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Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

New way to rescue

Senior Airman John Miele, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, puts together an oxygen tank in front of the Fire Department's brand-new P-28 Heavy Rescue Vehicle. The new rescue truck is three times as large and holds much more equipment than their old rescue vehicle. The rescue vehicle holds equipment for first aid, vehicle extrication, ventilation, confined space and high-angle rescue.

PUNISHMENT

Team Charleston Airmen receive Article 15s

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BEST FOR KIDS

Boys & Girls Club names Youth Center best in S.C.

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MISSION POSSIBLE!

Charleston departures
Maintenance reliability
Cargo moved (tons)

6,374
96%
23,236

Personnel deployed
Reservists activated
(Jan. 1 to April 27, 2004)

317
747

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



Hello Team Charleston! We recognized the best of the best in the year's first Quarterly Awards ceremony Tuesday. Congratulations to all the nominees — you have been singled out by your units for outstanding service, and for that service we thank you. Rising to the top this quarter were: **Airman 1st Class Candice Reffitt**, 437th Medical Group; **Tech. Sgt. John Andrews**, 437th Maintenance Group; **Master Sgt. Edward Swinson**, 437th Mission Support Group; **1st Lt. Micaela Brancato**, 437 MXG; **Capt. Kenneth Strickland**, 437th Operations Group; **Airman 1st Class Jorge Vargas**, 437 MXG, as Honor Guard member of the quarter; **Sylvester Ezell**, 437 MSG, Category I civilian; and **Conny Shoultz**, 437 MDG, Category II civilian. We also recognized **Richard Gilbert**, 437 MDG, as our volunteer of the quarter. Congratulations to all our winners.

Additionally, kudos to **Lt. Col. Matthew Whelan**, 437 OG, who was chosen as our nominee for the General P.K. Carlton Award for Valor, an annual award recognizing an aircrew member who exhibits extraordinary valor in the line of duty. We look forward to command-level recognition of Colonel Whelan's role leading Special Operations Low Level II missions during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

With a change of command May 7, the time has come for Team Charleston to say farewell to **Col. Bill Bender**, 437 OG commander, and his family. On Colonel Bender's watch, the Operations Group has done a great job in accomplishing our airlift mission, flying more than 1400 combat sorties, airlifting more than 390 million pounds of cargo and 158,000 troops in the last year alone, all with an outstanding safety record. To the Benders, Godspeed, and thank you for your incomparable contribution to Team Charleston.

PCS

As we say farewell to many of our friends in this summer permanent change of station season, we will be welcoming new people to our midst. **Betsy Crump** and **John Shoemaker** in our Family Support Center spearheaded an update to our sponsor packet, streamlining the material to pack maximum information in a compact package. If you will be welcoming someone new to your work area, be sure to stop at the Family Support Center to get a packet and sponsor training so we can get all our newcomers started on the right foot here.

Coming up

Make plans to attend the wing promotion ceremony today, 3 p.m., at the

Action Line callers discuss dog fences, housing maintenance issues

Q: I was wondering if we could have a fence put up in one of the open grass areas on base, to make a place for people to take their dogs to run and exercise.

A: Thank you for your email proposing a pet exercise area. Air Force Instructions require pets outside on base to be leashed, chained or in a fence provided by the owner. We have explored a similar proposal in the past, and due to cost and liability issues determined the project is not feasible. However, we do have a number of jogging and nature trails on base where owners can exercise their pets within the guidelines set forth for pet control. Thanks again for your concern and suggestion.

Q: I've got a problem with my base housing. I've gone through my first shirt, through the housing office and to the maintenance office. Since

May, I've made numerous calls to housing maintenance to have my heating and air conditioning unit fixed. Every time they come out they do a quick fix because they're going to renovate my house soon. I have two small children, 14 months old and three months old. It's making it very difficult as far as quality of life issues are concerned. I'd like to get this resolved.

A: Thank you for your e-mail regarding the housing repairs to your housing unit. As the housing units age the failure rate of utility and mechanical systems inherently become more frequent and therefore more costly to repair. Unfortunately that is the case with your house. With the recent results of the Housing Requirements Market Analysis, your housing unit is one of units identified for demolition in fiscal 2006. With the maintenance problems identified at your house, the cost of repairs are prohibitive,

therefore, our only option is to move you to another housing unit on base. Thank you for your call.

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.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sarayuth Pinthong

Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing commander, visits with Bob King, 437th AW honorary vice commander and North Charleston councilman, during an honorary commander orientation flight Monday. Honorary commanders are local civic leaders who support the military.

