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REMEMBER

Traveling Vietnam Wall comes to Charleston



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APPRECIATE

CAFB celebrates its volunteers April 18-24

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KICK OFF

Comm leads Navy Hosp before game canceled



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MISSION POSSIBLE

Charleston departures	4,703
Maintenance reliability	96.6%
Cargo moved (tons)	19,718
Personnel deployed	514
Reservists activated	750

(Jan. 1 to April 13, 2004)



Photo by Senior Airman Amy Perry

Mobility Week

Airman 1st Class Robert Everly, 437th Services Squadron Dining Facility assistant store manager, assumes the necessary posture while getting his gas mask fit-tested to keep his mobility records current. Next week, Team Charleston members will focus on receiving the latest Ability to Survive and Operate training and updating their mobility records. The push is to have everyone mobility-ready. Fit testing is open to deployable members, who can make appointments 963-3460.

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

Commander's Comments

Col. Brooks Bash
437 AW Commander

After several months away, I am glad to be back at Charleston AFB. Even halfway around the world, the great work of Team Charleston was evident, as Charleston warriors continue to operate at an incredible pace to safely move cargo, passengers and patients throughout the Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom areas of responsibility.

Special thanks to **Col. Wayne Schatz**, my vice commander, for so ably leading the wing in my absence. Though he has only been here a short while, he will shortly move to McChord AFB, Wash., to assume command of the 62nd Airlift Wing. Everyone is invited to a farewell luncheon for him at noon May 12 at the Charleston Club.



Recognition

We got good news from the American Society of Military Comptrollers, which recognizes outstanding performers throughout the Department of Defense. **Lt. Col. Robert Blue**, 437th Comptroller Squadron commander, was one of four installation-level comptrollers throughout DOD who earned meritorious recognition as fiscal 2003 Comptrollers of the Year. Well done!

Congratulations to **Capt. Harmon Lewis**, 437th Operations Group, and **Tech. Sgt. Terry Wright Jr.**, 16th Airlift Squadron, the 437th Airlift Wing nominees for the Gen. Dutch Huyser award. Each year, the "Huyser" is awarded to an Air Force pilot, navigator, flight engineer, loadmaster and boom operator for outstanding accomplishments. We also recognize **Capt. Stephen Snelson**, 16 AS, and **Tech. Sgt. Bradley Smith**, 437 OG, who are representing the wing in competition for the Airlift Tanker Association Young Leadership award. Congratulations to all our nominees, and all the best at the next level of competition.

A couple weekends ago, we sent a number of people to Savannah International Airport, Ga., to perform Interim Safety Board duties for the tragic crash of a T-6A Texan from Moody AFB, Ga. Thanks to **Lt. Col. Steve Dye**, 437 AW safety office; **Maj. (Dr.) Erick Kent**, 1st Lt. **Natalie**

Riley, Staff Sgt. **Jennifer Cutlip**, and **Airman 1st Class Andrea Tash**, all from the 437th Medical Group; **Capt. Brian Lewis**, 15th Airlift Squadron; and **Capt. Ryan White**, 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, for their quick professional response.

Around the base

We held a town hall meeting for residents of base housing Tuesday. This meeting was an opportunity to explain the planned reduction in on-base housing units. The DOD-driven change is designed to focus resources on the military mission, and to take advantage of the housing available in the surrounding community. We will phase in this initiative in a way that minimizes disruption to current base housing residents. I encourage anyone who has questions or concerns to read the article on page 7, or contact our base housing office at 963-3859.

Today at 3 p.m., join your friends from around the base in the "Catch a Shooting Star" fun run. Let's see if we can get more than 500 people out there, and break the current participation record. Runners and walkers crossing the finish line will receive a free stopwatch.

Next week is Volunteer Appreciation Week, when we take special note of the contributions of the numerous volunteers who keep this base running smoothly. When you enjoy the benefits of the Family Support Center, consignment shop, pharmacy, and a host of other offices, you are probably being served, directly or indirectly, by someone who volunteers their time. Check out page 12 and 13 for more on the volunteers who help keep Team Charleston running. One shining example is **Margui Cohen** who helps with the base Consignment Shop, the Echo House, and the Chapel – all with a young family at home to care for. Thank you! I would like to extend my personal thanks to all of our active duty, spouse, retiree and other volunteers who help make CAFB simply the best!

We also honor our administrative professionals Wednesday. Whether you take part in the special luncheon at the Charleston Club at noon Wednesday, or opt for another way to recognize your administrative professionals, please be sure to thank them for their service.

Mission

Many of the 17th Airlift Squadron's people returned from a three-month deployment to Rhein-Main AB, Germany, yesterday. As we welcome them home, and thank the other flying squadrons for filling in the gaps in their absence, we also keep in our thoughts the families of more than 500 people still deployed from here. Thank you all for the sacrifices you have made, and continue to make.

Again, let there be no doubt that I am pleased to be back at beautiful Charleston AFBAPS wins AF award the base has never looked better and you should all take great pride in our world class facilities. Continue the great work, and continue to accomplish the mission **safely**. Team Charleston truly has a winning combination – one family, one mission, one fight!

