

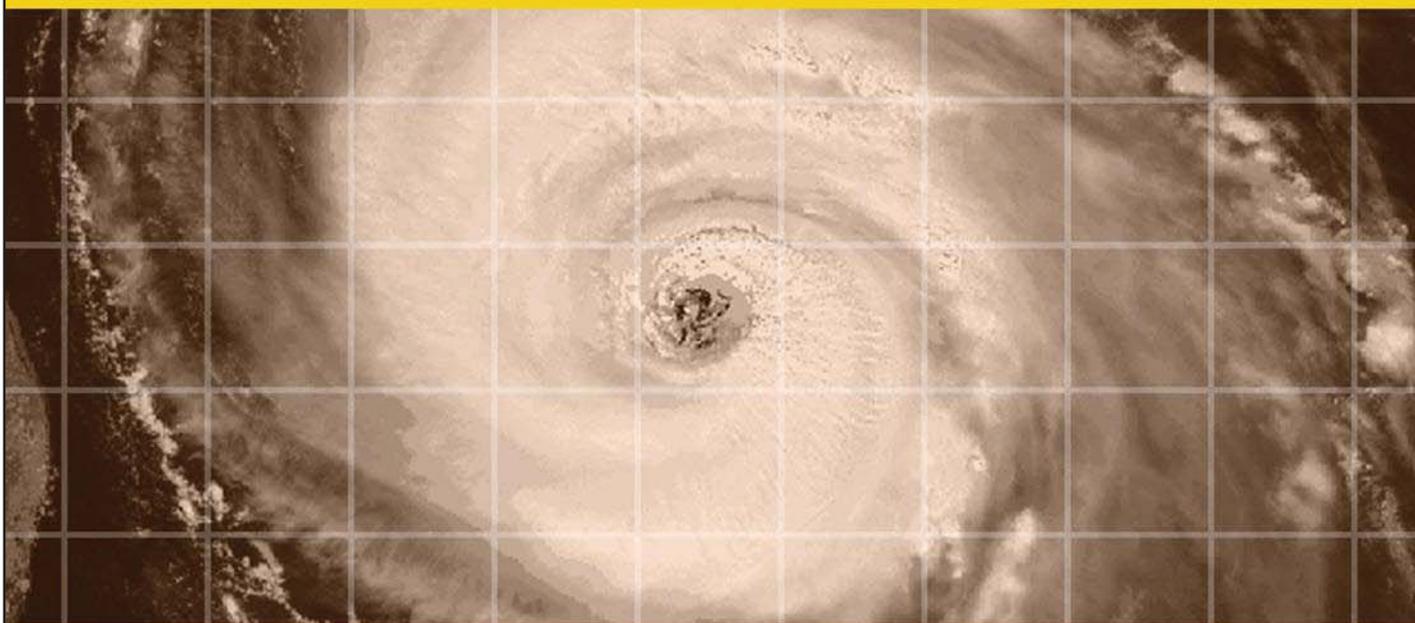
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Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

By Col. Brooks Bash
437AW commander

I recently returned from a trip to Air Mobility Command headquarters, and the people there are truly impressed with stage, cargo, maintenance, and support operations here. A number of people commented on how well the Charleston and McChord AFB active duty and Reservists are working together for mission accomplishment. Keep up the great work!

Maintenance Awards

I was pleased this week to participate in the ceremony formally awarding 31 separate wing- and AMC-level awards to the 437th Maintenance Group. I could not be more proud of the work our maintainers do to keep our C-17s ready to accomplish the mission.

Steak Out

The Top Three Steak Out is Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the base picnic grounds. Tickets are available from Top Three members for \$6 each, and the meal includes steak, side dishes and soda. More than just getting lunch—even available “to go”—you will be helping the Top Three pay for senior NCO induction and other enlisted events.

Family Fun Day

The threat of inclement weather forced us to postpone the pool grand opening celebration and family fun day, but we rescheduled the festivities for June 27. Mark your calendars.

Safety

I am extremely pleased that we came through the Memorial Day weekend without any safety incidents. Keep the focus on safety as you go about the mission and recreational activities over the remainder of our 101 critical days of summer, and beyond. Remember to stop and think before you act. Be safe out there!

Action line addresses recycling, FamCamp, yard care

Q: I am a retiree and play golf at Wrenwoods quite often. For the last two or three weeks, I have noticed there is no recycling bin for aluminum cans. I inquired and was told it was taken out because someone didn't think it was attractive enough. I think it needs to be replaced because recycling is so important and goes to a good cause. Thank you.

A: Thank you for your observation. Recycling is important, and we encourage everyone in our wing to recycle. A new recycling container was ordered for the Wrenwoods clubhouse, and it is now in place. We appreciate your concern for our environment and your continued support of our golf course.

