ciji Robinette is an Aircraft Parts Store apprentice responsible for preparing inputs to load, change or delete supply point detail records, providing maintenance with current requisition status information, keeping the warehouse clean, putting away parts, and taking inventory of the warehouses. She also expedites processes to relieve mission impaired capability awaiting parts conditions in the shortest possible time.

"Supply is big, giving our personnel many chances to rotate within the squadron," said Airman Robinette. "What I like best about my job is that once we have mastered one thing, we move on to learn something else."

"To me, just living (college/job) was not enough; I wanted to feel like I am making a difference," said Robinette. "The Air Force gives me that satisfaction. Being a part of something is a great feeling."

Airman Robinette says she would like to make the Air Force a career and plans to stay until she retires.

The Warrens, Wisc., native has been at Charleston AFB since April 1, 2002.

"Charleston is a great base; nice and quiet. I'm glad it was my first," she said.

Airman Robinette likes to play soccer, find new places to visit and volunteer as a counselor with the 211 Hotline for the Tri-County Area in her off-duty time.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber

ESC: The next Enlisted Spouses' Club meeting is Tuesday, 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 Thursday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Capt. Paul Brown at 963-4678.

Remedial Math Course: Embry Riddle Aeronautical University will

offer a Math 106 Algebra and Trigonometry course Mondays, 5-9:45 p.m., Tuesday - July 28. Limited seats are available and Tuition Assistance covers the cost of the course. For more information, call 767-8912.

Top 3: The Top 3 Steak Out is June 4, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the base picnic grounds. On the menu is a 10 oz. steak, baked potato and beans, and a drink for \$6. See a Top 3 representative for tickets by May 30.

CLEP exams: All College Level Examination Program exams are going to Computer Based Testing June 30. The last day that the Community Education Center can test anyone on the following CLEP exams is June 27: CLEP General - Humanities; CLEP 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 3, June 26 and July 30. To schedule an appointment, call 963-6880.

Chiropractic care: The Department of Defense has implemented a Chiropractic Care Program for active-duty personnel. Chiropractic care became a benefit for active duty April 28. For more information, visit www.tricare.osd.mil/chiropractic, or call Tech. Sgt. Tundra Gatewood at 963-6901.

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.

Overpricing: The Zero Overpricing Program's goal is eliminate overpricing incidents where the Air Force pays more for an item than it's worth. To report an instance where an item's price isn't fair and reasonable, call the Zero Overpricing monitor at 963-4826.

FEATURE



Photo by Staff Sgt. Dominic Hauser



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey



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Team Charleston honored fallen members of the 437th Security Forces Squadron and Air Force Office of Special Investigations during a retreat ceremony

May 16. A bell chimed 87

Remember

times, remembering 84 Air Force Security Forces troops and three Air Force AFOSI troops who lost their lives in the line of duty since 1965. The ceremony included a 21-gun salute performed by the Honor Guard.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

FEATURE

Renovated base pool to open for splash-filled days

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber
437 AW Public Affairs

The base pool is scheduled to open Saturday after several months of renovations.

The main entrance to the pool is expanded to a larger 25 by 50 foot cement patio deck. This deck serves as the snack area, with landscaped surroundings and a new bicycle rack.

Other improvements include a resurfaced pool deck, new structures, a wet spiral slide for children and two 20-foot deck Funbrellas that protect patrons from too much sunlight.

Another addition to the pool equipment is a portable Easy Ladder.

"This ladder is designed with large handrails and wide steps to provide people with a safe and comfortable entry into the pool," said Frank de Aragon, 437th Services Squadron director of aquatics and fitness.

"The all-time favorite Splash and Slam basketball unit will be in place for all to use," he continued. "This adjustable basketball game is completely weatherproof and safe to use by the poolside."

Workers also resurfaced the Kiddie pool, geared for toddlers and infants with adult supervision. A large play structure in the shape of a pelican replaces the old frog that sat in the pool's middle.

The men's and women's locker rooms now have new ceiling fans and bench pedestals. The deck surrounding the pool was leveled and resurfaced with sealant and paint. All cracks and joints were filled and sealed to lengthen the pool's life.