Action line caller asks about speeding in housing

Q: In the two years we've lived on base, we've always had problems with speeding in our housing area. My husband and I have twin 2-year-olds, so speeding down our road has been a major concern. Today's when I was out getting my mail with my daughter a woman talking on the cell phone drove past me and my daughter at a high speed. If my 2-year-old daughter had decided to bolt, the woman would not have had time to react. I did not get her license plate number because when I saw her coming fast I grabbed my daughter. I've had enough of the speeding!

When we first moved here, we voiced our concerns to the security forces and they said they would drive by a little more. People who speed need to start getting tickets and losing on-base driving privileges. The security forces do a good

job on the major roads on this base. Now I think it's time to crack down on the problems in residential areas, so children on this base can be safe.

A: Thank you for your email concerning speeding in base housing. Your letter provides an important reminder to all would-be speeders. Speeding continues to be a problem in many areas on base. Our security forces, charged with defending the base, also aggressively patrol the base for law enforcement. Several articles and reminders to obey posted speed limits have been published in the base paper, and security forces will increase patrol coverage of your area.

More importantly, I want to use this opportunity to remind every Airman, civilian, and family member of Team Charleston that each of us plays an integral role in protecting each other's lives and property. Anyone

can assist in identifying violators, by calling the Security Forces Control Center at 963-3600. If you observe a violation, please note the type of vehicle, license plate, time and location. Thank you again for highlighting this safety concern.

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.

A good 'IDEA'

Airmen's innovation key to Air Force future

By **Capt. Colin Huckins**
437AW Manpower deputy chief

Everyone reading this article can make a difference! How many times have you thought of a better way to complete your tasks or had an idea for a better or cheaper tool that would accomplish the same goals? Or maybe you have thought of an entirely original idea. Many times these usually fleeting thoughts could turn out to have a much larger impact than you may realize on your squadron, wing, or the entire Air Force. Throughout history, the Air Force has been on the cutting edge of technology and innovation. It is Air Force people, from the youngest Airmen to general officers, who will keep us there.

People never act on many innovative ideas because they are too busy or simply don't know how to go about raising their suggestion to a level that can do something about it. Obviously, most established processes and procedures have undergone a great deal of testing and exist for a reason, so it's not up to us to arbitrarily do as we feel is right, make a personal change to a tech order, or skip steps. But the Air Force has a system to let your suggestions be heard right from your own computer.

Proving that it encourages and desperately wants to hear from experts in every field, the Air Force created a built-in program for this very reason. Who better to provide insightful feedback than those who put to use the processes, tools, machines, and weapons of our service daily? This is exactly why the Air Force fielded the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness Program, commonly known as the IDEA Program. The IDEA Program is an incentive-based program developed to reward submitters for their approved ideas that benefit the government by streamlining processes or improving/increasing productivity and efficiency. It recognizes individuals for tangible benefits that provide hard

worth repeating

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dollar savings for the improvement and intangible benefits such as improving morale or working conditions. In short, the Air Force values your expertise so much that they are willing to pay you for your recommendations. As a matter of fact, in some cases, they may pay you up to \$10,000.

Who can submit an idea, you ask? All Air Force military members and federal civilian employees, Air Force Academy cadets, Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets, Air Force Reserve personnel on active duty orders, including individual mobility augmentees, Air National Guard Title 5 USC employees, and direct-hire non-U.S. citizen employees may submit ideas and are all eligible for monetary awards. Private citizens, non-appropriated fund personnel, contractor personnel, retired personnel (unless the idea was submitted before they retired), and Air National Guard Title 32 military members may also submit ideas, however, they are not eligible for monetary awards.

Innovation and the responsibility to keep the U.S. Air Force the No. 1 Air Force in the world does not rest solely on teams of engineers at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, or test pilots at Edwards AFB, Calif. It is every Airman's responsibility to look for a better way, to put their training and experience to use for the improvement of the service and, ultimately, the defense of this country we love. After all, where would

the Air Force be today without the Billy Mitchells and Jimmy Doolittles of our distinguished history? So the next time you find yourself falling into a rut of running the same processes, fixing the same equipment, or processing the same paperwork for the umpteenth-millionth time, ask yourself, "Is there a better way to be doing this?" For as Nolan Bushnell, the founder of Atari, once said, "Everyone who has ever taken a shower has had an idea. It's the person who gets out of the shower, dries off, and does something about it that makes a difference." For more information on the IDEA Program and other process improvement programs, call Master Sgt. Jessica Mason at 963-6481, or go to https://ideas.randolph.af.mil/pls/ipds/dv_home_page.

CAFB IDEAs

The follow Team Charleston members earned money from their ideas in the past four years:

- Master Sgt. Jon Newsom, 315th Maintenance Squadron, received \$10,000 for replacing the sleeve assembly of the aerial refueling receptacle

- Senior Airman Michael Morris, 17th Airlift Squadron, received \$10,000 for elimination of the C-17A pallet bumper

- Staff Sgt. Anthony Johnson, 437th Operations Support Squadron, received \$10,000 for the elimination of the right ADS rail bridge assembly

- Tech. Sgt. John Vallance, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron, earned \$3,338 for the recycling of used electric transformers

- Carl Barton, 437th Maintenance Squadron, received \$688 for the use of a drain removal tool

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APS loads up on Air Force-level awards

By Senior Airman Amy Perry
437 AW Public Affairs

The Air Force recently recognized the 437th Aerial Port Squadron as the best in the service, naming it the Large Air Terminal of the Year for 2003.