Q: I am an avid RVer, and would like to recommend you use the old Mobile Home Park at Charleston AFB for a RV Campground instead of building a golf course club house there. Since the facilities necessary for RVs are already there it seems to be a real shame to destroy them to put in another facility. More RV spaces will increase the rev-

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

enue for the base and bring even more folks in to visit the lovely Charleston area and spend our money here as well!

A: Thank you for your support and advocacy for our FamCamp. We have developed a \$1.3 million dollar project to enlarge and improve our RV facilities. Unfortunately, this project is currently awaiting funding approval from headquarters. The planned facility will provide forty-two sites with complete service and will upgrade our bathhouse and laundry facilities. We ask for your patience and continued support while we await funding for our vision. Thank you for your call.

Q: With deployments and increased work hours involved in supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom, it gets harder and harder to stay on top of our yards, especially when both occupants are active duty. The Housing Office, however, seems stricter than ever when it comes to inspecting the yards on base. The playground behind my house is overgrown with weeds more than three feet tall. It is the same way in several parts of the base. If a resident's lawn becomes even slightly longer than allowed, we get points; but they expect our children to play in

snake-infested weeds taller than they are. Can you please inform me when these areas will be mowed and ask the Housing Office to understand the situation some of us occasionally are in.

A: Thank you for your call and concern for the appearance of our base. The areas near the playground and road intersection that you brought to our attention were out of compliance and the grounds maintenance contractor has corrected the problem.

Charleston is noted for excellent base appearance, and it takes everyone to maintain that reputation. The CES Housing Office enforces the standards that are briefed when residents are assigned to their housing units. We understand many military members are deployed and that increased workloads and family emergencies may take priority over yard care. We work with every individual to reach a satisfactory solution in each case. Should you need assistance keeping up with your lawn care, contact the Housing Office for a list of individuals who provide lawn care services. Thank you for the call.

APS commander: How could CAFB take on so much and do it well?

By **Lt. Col. Kevin Brewer**
437th APS commander

Challenging times bring leadership challenges. Our senior Air Force officials have provided timely guidance that can benefit us all.

Dr. James Roche, Secretary of the Air Force, spoke at the Academy's 10th Annual National Character and Leadership

Symposium Feb. 27. Although he was speaking to cadets — prospective commissioned officers — I think what he said applies equally to non-commissioned officers and airmen everywhere. It is definitely worth your time to think about how what he said might apply to you.

We all want Air Force members:

- With forthright integrity who voluntarily decide the right thing to do, and do it

- Who are selfless in service to their country, our Air Force and their subordinates

- Who are committed to excellence in the performance of their personal and professional responsibilities

- Who respect the dignity of all human beings

- Who are decisive, even when facing high risk

- Who take full responsibility for

their decisions and actions

- Who reflect the "special trust and confidence" reposed in them

- Who have the self-discipline, determination and courage to do their duty well under even the most extreme and prolonged conditions.

Many of these things are common sense, but when taken together make a great way to pattern your behavior,

regardless of rank. In my opinion, Charleston AFB people really show this type of behavior.

The 437th Aerial Port Squadron had a major change in the way we've done business since the end of February. We've done more in the past few months with less preparation than at any time in the base's history. Many people at the Department of Defense, Air Mobility Command and base level have asked, "How can the Charleston aerial port squadron take on such a load and do so well at it?"

I have the same answer for all of them. It's because the CAFB aerial port is not doing it alone; we have all the squadrons on base — home station or deployed, active and Reserve — selflessly showing the courage to decide the right thing to do and do it well. APS and Team Charleston rule!

worth repeating

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— Lt. Col. Kevin Brewer
437th Aerial Port Squadron commander

Change of Command

Lt. Col. William Isler Jr. assumed command of the 437th Operations Support Squadron during a ceremony May 23.

Colonel Isler, former 16th Airlift Squadron director of operations, replaced Lt. Col. James Barr.

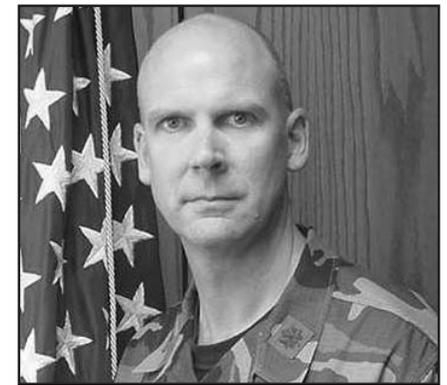
Colonel Isler was born in Covington, Ky. He earned his bachelor's degree in organizational behavior from the Air Force Academy and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1985. He also holds a master's degree in science with a major in operations management from the University of Arkansas.