Along with these renovations, the pool staff is offering lots of classes, Mr. de Aragon said, with American Red Cross swim lessons offered throughout the summer. Other courses include adult swim lessons, water aerobics and community water-safety courses, lifeguarding, water safety instructor course, safety training for swim coaches and other professional level certification courses.

The pool's staff features nine lifeguards, five of whom are also Water Safety Instructors.

"They are all experienced American Red Cross-trained lifeguards who have been involved in water-related programs for a number of years," said Mr. de Aragon. Some have impressive competitive-swimming backgrounds. Several are new to Charleston

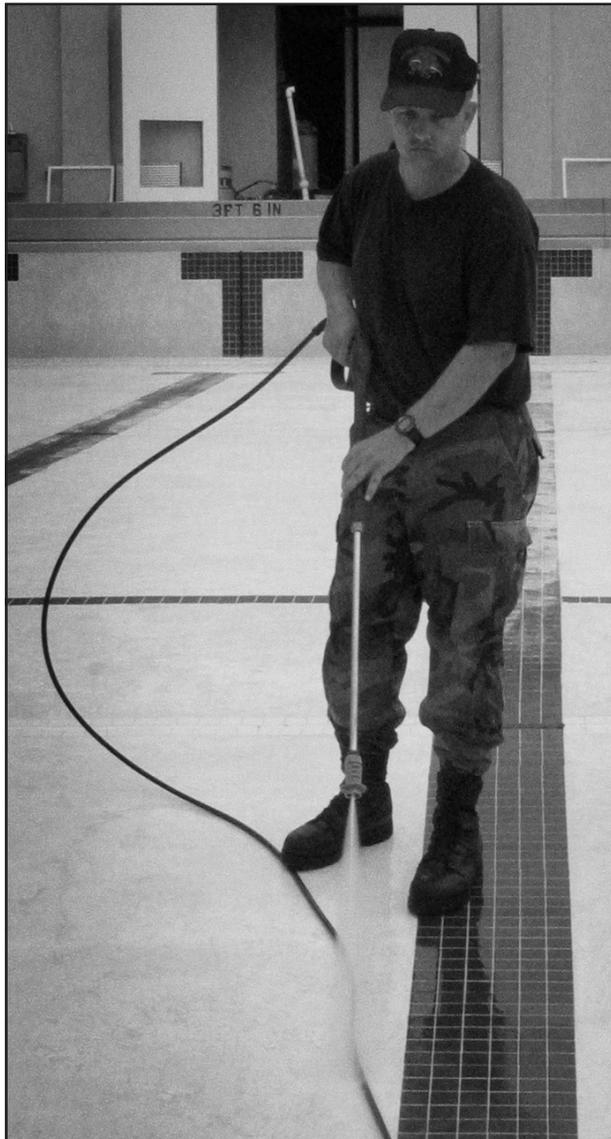


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber
Tech. Sgt. Robert Brown, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron utility systems craftsman, pressure washes the bottom of the base pool in preparation for the grand opening today.

AFB, but they bring with them a wealth of aquatic-program experience."

Patrons must have a proper Department of Defense identification card to use the pool. Individual sponsors can bring visitors, but the visitors must remain with the sponsor.

For more information about the pool, call Mr. de Aragon at 963-3344.

Pool hours (Saturday- Sept. 1)

- Monday — closed
- Tuesday - Friday
 - 11 a.m.-noon: adult fitness swimming
 - noon-5 p.m.: recreational swimming
- Saturday - Sunday
 - 11 a.m.-7 p.m.: Recreational Swimming

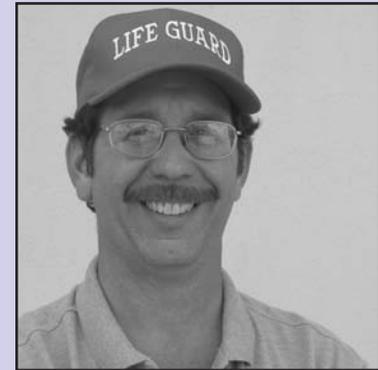


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber

Frank de Aragon 437th Services Squadron aquatics and fitness director

Responsibilities: Mr. de Aragon is responsible for overall operations of the base swimming pool and associated aquatics and fitness programs. These programs include swim lessons, water safety instruction, adult fitness, water aerobics and recreational swimming.