In addition, Maj. John Pepin, 437 APS operations officer, won the 2003 Col. Cynthia L. Benulis Air Force Logistics Readiness Field Grade Officer of the Year.

The award validates Air Mobility Command's previous recognition of Charleston's aerial port, according to Lt. Col. Vic Sowers, 437th Mission Support Group deputy commander. In 2003, the Tanker Airlift Control Center gave the squadron a Crystal Globe award for unprecedented outstanding performance.

"It's great to see Air Force-level recognition for the tremendous work our aerial porters did in this past year," Colonel Sowers said. "Our aerial port was well-led and had a record-setting year, and they're keeping up the pace now. These are certainly well-deserved awards."

As the 437 APS was ramping up stage operations for Operation Iraqi Freedom early in 2003, they got an unexpected workload increase when a President's Day weekend snowstorm collapsed a cargo warehouse roof at Dover AFB, Del. AMC diverted much of the cargo flowing through that port to Charleston AFB, leading to nearly eight times the typical cargo export load here.

In addition to eclipsing local records for cargo movement, 437 APS crushed the previous AMC channel cargo record, moving more than 15,000 tons in one month, and setting a record of 842 tons moved in a single 24-hour period.

As the squadron's operations officer, Major Pepin was credited with leading much of the day-to-day effort at the port and made an impact around the globe, according to Lt. Col. Kevin Brewer, 437 APS commander. Prior to hostilities in Iraq, Major Pepin coordinated with the U.S. Army to move a task force charged with training Iraqi exiles who were crucial in OIF's early stages. After the war, he ensured smooth movement of helicopters used for se-

curity for Ambassador L. Paul Bremer, the U.S. civilian administrator in Iraq.

The major is quick to give credit for his award to the rest of the squadron.

"We've got truly talented, motivated and dedicated people in the squadron, and I'm proud of their past accomplishments and the work they continue to do," Major Pepin said. "Both of these awards are really all about the Airmen and civilians who put their heart and soul into moving missions."

"Not only did we move record amounts of cargo, we did it while about 50 percent of our squadron was deployed," Colonel Brewer said.

To keep the mission moving, the squadron effortlessly absorbed more than 700 augmentees over the course of the year, with about 40 different active duty and Reserve units represented primarily from Charleston's 81st and 38th Aerial Port Squadrons, he said. "Our folks quickly integrated augmentees into the team, and were quick to respond when we got new direction. They continue to come up with creative ways to get the job done."

Speeders, spaniels, stolen stereo spur stats

The following are some of the responses by 437th Security Forces from April 2 to Sunday and are printed to raise awareness of resource protection and safety. Anyone with information regarding these, or any other incidents, can call security forces at 963-3600.

Vehicle Accidents

- A vehicle struck a star barrier at the commissary gate.
- A vehicle parked at Building 68 was reported scratched.
- A vehicle struck another vehicle in the medical clinic parking lot.
- A vehicle struck the overhang on a gate shack.

Traffic violations

- There were 25 traffic violations: 16 for speeding; six for failure to stop at a posted stop sign; one for following too close; one for failing to properly secure a child in a car seat; and one for failure to maintain lane.
- A civilian contractor was cited for driving on a suspended license and driving under the influence.
- A civilian was stopped for speeding and it was discovered he was driving without a license. The driver's base driving privileges were suspended.
- A civilian was stopped coming on base with an expired and suspended license. The Charles-

ton County Sheriff's Office issued the driver a \$1,760 fine and set a court date.

Crime watch

- Security Forces responded to two verbal domestic disturbances.
- A 16-year-old family member used a credit card, inadvertently left in a base ATM machine, to withdraw \$100. The juvenile then threw the card away. He stated he later used the money to purchase movie tickets and marijuana.
- A 3-year-old family member was bitten by a stray Cocker Spaniel. The child was not seriously injured and the dog was transported by animal control.
- A juvenile family member was detained for shoplifting \$214 worth of jewelry and video games from the base exchange.
- A technical sergeant was driving down Hill Blvd. when he ran off the road. He was cited for crossing the center line and driving while impaired.
- A red 8-by-5 utility trailer was stolen from the construction area holding lot on Alaska Ave.
- A 61-inch RCA TV was stolen from a first floor dormitory

dayroom, along with a box of toilet paper and a 40-gallon box of trash bags from the supply closet. Two ceiling tiles, a vending machine and an ice machine were also damaged.

■ A stereo was reported missing from another dormitory dayroom.

■ A local community civilian was sitting along the fence line off base watching aircraft take off. A background check came up with warrants for his arrest, and local police took him to county jail.

■ A retiree was detained for shoplifting \$126.96 worth of merchandise from the base exchange. CCSO responded, issued a \$1,087 fine, and transported the individual to the Charleston County detention center.

■ A local community civilian ran the Hunley Park gate, fled capture and jumped a fence to get off Hunley Park. A search of the vehicle and surrounding area discovered a small amount of cocaine and drug paraphernalia.

■ A family member was detained for shoplifting \$34.95 worth of electronics from the base exchange.