After graduating from pilot training at Reese AFB, Texas, Colonel Isler was assigned as a C-130E pilot at Pope AFB, N.C. Next, he was assigned as a C-130 Replacement Training Unit Instructor and Evaluator pilot at Little Rock AFB, Ark., before transferring to Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill. Col. Isler subsequently was assigned as a C-17A pilot at Charleston AFB.

After graduating from Command and General Staff College, he was assigned to the Air Force Strategic Planning at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Colonel Isler returned to CAFB in September 2002.

Colonel Isler's military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with two devices, the Air Medal, the Aerial Achievement Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one device, the Air Force achievement medal with one device, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three devices, the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, the Combat Readiness medal with



Lt. Col. William Isler Jr.

one device, the National Defense Service Medal with one device, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with one device and the Armed Forces Service medal.

- **Interesting fact:** "I am very involved in youth sports."

- **Favorite movie:** *Gladiator*

- **Major pet peeve:** Dishonesty

- **Favorite author:** Tom Clancy

- **Favorite Quote:** Man in the Arena by Theodore Roosevelt

"It's a long quote that inspires me to take on challenges and to not be afraid to take risks for fear of the outcome. You have to be willing to get out there and get your hands dirty."

- **Why did you join the Air Force:** "I joined for three reasons: To get an education, to serve our nation and to fly."

- **How would you describe your leadership style:** "Empower the people who work with you. Know your strengths and weaknesses and those of the people around you. Set the example for others."

- **Who is your role model and why:** "My grandfather is my role model. He was a man of great integrity, desire to serve others and was a true gentleman."

Dispatch

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Chamber of Commerce recognizes two CAFB airmen

By 2nd Lt. Jennifer Andrews
437 AW Public Affairs

The Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce recently honored two Team Charleston members with its Military Recognition Award.

Master Sgt. Connie Danbury, 701st Airlift Squadron, and Senior Airman Christi Skiles, 437th Comptroller Squadron, received the awards based on their active involvement and positive effect within the community through volunteering, donating or membership in service organizations.

Airman Skiles single-handedly organized a donation drive for the Charleston Emergency Shelter. More than 900 abused and neglected children received school supplies, clothing and toys through the drive. In addition, she mentors children at Windsor Hill Elementary School each year and coaches a local little league baseball team.

"Even though I might be spread a little thin from time to time, I wouldn't

change a thing," said Airman Skiles. "The look on people's faces when you help them is priceless and worth all the time in the world.

"I felt very honored and special when I received the award," she continued. "Recognition is rewarding, but the real reward is in helping people."

Sergeant Danbury is also active throughout the community. She volunteers as a counselor at Camp Happy Days every year. She plays a key part in fundraising for many causes, including breast cancer research and the March of Dimes. Sergeant Danbury also participated in several medical research studies with the Medical University of South Carolina to help fight various diseases.

"Basically I don't accept compliments well and was embarrassed by the presentation," Sergeant Danbury said. "I appreciate being selected, but I don't feel like I've done anything that spectacular to warrant such a distinguished award."

437 MDG officials issue rabies alert

Rabies is a fatal disease of humans and animals affecting the central nervous system. The virus is transmitted in the saliva of rabies-infected mammals. Though rabies is most commonly found in animals such as bats, skunks, raccoons, dogs, cattle and foxes, the incidence in stray cats appears to be increasing. Essentially any mammal, wild or domestic, can have rabies and transmit it to people.



Rabies virus is transmitted to people and their pets through the bite of a rabid animal. It is possible, though rare, for transmission to occur if infectious material from a rabid animal, such as saliva, gets directly into the eyes, nose, mouth or wound.

Because of the serious nature of this disease and the presence of stray cats on Charleston AFB, it is imperative that everyone follow basic precautions to protect themselves, their families, and their pets from rabies.

- Do not handle or feed unfamiliar animals, wild or domestic, even if they appear friendly
- Educate children to avoid unfamiliar animals and to notify parents if they are bitten or scratched by an animal, be it a stray or pet

- Wash any wound from an animal thoroughly with soap and water and seek medical attention immediately; rabies post-exposure treatment is available from 437th Medical Group primary care managers

- In the event of a wound from a stray or wild animal; do not attempt to capture the animal; notify security forces if on base or the county's animal control if off base, and promptly notify a primary care manager at the 437 MDG

- Owners should keep rabies vaccinations current for all pets, keep cats inside and dogs under direct supervision; CAFB requires dogs to be kept on a leash or in a fenced yard; free roaming is not allowed for cats or dogs on this base

- Have pets spayed or neutered; members should take their animals with them when they PCS

For more information about rabies, call Public Health at 963-6964. (Courtesy of the 437th Medical Group)