He also supervises eight other full-time lifeguards, four of whom are also water safety instructors.

Experience/professional background: Mr. de Aragon has been a swimming coach since 1996, a lifeguard since 1994, water safety instructor since 1994, and a lifeguard instructor since 1998.

He retired from the Navy in 2002.

Education: Mr. de Aragon has a master's degree in Human Resources Development and a master's degree in management.

Goals: Mr. de Aragon said he plans to expand the Charleston AFB Aquatic Program into a year-round operation by heating the pool and covering the facility for winter use.

He says this would provide an opportunity for swimmers to continue enjoying the facility even in the coldest days and offer master-level adult swimmers and other groups the opportunity to train on base without seeking off-base facilities.

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.

"Piglet's Big Movie" – Animated

Piglet gets that inferior feeling when his friends begin a "honey harvest" and he is told he's too small to help. When Piglet disappears, the others use his scrapbook as a map to try to find him. In the process, they discover that this very small animal has been a big hero in a lot of ways. **(G) 75 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

"Basic" – John Travolta

Six soldiers went out; two came back. What happened to the military's most elite commandos? The last thing the government wants is a rogue DEA agent investigating the disappearance. As the investigation unfolds, the rogue agent is placed in direct conflict with the Army's official investigating officer, and nothing is as it seems. **(R) 99 minutes**

May 30, 7:30 p.m.

"Head of State" – Chris Rock

(PG-13) 95 minutes

SPORTS & FITNESS

HOCKEY

Hurricanes open third season with victory

By Staff Sgt. Kevin Bosshart
Special to Airlift Dispatch

Forget the bug spray, sun tan lotion and sitting in the blazing sun straining to see the action on the field. This is adrenaline-pumping ice hockey in the South played by the Charleston AFB Hurricanes. The games are fast, furious and exciting.

The Hurricanes opened their third season with an 8-2 routing of the Jawbreakers at the Carolina Ice Palace May 13.

Tuesday's game marked the one-year anniversary of the team's first season.

This is the Canes third season and second in the more experienced "B" league. The first season proved to be a little rough, but the team still thinks they have what it takes to win

the division, said Jonathan Connor, Hurricanes coach.

The acquisition of new players in the off-season improved the overall makeup of the team. One rookie to the league seems not to be a rookie at all.

Lucas Micheletti has a long bloodline of hockey in his family to include former National Hockey League players Joe and Pat Micheletti, who played for the St. Louis Blues and the Minnesota North Stars respectively.

"Last season, after moving up a division, we finished strong with some big wins against some tough opponents," said Karl Nichols. "Unfortunately, we're losing some of our key players, but we've seen some new blood join the team. We've always had a solid lineup, but this season we've got a bunch of guys who

can put the puck in the net when the chips are down."

Micheletti opened the scoring in the first period with two stylish goals, shaking the goalie out of his pads and putting the puck behind him with apparent ease. His goals opened the floodgates on the first-season Jawbreakers and he went on to score a third for a hat trick.

"I can't wait until the next game," Micheletti said.

John Matecki lifted a textbook backhand shot past goalie Gerry Wood during the second period. In the third period Mike Lyons made a pin-point pass to Scott Riley in the slot, setting him up to score.

The game was never in danger of becoming close, as the Hurricanes' stifling defense held the Jawbreakers to only one goal through the first two periods and

only 18 shots in the game. Jaramie Banks stopped 16 of 18 shots.

The Canes offense, led by Micheletti (three goals), Nichols (two goals), and Jonathan Connor (one goal/one assist), pounded the Breakers with 26 shots. The tired defense was forced into making fatal mistakes, leaving the Hurricanes wide open for prime-scoring opportunities, which the team took full advantage of.

"I was very proud of everyone out there tonight," said Connor. "It was great to get a win in our first game."

The Hurricanes play weekly at the Carolina Ice Palace on Northwoods Boulevard. The games are always free. It's good, clean, adrenaline-pumping, fast-paced, furious hockey.