Charleston Club. We will recognize our airman and NCO promotees at today's ceremony, followed by "Boss and Buddy" time, where you can celebrate with your newly promoted friends and coworkers in an informal atmosphere.

Put 7:30 a.m. May 14 on your calendar as an opportunity to earn your squadron some recognition. That's when we will make our next attempt to break our participation record for the monthly 5K fun run, and will award the coveted Spirit Trophy to the most deserving unit.

DUI

Unfortunately we started this week with another Airman driving under the influence of alcohol — our seventh this year. The consequences of drinking and driving, whether it's a traffic accident or getting caught, are severe and will follow you the rest of your life. I cannot overemphasize the importance of taking care of each other and having a plan for getting home safely. Have a designated driver. If you have had too much to drink on a Friday or Saturday night, call **Airmen Against Drunk Driving** at **963-0437** for a free, confidential ride home.

Mission

Two-and-a-half years after the beginning of the Global War on Terrorism, we continue a busy operations tempo to support our nation in the War on Terrorism. This airlift effort is now the number one airlift operation in history, with more than 666,700 flying hours, topping the Berlin Airlift's 586,872 flying hours, and Team Charleston is responsible for a large majority of those hours. Great work — you are a part of history.

As we continue to break records, stay focused, keep up the great work, and as always, be safe.

AMC commander discusses sexual assault assessment team findings

By **Gen. John Handy**

Commander, U.S. TRANSCOM and AMC

Recently, the Secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force Chief of Staff directed all Air Force major commands to review their sexual assault response programs and policies command wide. As a result, Air Mobility Command sent assessment teams to each of our bases, not intending to review individual cases or allegations, but to review base policies and programs and compile an open assessment of the issues, resources, best practices and challenges.

Since then, Brig. Gen. Mark Zamzow, AMC's Inspector General and lead for the assessment teams, has briefed AMC leadership on his findings. This feedback, along with results from other major command assessments, will be incorporated in an executive-level review presented to Air Force senior leadership at CORONA in May. In the meantime, I've directed my staff to take these observations, as well as existing benchmark programs, and aggressively develop command-wide improvement actions, especially with regard to victim assistance and developing a climate conducive to reporting assaults.

I've said it before, and I'll repeat it again – it's our obligation to insist and ensure all our people are treated with the utmost dignity and respect. Our ability to serve – to accomplish the mission and fulfill the trust our nation places in us — requires us to face this challenge head-on, with honesty, sensitivity and an enduring commitment to eliminating sexual assault and the factors contributing to it.

Our success in building this organization comes first and foremost from effective and dedicated leadership – at every level. If you're a supervisor, it's your responsibility to ensure the rights of all are protected. If you occupy a position of authority, or serve as an example to younger members of our organization – the obligation is yours. If you're an officer or NCO – it's your duty. And if you're a commander, it's a critical mea-

worth repeating

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Gen. John Handy

Commander, U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command

sure of your success.

The mission is important, but as I've said many times – the mission is a product, an outcome, a result produced by our most important asset ... our people. Commanders, supervisors and all of us, whether in formal or informal leadership roles, must be deeply and personally involved in promoting an environment where our people are free to report assaults and know with confidence that perpetrators will be appropriately disciplined. This is a culture of which we can all be proud. **(Air Mobility Command News Service)**

CAFB information on assault

Charleston AFB has several agencies to provide support to those who have been sexually assaulted. If someone you know has been assaulted, report it. For more information about services available on base, call:

- Chapel at 963-2536. Confidential counseling is available.
- Life Skills at 963-6852. Counseling is also available, but is not confidential if a crime is involved.
- Security Forces at 963-3600
- Air Force Office of Special Investigations at 963-3248
- Military Equal Opportunity at 963-3655
- Family Support Center at 963-4406
- Legal office at 963-5502

Community shows base appreciation

On March 29, the 437th Airlift Wing received an appreciation letter from Eleanor Hickman Durgee or the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Rebecca Motte chapter. The letter contained the following:

Dear Colonel Schatz,

On behalf of the members of the Rebecca Motte Chapter, NSDAR, I would like to express my deepest appreciation for the unselfish dedication to duty that has been displayed by the men and women assigned to Charleston AFB. Especially noteworthy are the completed missions in the Middle East during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Participating in these missions is consistent with the ideals of our country's founding fathers as they pledged to each other their lives, fortunes and sacred honor. As the wife of a retired Air Force aviator, I can understand the hardships of separation which families deal with and am very proud to have had that opportunity for my country.