Cleaning up

Airman 1st Class Antonio Gault, 437th Maintenance Squadron aircraft fuels systems apprentice, and his supervisor, Master Sgt. Lyndon Dallas, check a compensator probe, which helps determine how much fuel is in a fuel tank. Aircraft fuels systems specialists here teamed with Boeing engineers to fix a compensator probe problem that emerged during the initial stages of Operation Enduring Freedom. The team developed procedures to remove and clean the probes, saving taxpayers the approximately \$844,000 it would have cost to replace all four probes on every C-17 in the fleet.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

New fitness program tested at Charleston AFB

'Fit for Duty' to include fitness representatives in each squadron

By 2nd Lt. Shaloma McGovern
437 AW Public Affairs

Charleston AFB is implementing a new fitness program Sunday to enhance the overall fitness and well-being of airmen here.

This program, "Fit for Duty," produced by Cooper Institute for Aerobic Research, incorporates overall wellness including physical composition, nutrition, mental wellness and tobacco cessation.

"Fitness is readiness," said Jason Ham, Air Mobility Command's fitness consultant to AMC's surgeon general. "We want to give people the tools for success."

Each squadron commander will appoint a unit fitness representative to function as the wellness expert for their particular squadron.

"This person should be someone who is personally motivated toward exercise and eager to learn more," Mr. Ham said. "This person will be a point of contact for the unit and the champion for the commander in fitness."

They serve as direct liaisons to answer questions and provide advice on a wide variety of issues

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— Col. Brooks Bash
437th Airlift Wing commander

affecting health and wellness. The representative will be an in-house expert ready to help fellow airmen, Mr. Ham added.

The representative should be an example of fitness and health for their squadron, Mr. Hamm continued. The UFR's are required to meet Air Force fitness and weight standards and must be tobacco free.

The health and fitness of active-duty troops is essential to operational readiness and is a major concern for Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing

commander. Colonel Bash encourages people using tobacco products to quit and wants all personnel to have a fitness routine.

"The benefits of an active lifestyle have a direct link to increased productivity, mission readiness and fewer health problems," Colonel Bash said. "This program is designed to maintain and assess the fitness of our troops and to help make our people better prepared for contingencies."

Cardiovascular fitness is the single best indicator of total physical fitness, Mr. Ham said. Workouts will be required a minimum of three times a week and will consist of at least 30 minutes of cardiovascular exercise and at least 2 minutes of pushups and crunches.

Health and Wellness Center statistics show that 40 percent of CAFB personnel do not exercise regularly. Fifty-nine percent are overweight, and 9.5 percent are obese. In addition, 31 percent use tobacco products and 10 percent are currently on a remedial fitness program.

"Fit for Duty" is being tested at CAFB for Air Mobility Command. Mr. Ham will present the program at the annual AMC Summit in October.

Community Award

Exchange Club of Charleston honors maintenance airman

By 2nd Lt. Kristy Miller
437 AW Public Affairs

The Exchange Club of Charleston presented its Military Appreciation Award to a Team Charleston NCO during a luncheon May 15.

Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing commander, recommended Master Sgt. T. Shea Saul, 437th Maintenance Squadron safety and environmental manager, for the award for his significant contributions to the community and the country.

"It's not about me, it's about the people and what we can do collectively," Sergeant Saul said.

Sergeant Saul is active in numerous volunteer organizations including the Royal Rangers youth ministry and the Just Say "No" Anti-drug campaign at Oakbrook Elementary School. Despite the demands of his normal workdays, he manages to spend almost 20 hours a week volunteering.

"It's like a buffet, you eat what's on the plate and you come back for

more—it's a juggling act," Sergeant Saul said.

People who are looking for volunteer opportunities should "jump in with both feet," he said.

"Make a commitment and do it—don't second guess it," he continued. "Every little bit helps."

The Exchange Club award included a plaque and a \$500 check.

Ron Buske, committee co-chairman of the Military Appreciation Program, said giving this award is the highlight of each year for the club.

"This award is important because we're showing our appreciation and gratitude for the military," Mr. Buske said.

The Exchange Club of Charleston is a national volunteer service organization for men and women who want to serve their community, develop leadership skills and form new friendships. The Exchange Club is made up of nearly 1,000 clubs and 33,000 members throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

Justice Files

Article 15 actions

■ A staff sergeant from the 437 SFS failed to keep his military housing unit in a clean and orderly manner.

Punishment: Suspended reduction to senior airman; forfeiture of \$200; reprimand

■ An airman first class from the 437 MXS failed to comply with the Eisenhower Substance Addictions Program clinical procedures.

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

■ A senior airman from the 437 AMXS used his government travel card for non-official purposes.

Punishment: Suspended reduction to airman first class; 14 days extra duty; reprimand

■ A senior airman from the 437th Operations Support Squadron made a false official statement to her first sergeant.