DUI Statistics

Last incident: 4 days

2004 total: 5

2003 total: 8

Members receiving a Driving Under Influence must report to the wing commander the following duty day in full service dress accompanied by their supervisor, first sergeant and squadron commander.

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6 saves this week
Charleston AFB's Airman Against Drunk Driving offers free, confidential rides home.

Base housing downsizing over next 11 years

By 2nd Lt. Kristy Miller
437 AW Public Affairs

Team Charleston will see a reduction in the number of houses on base over the next 11 years.

The reduction stems from the latest Department of Defense Housing Requirements and Market Analysis study.

The study showed a surplus of base housing at military installations worldwide, including Charleston AFB. The Office of the Secretary of Defense and Air Force have agreed on an accelerated schedule to bring all required Air Force housing up to modern standards, and decrease the number of base housing units.

Throughout Air Mobility Command, there will be a 36 percent reduction in base housing. The HRMA determined only 530 of the current 1,276 housing units at CAFB are actually needed.

"The important thing to know is this is a very gradual process, and

we will be doing it in a planned and organized way," said Lt. Col. Vic Sowers, 437th Mission Support Group deputy commander. "No one is going to get kicked out of their house next week or next month."

The cost of maintaining base housing is tremendous, and by eliminating unneeded housing units, the base saves taxpayer dollars, said Colonel Sowers.

"It is actually more cost-efficient for military personnel to live off base and be paid the basic allowance for housing than it is for us to maintain the housing units," Colonel Sowers said. "We spend an estimated \$2 million every year to maintain the units we have now. When we eventually get down to 530 units, it will cost roughly \$500,000 in maintenance per year."

The Secretary of Defense's guidance has always been that military members rely on the local community outside the base for housing first, and whatever the

surrounding community cannot provide is then provided on base.

Every three years, the HRMA surveys the local community to determine its ability to support military members and their families. The most recent HRMA surveyed a larger area of the surrounding community than past studies did.

According to Debby Carlton, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron Housing Flight chief, the past HRMA only surveyed areas within a 30-minute drive to the base, where the last HRMA expanded to include areas within an hour commute, in accordance with DOD guidelines.

Since the study covered a larger area, it increased the available off-base housing considered, which lowers the number of required houses on base.

Officials say even though it seems like a drastic reduction, base housing residents shouldn't worry.

One way the housing office is

reducing the stress of downsizing of housing is by keeping houses empty after families move out.

"If we find it necessary to have anyone move, we will try to relocate them on base," said Mrs. Carlton. "Everything is considered on a case-by-case basis."

On-base housing is required to be able to accommodate 10 percent of each grade and key and essential personnel.

Mrs. Carlton said despite the reduction, requirements for getting base housing will not change.

"Everyone who was eligible before will still be eligible," she said. "It will just be a matter of waiting on the list. The wait might get longer, but the requirements won't change."

By fiscal 2007, CAFB is expected to be down to 726 adequate housing units on base, which will meet DOD mandates. It is projected that by fiscal 2020, there will be 530 remaining on-base housing units that meet all Air Force standards.

Top-notch

CAFB facilities earn 3 Air Force design awards

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILL. – Three Air Mobility Command design projects at Charleston AFB captured top honors as best in the Air Force during the 2004 U.S. Air Force Design and Construction Awards.

In the Planning Studies and Design Guides category, AMC captured a Citation Award for the command's Warm Weather Gates Design Studies for Charleston AFB, S.C., McChord AFB, Wash., Pope AFB, N.C., and Travis AFB, Calif.

The command earned a second Citation Award in the Planning Studies and Design Guides category with the Charleston (AFB) 2020 project.

In the Interior Design category, AMC also earned a Merit Award for the Charleston Dining Hall project.

Charleston 2020 project

The Charleston 2020 project was designed to prepare "visionary design concepts" for several Charleston Military Construction projects that, according to the award narrative, will have a major impact on the physical development of the base. The development of the Charleston 2020 project involved identification and evaluation of baseline planning and design factors, and plan development for each military construction project. The base will apply recommendations generated by the Charleston 2020 project to



Courtesy graphic

The Warm Weather Gates Design Study earned a Citation award in the Planning Studies and Design Guides category in the 2004 Air Force Design and Construction awards. The gates will start construction mid-2004 here.

specific programming and design once funded. Parsons of Midlothian, Va., designed the project.

Charleston AFB Dining Hall

Glick/Boehm & Associates, Inc., of Charleston, S.C., designed the Charleston AFB dining hall project as a centerpiece to the base's newly redeveloped dormitory community area. The dining facility is oriented with its service side to

the street and with dining areas that offer views of the dormitory campus area. According to the award narrative, Charleston officials and dining facility patrons are "extremely satisfied with the siting of the building and its architecture." The new facility provides for 630 patrons with a minimum seating of 250, parking and service areas, and 180-degree patron access from the dormitory area. Construction was completed in March 2001.

Warm Weather Gates Design Study

AMC's Warm Weather Gates Design Study involves seven entry gates at four warm-weather AMC bases where security forces require protection from harsh weather. The plan calls for canopies that span all incoming lanes, lane modifications, enclosures for security forces personnel and two stacked identification check stations.