We are proud to have you, the military and civilian employees as a part of the Charleston community and appreciate the protection that your presence brings.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Hickman Durgee, Regent
Rebecca Motte Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Commissioner, Old Exchange Building
Charleston, South Carolina

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Officers must complete online ed application

Officers who want to compete for a developmental education opportunity in the 2005 to 2006 school year must now complete the required preference application online. The 2004 Developmental Education Designation Board meets here Oct. 4 to 8.

The senior and intermediate developmental education nomination application is where nominees make their school preferences known to their senior rater, their development teams and the board. The application, available from any Internet-connected computer, must be completed by the officer and senior rater by May 21.

"This is their chance to provide input to their own development path," said Lt. Col. Kathryn Moene, force development branch chief at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "The Web-based application is user-friendly, saving time and effort for officers and their senior raters."

To access the application, officers can visit the AFPC developmental education site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pme/. Once there, those eligible can click the "Web-based 3849 application" button which will take them to the AFPC secure site.

Officers can select up to five school choices from a drop-down menu and give a synopsis of why they

should attend each school.

"The space to provide comments is smaller, so nominees need to focus on why they should go to a certain school, and how that school preference affects their development," Colonel Moene said.

Once an officer completes the application by clicking "submit," he or she is automatically taken to the Assignment Management System Web site at <https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm>. From there, the officer can check to ensure the Transitional Officer Developmental Plan is current. A current plan is mandatory for the application process. The application is then available to the senior rater who will add his or her comments and nominate the officer online.

Following the senior rater's endorsement, the application is reviewed by the appropriate force-development team, the colonel said. Career-field experts on the team will recommend the appropriate developmental opportunity for each officer based on the applicant's background, school preferences and senior rater's comments.

Charleston AFB officers can call Rick Lee, 437th Mission Support Squadron formal training, at 963-2394 for more information. **(Air Force News Service)**



Photo by Master Sgt. Dan Murphy

In protest

Senior Airman Janice Agans, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron readiness flight, role-plays as a protestor during the Air Force's Eagle Flag exercise at Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst, N.J. The goal of the exercise is to test the ability of the participants to open and establish an air base to an initial operating capability for a forward operation, regardless of mission or aircraft type.

Slew of accidents, shoplifters keep SF moving

The following are some of the responses by 437th Security Forces Squadron from April 19 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

- The load on a flatbed government truck shifted forward when the driver braked, breaking the truck's rear window.

- A driver in base housing backed into another vehicle, then left the scene. Charleston County Sheriff's Office responded and issued a citation and \$232 fine.

- A truck ramp broke while the truck driver was attempting to offload a step trailer at the 437th Aerial Port Squad-

ron. When the driver refused to surrender his license or complete a report, CCSO was called to escort him off the installation.

- An Airman parking a van struck an electric cart. The driver was cited for inattentive driving.

- A forklift backed into a parked vehicle. The driver was cited for improper backing resulting in an accident.

- A forklift damaged the truck it was downloading at the 437 APS.

- A tractor trailer struck a star barrier as it entered the base.

- A government vehicle hit a bump while backing, causing the vehicle to hit a fence in the base ATSO area.

- A vehicle backing into a parking spot hit a pot hole, damaging the vehicle.

- Two vehicles backed into each

other in the commissary parking lot. Both drivers were cited for inattentive backing.

- Two government vans were damaged when the driver of one struck the mirror of the other while attempting to park. The driver was cited for inattentive driving resulting in an accident.

Traffic

- Security forces cited 19 drivers for speeding, four for failure to stop at a posted stop sign or traffic light, and one for expired tags.

- A civilian attempted to enter the base with a suspended license. CCSO responded, issued a \$415 fine for driving under suspension, a \$208 fine for no proof of insurance and set a court date. The driver's base driving privileges were revoked.

- A civilian who U-turned in front of the gate was driving without a license. CCSO issued a \$104 fine and set a court date. The driver's base driving privileges were revoked.

- An Airman was stopped at the gate for random vehicle inspection when security forces discovered a partially full liquor bottle in the vehicle. The Airman passed a Breathalyzer test and was cited for having an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

Crime watch

- A family member shoplifted \$14-worth of adult magazines from the Base Exchange. CCSO responded, issued a \$1,087 fine, and set a court date.

- A very young juvenile family member was detained for shoplifting a pack of cigarettes at the BX. CCSO responded, but the minor was not fined, but was released to his sponsor.

- A civilian contractor reported his trailer, parked on base, was missing.