Punishment: Reduction to airman first class.

■ A staff sergeant from the 437th Aerial Port Squadron wrong-

fully used marijuana. The member was discharged from the Air Force.

Punishment: Reduction to senior airman; forfeiture of \$874; reprimand

Administrative discharges

■ An airman basic was discharged for a commission of a serious offense with a General Discharge.

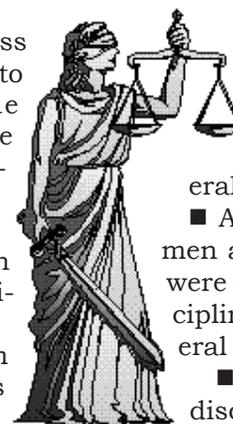
■ An airman basic, two airmen and an airman first class were discharged for minor disciplinary infractions with General Discharges.

■ Two senior airmen were discharged for failure in the weight management program with Honorable Discharges.

■ Two senior airmen were discharged for drug abuse with General Discharges.

■ A staff sergeant and an airman first class were discharged for mental illness with Honorable Discharges.

■ An airman was discharged for homosexual conduct with an Honorable Discharge.



AROUND THE AIR FORCE

Blue, silver AEFs get rotations back on track

The Air Force is establishing two transitional air and space expeditionary forces, blue and silver, to put the deployment schedule back on track by March 2004 and to bring home deployed airmen as quickly as possible.

"We envision these two 120-day rotations filling the requirements of combatant commanders through spring when we can once again implement the normal steady-state AEF rotation," said Maj. Gen. Timothy Peppe, special assistant for AEF matters at the Pentagon. "Additionally, we can expect some aircraft, aircrew and associated maintenance rotations outside these two transitional AEFs as we attempt to get them back to the normal schedule next spring."

The blue AEF will be on call to fulfill mission requirements between July and November, Peppe said. Silver will be on call from November through March.

"The magnitude of the various combatant commanders' continuing requirements throughout the world will dictate the number of airmen that we will have to deploy," he said.

According to the general, airmen in AEFs 9/10 and 1/2 who were identified to support Operation Iraqi Freedom but did not deploy will likely be the most vulnerable to deploy with the blue or silver AEFs.

"Ideally, as we go through the process (of matching people to these AEFs), those that have been home the longest from a previous deployment will be matched to deploy first," he said. "There may be some exceptions but I certainly hope not many. We will start with AEFs 9/10 and reach forward, as needed, to fill requirements."

Airmen selected to support the blue AEF can expect to be notified of their deployment vulnerability over the next few weeks, he said.

"Most of the major command deployment taskings will be made by June 10 and airmen should receive their notifications soon after," he said. "However, if a (major command) cannot fill a particular tasking, the AEF Center (at Langley AFB, Va.) will have to source it to another (major command), which may delay some individual notifications."

These transitional AEFs will al-

low the Air Force to get currently deployed airmen back home to their families, he said. **(Air Force Print News)**

DoD announces mishap prevention initiative

The DoD announced May 19 that Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has challenged the heads of the military departments and the defense agencies to reduce the number of mishaps and the mishap rates by 50 percent in the next two years.

This action was taken as the mishap rates have recently increased and the secretary wants to reverse this trend.

"World-class organizations do not tolerate preventable accidents," said Mr. Rumsfeld in a May 19 memo. "These goals are achievable, and will directly increase our operational readiness. We owe no less to the men and women who defend our nation."

This direction applies to all DoD activities and includes military on and off-duty, active duty, as well as

Reserve and National Guard forces, and all civilian employees. The reduction goal also applies to all operations of aircraft, weapons, ordnance, motor vehicles, maritime assets and installations.

In fiscal 2002, 82 personnel died in aviation accidents. That is 17 more than the 65 aviation flight related deaths in fiscal 2001. Likewise, 63 aircraft were destroyed last year compared to 46 destroyed aircraft in the previous year. These accident statistics do not include the 184 deaths due to the terrorist attack at the Pentagon. DoD updates these aviation rates on a daily basis and posts them at <http://www.denix.osd.mil/SOH-public/Accidents>.

Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness David Chu has been designated to lead the accident reduction effort. This is a concerted effort to engage all levels of DoD leadership in mishap prevention strategies and initiatives. Initiatives include: developing a real-time mishap decision support system; applying commercial technologies, where practical, on high-risk equipment such as aircraft;

and finding ways to implement best practices from industry and other government agencies into DoD activities. **(Air Force Print News)**

Split disbursement now mandatory for all military travelers

All military travelers must now select the split disbursement option on their travel voucher claims to directly pay their government travel card expenses, according to finance officials.