The Air Force established the design awards program in 1976 to recognize and promote design excellence.

Before competing at Air Force level, a panel of professional architects and engineers assigned to AMC's Civil Engineering Directorate reviewed each AMC entry. AMC forwarded 19 entries to Air Force-level design competition. **(Air Mobility Command News Service)**

CAFB continues high ops despite runway closure

By 1st Lt. Shaloma McGovern
437 AW Public Affairs

Charleston AFB's Runway 15/33 closed from Tuesday to May 3 for construction.

The closure of the main runway is part of phase III of the Taxiway Echo project to pave and insert airfield lighting.

Contractors have completed the demolition and removal of old taxiway pavement and the edge lighting system, and have begun to pave the new taxiway surface.

"There are special safety requirements to consider whenever construction activities are conducted within 200 feet of the runway centerline," said Larry Gill, 437th Operation Support Squadron airfield manager. "In order to reduce the risk of an aircraft mishap or incident, that runway is closed to all aircraft operations."

Due to planning, no major disruptions are expected, but people may see a few changes.

"As with any construction project,

some level of disturbance to operations may occur," said Mr. Gill. "Because of this, Charleston will lose its CAT II instrument landing system capability. During inclement weather, delays and cancellations could be expected. Careful consideration and planning went into this project in order to minimize any impact to civil and military operations."

Planning construction activities requires a great deal of foresight and a little luck, according to Gill. The airfield management team, along with other agencies including weather, current operations, contracting, Charleston County Aviation Authority and the Federal Aviation Authority, determined it would be best to schedule the runway closure after Easter and before the May 22 air show.

"The runway closure has been in planning for the last year," said Bill New, director of public safety and airside operations for CCAA. "We have had station manager meetings once a month for the past year. Due to the amount of planning and



Photo by Airman 1st Class Darnell Cannady

A construction worker breaks up part of a taxiway near Runway 15/33, Charleston AFB's main runway. It will be closed until May 3. Construction work close to the runway necessitates runway closure.

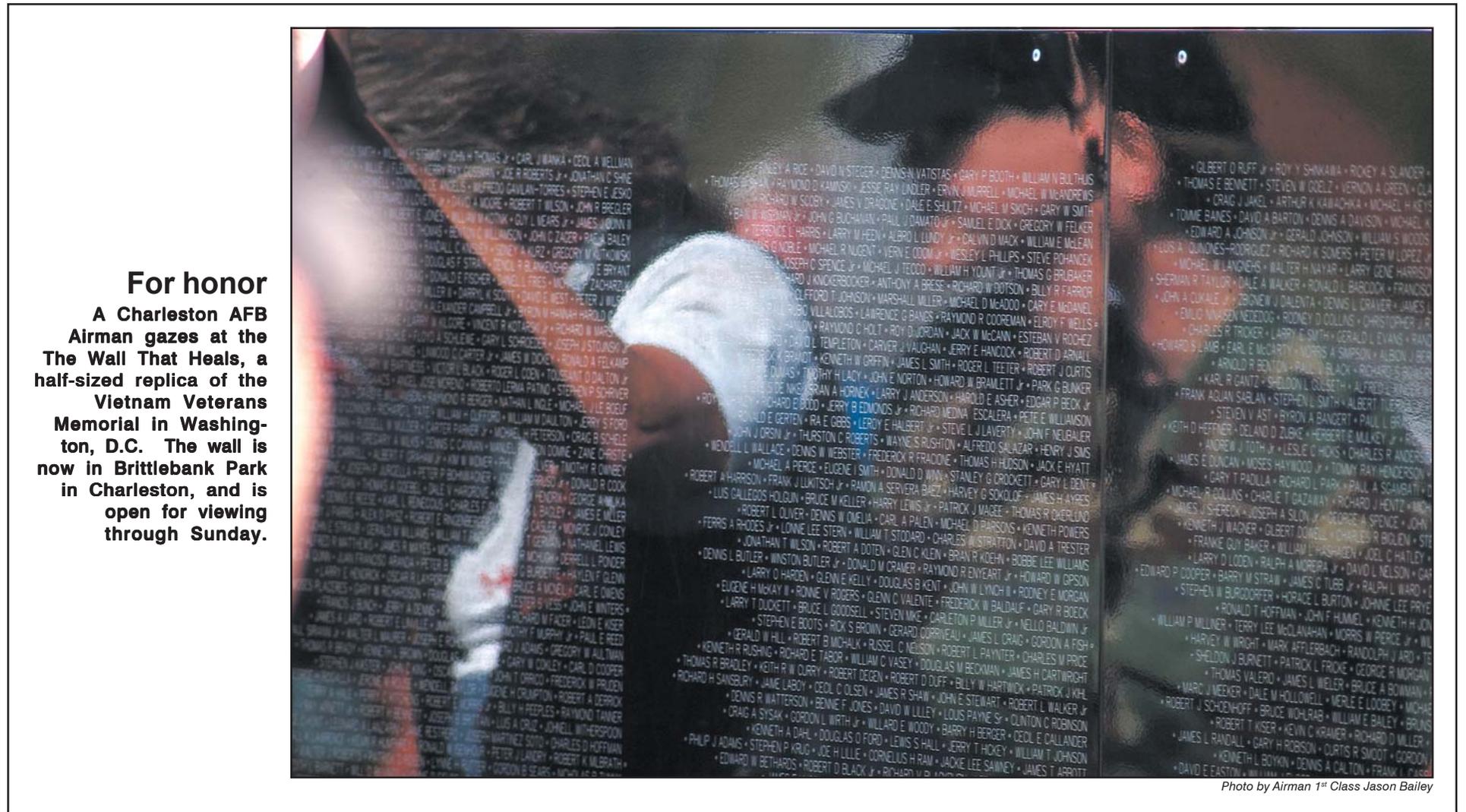
coordination we are expecting no adverse impact."