- A foreign officer on temporary duty here was detained for taking a \$53 buck knife from the BX without payment. The officer's BX privileges were revoked, and he was released to his commander for military justice action.

- A delivery truck driver who failed to produce identification at the gate was found to have outstanding warrants. CCSO responded and transported the driver to the Charleston County Detention Center.

- An Airman reported unauthorized charges to his government travel card. Information on charges and the suspect were referred to CCSO.

- An Airman was detained for shoplifting a \$30 knife from the BX. The Airman's BX privileges were revoked, and he was released to his first sergeant.

- Security forces conducted a "lock-it-or-lose-it" check at the dormitory complex, focusing on day rooms, storage lockers and bike racks.

- An Airman was arrested and detained in the Berkeley County Detention Center for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving without a license.

DUI Statistics

Last incident: 6 days

2004 total: 7

2003 total: 18

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

AADD
AIRMEN AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING

963-0437

Charleston AFB's Airman Against Drunk Driving offers free, confidential rides home.

22 saves this year

Charleston AFB members get Article 15s

The following Charleston AFB members received non-judicial punishment from Feb. 1 to April 15.

Lieutenant colonel – Conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. The punishment was forfeiture of \$1,500 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

Technical sergeant – Dereliction of duty by wrongfully directing a subordinate to change his (the technical sergeant's) rater. The punishment was reduction to staff sergeant.

Staff sergeant – Failure to obey a lawful order, dereliction of duty by Government Travel Card misuse. The punishment was suspended reduction to senior airman, suspended forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

Senior airman – Dereliction of duty by GTC misuse, false official statement. The punishment was

suspended reduction to airman first class and forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months.

Senior airman – Failure to go on two occasions. The punishment was reduction to airman first class, suspended forfeiture of \$200, seven days extra duty and a reprimand.

Airman first class – Wrongful incapacitation due to prior overindulgence in alcohol. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$150 pay per month for two months, 14 days restriction to CAFB and 14 days extra duty.

Airman first class – Dereliction of duty for underage drinking. The punishment was reduction to airman, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Airman first class – Disrespect to an NCO. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$150 pay per month for

two months and 14 days extra duty.

Airman first class – Larceny by shoplifting at the Base Exchange. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$150 pay per month for two months, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Airman first class – Dereliction of duty for underage drinking. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman and 14 days extra duty.

Airman first class – False official statement, wrongful appropriation of military property. The punishment was reduction to airman.

Airman first class – Dereliction of duty by GTC misuse. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$668 pay per month for two months and 14 days extra duty.

Airman first class – Dereliction of duty by GTC misuse, dishonor-

able failure to pay a debt. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman, suspended forfeiture of \$250 and 21 days extra duty.

Airman first class – Failure to obey a lawful order, dereliction of duty by underage drinking. The punishment was reduction to airman Basic, suspended forfeiture of \$500 and 21 days extra duty.

Airman – Dereliction of duty by underage drinking and dorm inspection failure, false official statement. The punishment was reduction to airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$150 pay per month for two months, 14 days restriction to CAFB and 14 days extra duty.

Airman – Dereliction of duty by underage drinking, wrongful incapacitation due to prior overindulgence in alcohol. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman basic, five days extra duty and a reprimand.

Charleston creates one-stop enlisted PME center

By 1st Lt. Shaloma McGovern

437 AW Public Affairs

Team Charleston members will go to a one-stop Profession Military Education Center for enlisted members soon.

The new PME center here will be the first of its kind in Air Mobility Command.

Bldg. 247 currently holds the First Term Airmen's Center, but the plan is to move Airmen Leadership School, Senior NCO and NCO professional development seminars to the building in May.

"Shortly after the (437th) Services Squadron vacated the building, the (437th) Mission Support Group took the opportunity while it was there because they thought it would be a great place for professional development," said Chief Master Sgt. Carla Sharman, 437 MSG superintendent.

"The vision started in January, and we got funding to complete it in May," said Chief Sharman. "This was an in-house project done by our civil engineer craftsmen. The project cost half as much and was completed twice as fast without any contractors. It was a great opportunity for these Airmen to create their own PME center."

Future plans for the one-stop enlisted education shop include moving the career assistant advisor and in-service recruiter to the center.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Darnell Cannady

A different view

Members of the 437th Operations Group gather before their dining out for the opening ceremony April 23 on the flightline. This was the first time the flightline was used for a dining out on Charleston AFB.

AF restarts job reservation system May 1

WASHINGTON – As part of force-shaping efforts, the Air Force will restart the career job reservation system May 1.