Split disbursement requires travelers to tally up their GTC expenses and authorize enough funds to be sent automatically to Bank of America to pay off their charges, said Michael Weber, Air Force travel card program manager at the Pentagon. Any remaining travel settlement will still be sent to the traveler's personal account.

If a traveler charges more to their GTC than they were authorized, they still must select split disbursement and also reimburse the bank any additional charges, he added. **(Air Force Print News)**

Combat Camera Photo of the Week



Photo by Staff Sgt. Quinton Burris

Bomb sweep

Members of the 407th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Squadron and Marine Wing Support Squadron 371 from Yuma, Ariz., unload 305 mortar rounds found near an Iraqi school south of An Nasiriyah. The units are deployed to Tallil AB in southern Iraq to support Operation Iraqi Freedom.

NEWS BRIEFS

Around the base

Remedial Math Course: Embry Riddle Aeronautical University will offer a Math 106 Algebra and Trigonometry course Mondays, 5-9:45 p.m., during the Summer II term. 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 Wednesday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the base picnic grounds. On the menu is a 10 oz. steak, baked potato, 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. June 27 is the last day the Community Education Center can test anyone on the following CLEP exams: General - Humanities; Subject exams - General Chemistry, College Level German, General Biology, and Western Civilization I and II. For more information, call CEC customer service at 963-4575, or 963-7201.

School physicals: The Family Practice Clinic is performing school summer and sports physicals for Family Practice patients only, Tuesday, June 26 and July 30. To schedule an appointment, call 963-6880. Patients must bring shot records.

Recycle: The next curbside recycling dates for military family housing are Thursday and June 19. The recycling goal is to divert 40 percent of MFH waste from landfills. In April, the base recycled 4.9 percent of MFH waste and sent 99.3 tons of MFH waste to the landfill, only a 4.7 percent diversion rate. For more information or to

Charleston Warrior of the Week



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber

Airman 1st Class John Hassell

437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class John Hassell is a 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron aerospace maintenance apprentice. His duties include maintaining, servicing, repairing and cleaning all aircraft systems. He also launches and recovers the aircraft.

Airman Hassell said he likes his job because he knows he is, "an important part of the humanitarian relief for many past operations and hopefully many more to come."

Airman Hassell said he also likes learning about the way the planes operate and being able to directly affect Team Charleston's and the Air Force's mission.

His future goals are getting degrees in aircraft maintenance and electronics, and obtaining an air frame and power plant license.

The Fleming Island, Fla., native has been at Charleston AFB for about two years.

"Charleston is a pretty nice base, and I feel privileged to be stationed here," he continued.

Airman Hassell is a mentor at C.E. Williams Elementary School and enjoys going to the beach, photographing historic Charleston and going places with his friends.

"Music is my passion, so I spend most of my off-time playing guitar and writing songs," he said. "I also enjoy running when I can, going to the gym and trying to get a tan."

pick up recycle bins, call the base pollution and prevention manager at 963-2690.

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

Applications are available at the Family Practice Clinic and the Family Support Center, and will be accepted until June 13. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Christina Marx at 963-6969, or Staff Sgt. Katie Hartley at 963-6991.

TRICARE: The 437th Medical Group TRICARE Flight can advise patients about covered services, but can't guarantee payment by TRICARE. If enrolled in TRICARE Prime, be sure to see a primary care manager for a referral before getting any type of civilian-specialized medical care. For more information about health benefits, call Mr. Leonard Millender at 963-6706, or Tech. Sgt. Tundra Gatewood at 963-6901.

Pharmacy: Medication refills must be called into the pharmacy at 963-6833 or 1-866-410-4670. If called in before 9 p.m., medications will be ready to pick up the next duty day. Most medication renewals can be taken care of by calling the Primary Manager Team at 963-6790, or Flight Medicine

Team at 963-9623.

Smart Card: The 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron issues and updates smart cards daily at the Parts Store, Bldg. T-80, and Customer Service, Bldg. 302. During swing and mid-shifts, the cards are issued at the parts store only. For more information, call Consolidated Customer Service at 963-4826, or Master Sgt. Debra Baczweski at 963-4836.

Testing: Beginning June 6, all Air Force Personnel Tests will be administered at the Education Center in room 139. This is a tentative location pending completion of the new testing room which, when finished, will be located on the second floor of Bldg. 503.

Tests affected by this move are:

- promotion testing
- Air Force classification testing
- Defense Language Aptitude Battery testing
- foreign language proficiency testing
- electronic data processing testing
- Air Force officer qualification testing

Military Retiree Appreciation Day

The Military Retiree Appreciation Day and Information Fair is June 14, 8 a.m., at the Charleston Club. 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.

FEATURE

Team Charleston prepares for upcoming hurricane season

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The base conducted a Natural Disaster Response Exercise May 22 to prepare for the upcoming hurricane season.