Final 2003 Volleyball Standings

Place	Team	Won	Loss
1	LRS	10	3
2	SFS	10	3
3	Flyers	9	4
4	CS	9	4
5	AMXS	9	4
6	1 CTCS	9	4
7	SVS	8	5
8	NAVY HOSP	7	6
9	MXS	6	7
10	MOS	3	10
11	MDG	3	10
12	CES	3	10
13	CPTS	2	11
14	APS	2	11

Softball Standings as of Tuesday

Place	Team	Won	Loss
1	MSS/CS	5	0
2	CES	4	0
3	OSS	5	1
4	SFS	4	1
5	AMXS 1	4	1
6	LRS 1	2	2
7	MOS/ TRS	2	2
8	MXS	1	3
9	AMXS 2	1	4
10	CPTS/AW	1	4
11	MDG	1	5
12	LRS 2	1	5
13	APS	0	3

Soccer Standings as of Tuesday

Place	Team	Won	Loss	Tie
1	MDG	5	0	0
2	CES	4	1	0
3	CS	4	1	1
4	NNPTC	2	1	0
5	AMXS	2	2	1

Fitness bits

Golf: The SAME Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament is Monday, 8:30 a.m., at the Patriot's Point Golf Course, Mount Pleasant. Fee is \$55 which includes green fees, cart, range balls, drinks and barbeque lunch. For more information, call 1st Lt. Seth Morris at 963-3986.

Supplements: The next Nutritional Herbs and Supplements Class is Thursday, 11:30 a.m., at the Sports and Fitness Center classroom. For more information or sign-up, call the Health and Wellness Center at 963-4007.

Tobacco cessation: "World No-Tobacco Day," sponsored by the Tobacco Free Initiatives of the World Health Organization, is May 31. Join millions of people in putting tobacco products down for one day. For more information or to sign up for the Tobacco Cessation Class on June 5, 4 p.m., call Tech. Sgt. Janet Clayton at 963-6024.

Flyers take CPTS/AW 13-12 in seventh-inning stretch

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber
437 AW Public Affairs

Mark Lewald's base-loaded single in the bottom of the seventh inning rallied the Flyers/ Operation Support Squadron to a 13-12 victory over Comptroller Squadron/Airlift Wing Monday in intramural softball play.

The defending base champions rallied for three runs in the seventh inning to improve their record 5-1 while CPTS/AW fell to 1-5.

"I was due," said coach Lewald, who was 0-2 before his game-winning single to left field with one out. "Our defense was struggling, but our bats came through at the end. When we have everyone on our team, we are one of the toughest teams out there."

"That's the best game we have played this season against the best team we have seen this year," said CPTS/AW coach Jason Brena. "We pulled together as a team and hung in there. We hit the ball well and didn't make many errors on defense."

With one out in the bottom of the seventh, Billie Marsh doubled to left center and scored on Christopher Cobbs' single to left. After Matthew Kessler lined a single to center, Ed Ebersole hit a sacrifice fly to left center which scored Cobb, tying the game 12-12.

Christopher Schmidt and Robert Sadwick both walked to load the bases and set the stage for Lewald's game winning hit.

For the Flyers/OSS, Edward Ebersole drove in four runs with a three-run homer and a sacrifice fly. Marsh and Robert