Airfield management works closely with CCAA and Charleston Air Traffic Control to minimize the impact on aircraft operations during construction activities. There has been no impact to military contract flights due to the working relationship between Airfield Management and the civilian counter-

parts, according to Mr. Gill.

The construction is not expected to affect commercial flights.

"The airlines have been planning for the reconstruction of the runway for the better part of a year," said Mr. New. "They have prepared to make the necessary adjustments needed to continue operations. There are no delays expected with the exception of weather."



For honor

A Charleston AFB Airman gazes at the The Wall That Heals, a half-sized replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The wall is now in Brittlebank Park in Charleston, and is open for viewing through Sunday.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

Spotlight

Retirement: The 437th Maintenance Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. John Tollison at 3 p.m. today in the Hangar 700 breakroom. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tim Bucholz at 963-7054.

Around the base

Commander's fun run: The "Catch a shooting star" commander's fun run is set for 3 p.m. today in front of the Sports and Fitness Center.

Healing Wall: "The Wall That Heals," a miniature traveling Vietnam Wall hosted by the Heritage Motorcycle Rally and Vietnam Veterans of America, is at Brittlebank Park in Charleston until Sunday. For more information, call 762-7566.

Professional luncheon: Celebrate Administrative Professional Day at noon Wednesday at the Charleston Club. The cost is \$11 for members and \$13 nonmembers. For more information or to reserve tickets by the close of business today, call 963-3201.

Enlisted Heritage golf tourney: The Enlisted Heritage council is set to sponsor a golf tournament at 8:30 a.m. April 23 at the Wrenwoods Golf Course. The tournament will be captain's choice. The registration fee is \$20 plus green fees. Mulligans will be sold three for \$5. Beverages are provided and a barbecue lunch will be served immediately following the tournament. For more information, or to sign up, call Master

FSC Events

The Family Support Center offers the following workshops:

■ A Family Readiness class is from 3 to 4 p.m. Monday.

■ A Resume II writing seminar is at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Tuesday.

■ A Transition Assistance Program briefing is from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

For more information, or to sign up, call 963-4406.

Charleston Warrior of the Week

Airman 1st Class Michelle Houston 15th Airlift Squadron

Airman 1st Class Michelle Houston is a C-17 loadmaster for the 15th Airlift Squadron. Her primary duties include performing as a combat-ready loadmaster in planning and executing airland and airdrop missions in support of the White House, State Department, Joint Chief of Staff, Unified and Specified Commands and combatant commanders.

"The best part about my job is the traveling I get to do. It's great to go to different countries with different cultures to explore. It's wonderful being just an Airman getting the chance to experience so much, so fast."

The Philadelphia, PA native came to Charleston AFB after joining the Air Force more than two years ago to increase her education without going into debt or having her family do it for her.

In the future, Airman Houston hopes to pursue law school through an Air Force program. She attends Park University where she is pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice.

In her spare time, she is a volunteer with the Big Brother Big Sister program and member of the First Six program.

"Airman Houston has the energy and dedication that is essential to excel in the military and as an aircrew member," said Senior Master Sgt. David Grieves, 15 AS loadmaster superintendent. "She has excelled at being a C-17 loadmaster, and thrives on the challenges that are presented day in and day out flying in and out of Iraq and Afghanistan. During her personal time, which is few and far between, she is completing her education with an eye on possibly becoming a lawyer. She is an example for both young and old Airmen to emulate. Her integrity and work ethic are traits that make her stand out and shine."



Photo by 1st Lt. Shaloma McGovern

Sgt. Michael Van Sant at 963-4436.

Beaufort Air Show: Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort will host a free, annual air show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 24 through April 25 in Beaufort, S.C. The event is open to the public. For more information, go to <http://www.beaufortairshow.com>.

Quarterly Awards: The quarterly awards ceremony is 3 p.m. April 27 at the Charleston Club.

Love & Respect Seminar: Charleston AFB chapel will host love and respect seminar 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. April 30 at the Sheraton Hotel in North Charleston and at 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 1. This seminar is \$20 per couple. Childcare will be provided. For more information, or to sign up, call the chapel at 963-2536.

Wives of Warriors: Charleston

AFB chapel will host a free wives of warriors seminar 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. May 7 at the base chapel and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 8. Registration begins at 6 p.m. May 7. To sign up call, 963-2536.

Math prep: A free math College Level Examination Program preparatory class will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 10 to 12 at the Education Center to prepare for the general math exam. Students who complete this class will take the exam on May 13. Individuals must sign up in person for this class and must confirm their seat no later than noon May 7. For more information, call 963-4575.