The Atlantic Ocean's hurricane season begins Sunday and ends Nov. 30.

"The NDRE tests the wing's readiness and ability to prepare for an approaching hurricane," said Maj. Dan Wilkie, 437th Airlift Wing Exercise Evaluation Team chief. "The goal of the EET is to present a realistic and challenging exercise scenario that makes base personnel thoroughly review their required hurricane preparatory actions.

This helps ensure everyone becomes familiar with their procedures beforehand, so they'll know what to do when a real hurricane actually threatens the base."

While hurricane season spans summer and fall, it peaks between Aug. 20 and Oct. 20, said Staff Sgt. Wes Robinson, 437th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight NCOIC.

"The last couple of years, we've been lucky," said Sergeant Robinson. "We've had a couple of hurricanes head toward Charles-

ton, but they didn't turn our way."

Charleston AFB uses a system of hurricane conditions to determine what preparatory actions to take.

During HURCON 4, the storm is 72 hours away. The base begins preparing for the hurricane, taking actions like accounting for all personnel, and securing facilities and equipment.

In HURCON 3, the storm is 48 hours away. The base typically begins to evacuate aircraft. During HURCON 2, the storm is 24 hours away, and supervisor release nonessential personnel to care for their families and homes. In HURCON 1, the storm is 12 hours away.

"The wing commander may decide to evacuate nonessential personnel, based on predicted storm intensity," Major Wilkie said. "As an alternative, he may direct sheltering in place. Personnel who live in base housing or dormitories can shelter in their homes, unless the commander directs an evacuation."

Reimbursement of travel, lodging and expenses with no charge of personal leave is authorized only if an evacuation order is issued by the wing commander, according to

Lt. Col. Charles Capps, 437th Mission Support Squadron commander.

David Hunt, 437 AW Plans, is the base liaison to the Charleston County Emergency Operations Center. In a hurricane situation, he communicates with local authorities to coordinate preparation and recovery efforts.

"Close coordination with state and local authorities is vital to prepare for and recover from a natural disaster, such as a hurricane," said Mr. Hunt. "To ensure this is possible, we maintain a good working relationship with these agencies year round."

The Family Support Center conducts yearly hurricane briefings to educate base personnel, first-term airmen, newcomers and spouses of deployed members about hurricane conditions and what to do to prepare. This year's briefing is not yet scheduled.

"Anyone can stop by and pick up hurricane-preparedness pamphlets," said Betsy Crump, FSC relocation assistance manager. "We're here to help if anyone has any questions."

More information about hurricanes and how to prepare for hurricane season is available online at <https://www.charleston.af.mil> under the "hurricane links" heading.



CLIP 'N SAVE: Charleston fast hurricane facts

Hurricanes are categorized by using the Saffir and Simpson Scale, which classifies the storms based on a variety of factors. According to the scale, hurricanes range from Category 1, the weakest, to Category 5, the most damaging.

Category 1: Winds of 74-95 mph, a surge of 4-5 feet and minimal damage potential

Category 2: Winds of 96-110 mph, a surge of 6-8 feet and moderate damage potential

Category 3: Winds of 111-130 mph, a surge of 9-12 feet and extensive damage potential

Category 4: Winds of 131-155 mph, a surge of 13-18 feet and extreme damage potential

Category 5: Winds of more than 155 mph, a surge of more than 18 feet and catastrophic damage potential

Charleston AFB has its own set of hurricane conditions for evacuation. If a hurricane is heading toward CAFB, look to the Commander's Access Channel 2, the marquee and information hotline at 963-3976 for current updates.

Charleston AFB Hurricane Conditions:

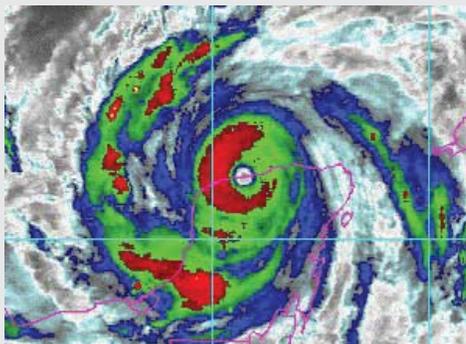
HURCON 4: Winds of 50 knots or more expected within 72 hours

HURCON 3: Winds of 50 knots or more expected within 48 hours

HURCON 2: Winds of 50 knots or more expected within 24 hours

HURCON 1: Winds of 50 knots or more expected within 12 hours

HURCON Black: Severe winds have passed; all personnel remain in shelters until mission essential personnel perform damage assessment.