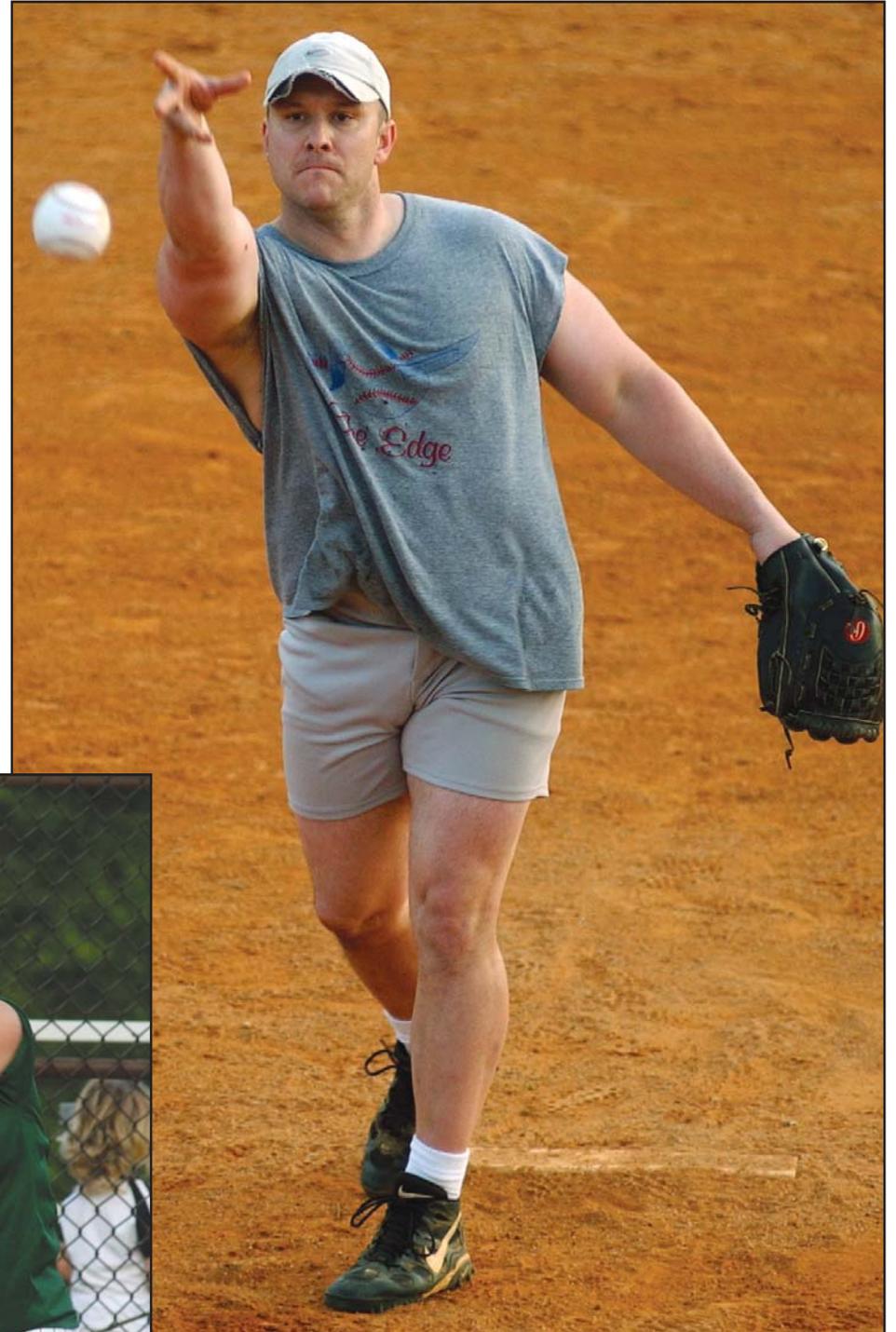
Sadwick each collected three hits including a solo homer by Sadwick. Kessler added two hits.

Donald Eschenbach and James Brown each had three hits and Anthony Jefferson had two hits to pace the CPTS/AW hitters.

The tightly-contested game was tied at 2-2, 5-5 and 6-6 before CPTS/AW took the lead at 9-8 after five innings. The Flyers regained the lead at 10-9 with two runs in the bottom of the sixth. CPTS/AW responded with three runs in the top of the seventh to take a 12-10.

As darkness fell on the field with no lights, the Flyers/OSS staged their game-winning rally.

In other action Tuesday, Civil Engineering Squadron blanked Aircraft Maintenance Squadron 2 in five innings 15-0 and AMXS 1 defeated Maintenance Squadron 2 in five innings 24-2.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

Top: Edward Ebersole, Flyers/Operations Support Squadron, intramural softball team tosses a pitch during this team's 13-12 victory game Tuesday.

Left: Shawna Lukkes, Comptroller Squadron/Airlift Wing, makes contact on an Ebersole pitch.