Farewell luncheon: The 437th Airlift Wing hosts a farewell luncheon for Col. Wayne Schatz, 437 AW vice commander, at noon May 12 at the Charleston Club. The cost

is \$9 for members and \$11 for non-club members. Reservations must be received no later than May 7. For more information, or to reserve a seat, call 963-5476.

Operational security tip: Never walk away from a computer without locking it. It only takes a minute to protect critical information and the integrity of the base intranet.

Military discount program: Various local stores and attractions throughout the Lowcountry Charleston Chamber of Commerce offers military discounts. For a detailed list of specific vendors, go to: <http://www.charlestonchamber.net>.

Antiterrorism tip: Be suspicious of objects left in common areas or unexpected packages.

Software helps Airmen track fitness progress

WASHINGTON – The Air Force recently released a tool to help Airmen keep track of their fitness efforts.

The Air Force Fitness Management System is available to all Airmen through the Air Force Portal. The system provides a history of their fitness scores and allows unit fitness managers to enter new scores.

The system will keep a history of each Airman's fitness scores. The data is not stored on paper in an Airman's record or even on a computer at an Airman's installation, but rather in an Air Force-wide database. This allows fitness scores to travel with Airmen automatically as they change stations. **(Air Force Print News)**

Thrift Savings Plan opens April 15-June 30

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas – Civilian and military employees can sign up for or change their Thrift Savings Plan contribution amounts during the open season April 15 to June 30.

The plan offers investors the chance for lower taxes each year they contribute, while not having to pay taxes on earnings until they reach retirement.

Contribution allocations can be made by calling the automated ThriftLine at (504) 255-8777 or on the Web at <http://www.tsp.gov/>. For general questions, call the Air Force contact center at (800) 616-3775. **(Air Force Personnel Center)**

Officers leaving career plans to chance

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas – Recent statistics show a significant percentage of Air Force officers have not completed or updated the mandatory form detailing future assignments and development opportunities.

The Transitional Officer Development Plan went into effect in November, and so far more than 30 percent of officers, lieutenant colonel and below, have not completed

the form, officials said.

While the form is similar to the old "preference worksheet," there are differences. It requires officers to consider long-range career plans and goals, not just their next assignment preferences, officials said.

To fill out a form, officers must log on to the Assignment Management System at: <https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm>. **(Air Force Print News)**

Air Force recognized for superior ethics program

WASHINGTON – The Air Force was recognized at the Pentagon for outstanding achievement in developing and managing its ethics program.

The program is one of 12 federal programs recognized this year. Selection was based on a review dur-

ing 2003. Experts found the Air Force way of doing things went beyond what was expected of federal agencies.

"We have to have people willing to participate in the program who will understand that the program is designed to help them and to help the US Air Force," Secretary of the Air Force James Roche said. "Ethics is a philosophy of how you do your business and how you deal with people and how you view your responsibilities. When there is an ethical lapse by any one of us, it hurts and taints us all." **(Air Force Print News)**

New special-duty assignment process

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas – Enlisted assignments division officials at the Air Force Personnel

Center here unveiled a new assignment process to account for many special-duty jobs now being coded as maximum tour assignments in the continental United States.

The majority of those affected include: recruiters, military training instructors, military training leaders, technical training instructors, Air Education and Training Command's professional military education instructors and people assigned to joint or department agencies.

Airmen can go to the Assignment Management System online to see the assignment listings at <https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm>.

For more information, Airmen can contact the local military personnel flight at 963-4515 or call the Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775. **(Air Force Print News)**



Photo by Alan Hawes, Post and Courier

Unpacking the goods

Air Force personnel forward deployed in Balad, Iraq, offload an Army Blackhawk helicopter from a C-17 Globemaster III.

Command Performance

Dorm residents must live up to expectations

By Senior Master Sgt. Willie Coleman
437 CESunaccompanied housing superintendent

Many Team Charleston members call the dormitory home and just like any other home in anyplace America there are certain expectations of the residents and of the neighbors. For any community to be successful, everyone must know what's expected of them. At Charleston AFB, it's important all our dorm residents take a stake in their neighborhood. The rules we must live by in our Air Force dormitories are governed by Air Force directives and state laws. Several instances in recent history that necessitate a revisit to the rules and reiterate expectations.

Some specific areas to be aware of:

■ **Individual rooms:** Basic occupant responsibilities are to adhere to rules prohibiting items such as animals, automobile parts, weapons and hot plates, to name a few. Cleanliness of individual rooms is a must for safety and health reasons. Dirty or messy rooms can, and usually do, affect other residents by attracting unwanted pests.

■ **Common areas:** These consist of dayrooms, game rooms, weight rooms, balconies, stairways and parking lots. During weekends and

holidays, these areas seem to get particularly trashed. Remember, these areas are for you – please keep them clean and in good repair. If you witness any misuse or blatant disregard for property, please notify security forces, your first sergeant or the respective dorm manager.

■ **Abandoned or dilapidated vehicles** in the parking lots have become common. Vehicle repairs can not be done in the dormitory area or parking lots. This work must be accomplished in the Auto Hobby Shop or at an off-base auto repair facility. Abandoned vehicles will be towed and stored at owner's expense.