All Clear: Destructive winds have passed

People who live on base may shelter in their houses unless ordered by the wing commander to evacuate. If ordered to evacuate the base, personnel must leave the local area. People who live off base may shelter in their homes or go to one of the following shelters:

Charleston County Evacuation Shelters

Lambs Elementary – 767-5900

North Charleston High – 745-7140

RD Schroder Middle – 889-2391

Stall High – 764-2200

AC Corcoran Elementary – 764-2218

Burns Elementary – 745-7113

CC Blaney Elementary – 889-3992

Hunley Park Elementary – 767-5914

Ronald McNair Elementary – 745-7107

Be sure to take a change of clothes, a few blankets and some perishable food items.

Every city has its own evacuation route. To find your specific route, log on to www.scdot.org and click on evacuation routes.

Once military personnel reach their evacuation site, whether evacuation was voluntary or mandatory, are required to call the Air Force Personnel Center Hurricane evacuation number at **1-800-435-9941**. Military personnel are encouraged to contact their first sergeants and commanders once they reach their destination location.

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.

"Head of State" – Chris Rock

When a presidential candidate dies unexpectedly, Washington, D.C., alderman, Mays Gilliam, a complete unknown, is thrust into the international spotlight of presidential politics. **(PG-13) 95 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

"Anger Management" – Adam Sandler

A mild-mannered businessman is wrongly accused of a crime and sentenced to an anger-management program. There he discovers his instructor is a psycho with his own serious anger-management problem and is probably the one man in the world capable of making his new student blow his lid. **(PG-13) 101 minutes.**

June 6, 7:30 p.m.

"Bulletproof Monk" – Seann William Scott

For 60 years a mysterious monk has traversed the globe protecting an ancient scroll. Now he must look for a new scroll keeper and save the world from evil. **(PG-13) 101 minutes**

SPORTS & FITNESS

Combat Camera defeats AMXS for fourth intramural volleyball title



Mark DePass, 1st Combat Camera Squadron, spikes the ball as Cristal Clay, Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, tries to block his shot.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber
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The 1st Combat Camera Squadron defeated the 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron 25-21, 25-21 Tuesday night to win the intramural volleyball base championship.

1CTCS, which won its fourth consecutive title, finished at 13-4, while AMXS was runner-up for the second year in a row and ended its season at 12-6.

"We never let them get ahead of us by more than two or three points," said Mark DePass, 1CTCS coach. "We can come back from that, but if you spot a team five or more points, it becomes a tough hole to get out of. Before the match started, I told everyone on the team to try and minimize their own individual mistakes. Of course, we all made mistakes at times, but we didn't make them in bunches."

DePass said his team's serving was instrumental in their victory.

"I think our serving was on the money, because it kept them from making too many good passes to their setter," he said.

The coach for AMXS didn't take the team's loss to heart.

"They (Combat Camera) are an excellent team with a lot of talent and depth," said AMXS coach Marc Disbrow, whose team had only six players. "We had a slow start in the first game, but we were ready in the second. Combat Camera just had too much talent against us tonight."

Seeded sixth, 1CTCS went undefeated in the eight-team, double-elimination tournament. They defeated the third-seeded Flyers 25-0, 25-19, the second-seeded Security Forces Squadron 25-19, 29-27 and AMXS 21-25, 25-18, 15-12.

On the other hand, fifth-seeded

AMXS defeated fourth-seeded Communications Squadron 25-23, 25-17 and top-seeded Logistics Readiness Squadron 25-18, 23-25, 15-13 before falling to 1CTCS in three games. AMXS topped CS 25-22, 25-18 to win the loser's bracket and the right for a rematch with 1CTCS.

The first game of the rematch featured five ties, the last at 13-13, and 1CTCS' biggest lead was four points. After a 7-3 run, 1CTCS took a 20-16 lead. 1CTCS player Mike Brown's spike assisted by Larry Simmons' set gave his team the first game 25-21.

In the second game 1CTCS held a narrow 11-10 lead before a 6-point spurt increased their lead to 17-10. Nate Smith's spike assisted by Larry Simmon's set gave 1CTCS its biggest lead at 21-13.

DePass said that 6-point spurt was the turning point in the match.

"Coming back from five or more points, especially late in the game is real tough in a rally point match," DePass said.

But AMXS rallied for four straight points to make it 21-17 on two spikes by Nate Zahn assisted by Alicia Bell and Cristal Clay, and two strong serves by Clay.

AMXS cut the lead to 24-21 before 1CTCS player Steve Pearsall's spike, assisted by Christine Brown's set, won the game 25-21 and match for Combat Camera.

"I don't care what level sport you play at, winning four championships in a row isn't easy," said DePass. "With each championship you put more and more pressure on yourselves, which is good, but it can also cause you to become your own worst enemy."

As they try for five titles in a row, about three-fourths of this year's championship squad plans to return for next season, DePass said.