■ **Although a no-smoking policy** went into effect Jan. 1, there are still residents who smoke in individual rooms and common areas. These individuals may believe air fresheners and fragrance sprays will disguise the odor, but this is not true. If you witness blatant disregard of this policy, please notify your first sergeant and the respective dorm manager.

■ **The single-most frequent occurrence** in the dormitories recently has been underage drinking. The legal age for drinking is 21. If you are under 21, it is illegal for you to drink.

■ **Report inappropriate behavior, vandalism and theft.** When items are stolen or damaged in the dorm areas, everyone suffers a loss.

Chapel schedule



107 Arthur Drive
Office: Monday-Friday, 9 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* - 4:15 p.m. Reconciliation, 5 p.m. Mass. *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Mass, 9:30 a.m. Children's Church. Sacrament of Baptism pre-baptismal classes are held the first Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. Daily Mass is from 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

Protestant Services: *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Bldg. 245, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service and 11 a.m. Children's Church. *Sunday* - 5 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service. *Wednesday* - noon Protestant Bible Study.

For information on other faith groups, call the Base Chapel at 963-2536.

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 the start of the 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.
"Starsky & Hutch" – Ben Stiller

Based on the popular 1970s cop show of the same name. Ken "Hutch" Hutchinson and Dave Starsky are a tough pair of plain clothes cops who drive a red and white Ford Torino and solve cases with the assistance of their informant, Huggy Bear. While investigating their latest case, the duo realize that the culprit is none other than Reese Feldman, the criminal involved in their first bust. **(PG-13) 100 minutes**

Saturday, 2 p.m.
"Agent Cody Banks" – Frankie Muniz

The teen spy returns to Kamp Woody for more CIA training before moving to London as a foreign-exchange student. But as his new mentor informs him, he's really there for another assignment, assisted by a new female junior agent. **(PG) 100 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
"Hidalgo" – Viggo Mortensen

A 3,000 mile survival race across the Arabian Desert is restricted to the finest Arabian horses ever bred, the purest and noblest lines, owned by the greatest families. **(PG-13) 136 minutes**

WELLNESS TIP

Saving your skin ...

About 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer during their lifetime

A The risk is highest among fair-skinned people, and men are more likely than women to develop skin cancer.

B Skin cancer is caused by ultraviolet radiation and is 100 percent curable if treated promptly.

C Most common warning signs: a change on the skin, a new growth, or a sore that doesn't heal.

D Lessen the risk with sunscreen, SPF -15 to 30, wear a hat and appropriate clothing, and avoid mid-day sun.

E For more information on skin cancer, visit the National Cancer Institute Web site at <http://www.cancer.gov/cancerinfo/types/skin>.

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Intramural soccer in full swing

Photo left: Greg Gannon, Navy Hospital member, dodges past defenders on his way to the goal. Photo right: Martin Farjado, Navy hospital, tries to steal the ball from Comm squadron player XXXX XXXX during a match April 8. The game was rescheduled due to lightning, with Comm leading 3-0.

Aerobic Fitness Classes

Tae Kwon Do costs \$40 per month. Other classes are free.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	BodySculpting <i>Pam</i> 9-10 a.m.	Variety Hour <i>Jamie</i> 9-10 a.m.	BodySculpting <i>Pam</i> 9-10 a.m.		Fitness Yoga <i>Micaela</i> 9-10 a.m.
Tae Kwon Do <i>Mr. Kim</i> 11 a.m. - noon	Tae Kwon Do <i>Mr. Kim</i> 11 a.m. - noon	Tae Kwon Do <i>Mr. Kim</i> 11 a.m. - noon	Tae Kwon Do <i>Mr. Kim</i> 11 a.m. - noon		
	Boot Camp <i>Denese</i> 12:05-1:05 p.m.	Yoga <i>Nefesh</i> 12:05-1:05 p.m.	Step and Abs <i>Denese</i> 12:05-1:05 p.m.	Yoga <i>Nefesh</i> 12:05-1:05 p.m.	
	Cardio <i>Chiquet</i> 4:30-5:30 p.m.			Anything goes <i>Denese</i> 4:30-5:30 p.m.	
Fitness Fusion <i>Barbara</i> 5-6 p.m.		Fitness Fusion <i>Barbara</i> 5-6 p.m.			
Inter/Adv Sports Cond. <i>Susan</i> 6-7 p.m.		Step N Sculpt <i>Ann</i> 6-7 p.m.			

Sports Shorts

Basketball: Intramural Basketball play-offs finished April 7 in a two-game championship series with CES beating AMXS 1 in the final game, 58-51.

Racquetball playoffs: Racquetball play-offs begin at 5:30 p.m. Monday. Games are set for 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday; 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday; 5:30 on April 26; and the championship game at 5:30 on April 27. Look in the April 23 edition of the *Airlift Dispatch* for an update on the games and playoff brackets.

Softball: Intramural softball season opens April 27. Look in future editions of the *Airlift Dispatch* for game times. For more information, see squadron sports representatives or call the sports office at 963-4321.

Indoor cycling: Indoor cycling classes are offered Mondays through Saturdays at the Fitness and Sports Center. For more information or times of classes, call the Fitness and Sports Center at 963-3347.