The CJR system allows Air Force officials to limit the number of first-term Airmen re-enlistments in certain skills.

Beginning May 1, all first-term Airmen must have an approved CJR before they may re-enlist. Airmen serving in CJR-constrained skills must compete for a CJR quota. A list of 30 CJR-constrained specialties can be reviewed at local military personnel flights.

For more information, call the re-enlistment office at 963-4525. **(Air Force Print News)**

Online system reduces trips to education office

WASHINGTON – Four features now available under the Air Force's virtual education system give Airmen more control of their academic pursuits.

Airmen with accounts on the virtual center can now update personal data through the system, including rank, duty phone, and e-mail and postal mailing addresses.

From a military computer, Airmen can sign up for an account at <https://afvec.langley.af.mil>. **(Air Force Print News)**

'M' for mobility: AF introduces new AFSC

SCOTT AFB, ILL. – The Air Force will introduce new Air Force specialty codes for mobility pilots and navigators May 1.

The news codes will replace the airlift "A" and tanker "T" with the new "M," said Col. John Clatanoff, chief of Air Mobility Command's operations and training division.

The new designator provides a mobility "generalist" code that fits both airlift- and tanker-rated officers, said officials from AMC's force-management office.

The colonel said this change affords staffs across the Air Force the capability to designate appropriate positions to the new specialty. This gives Air Force Personnel Center

officials at Randolph AFB, Texas, the flexibility to hire any tanker- or airlift-rated officer. **(Air Mobility Command News)**

Officials explain CJR 'waiting list'

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas – First-term Airmen serving in career fields that are currently overmanned may not be allowed to re-enlist, unless they are approved to retrain in another specialty.

Only first-term Airmen selected for re-enlistment by their commander will be allowed to apply for a CJR.

Airmen desiring to re-enlist in overmanned specialties will be placed on a CJR waiting list and "rank ordered" to compete monthly for available quotas within the specialty. An Airman's ranking on the

list may change as his or her information changes, or as new people apply.

For more information, contact the local military personnel flight's re-enlistment office or visit the AFPC re-enlistment Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/Reenlistments/CJR.htm. **(Air Force Personnel Center)**

Officials: TSP good way to increase wealth

WASHINGTON – Defense Department officials urge servicemembers to invest in their future through the Thrift Savings Plan.

Now is a good time for servicemembers to start paying themselves, officials said. The current TSP open season runs until June 30. This is the time servicemembers can start or

change their contributions to their TSP account.

Servicemembers can contribute up to 9 percent of their base pay each month, and up to 100 percent of incentive pay and special pay, including bonus and combat pay.

TSP assets total more than \$110 billion. It maintains retirement savings accounts for more than 3 million participants including federal civilian employees in all branches of government, U.S. Postal Service employees and members of the seven uniformed services.

TSP enrollment can be done online through the myPay Web site at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>, or by completing a TSP enrollment form TSP-U-1 and turning it in at the local pay or personnel office. Enrollment forms are available on the TSP Web site at www.tsp.gov. **(Air Force Print News)**



Photo by Captain Andrew Bell

Joint cooperation

First Lt. Robert Moore, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, (front left), surveys off-base terrain near Tallil AB, Iraq, with Lt. Jeroen Mol (bottom right), a Dutch intelligence officer, while Sgt. Mark de Vos, Dutch security, takes a stand-off security position. The event was part of a combined U.S. and Dutch base-security assessment designed to improve the defensive posture.

Spotlight

Retirement: The 437th Operations Support Squadron hosts a retirement ceremony for Master Sergeant Ronald Herman at noon today in the Education Center Ballroom. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Tony Levine at 963-3010.

Retirement: The 437th Operations Group hosts a retirement ceremony for Lt. Col. Rudy Gravely at 1 p.m. today in Building 162 conference room. For more information, call Capt. Doug Dickson at 963-7127.

Change of Command: The 437th Operations Group hosts a change of command ceremony for Col. William Bender 9 a.m. May 7 at nosedock 2. For more information, call Capt. Doug Dickson at 963-7127.

Family Day: The 437th Airlift Wing hosts Family Day, for CAFB personnel and their families 12:30 to 3 p.m. May 21 at the north parking ramp. The Thunderbirds and other acts will begin practicing at 12:30 p.m. Families are encouraged to bring their own blankets or lawn chairs, sunscreen and water.

Clinic Closure: The 437th Medical Group will be closed noon to 4:30 p.m. Thursday. Charleston AFB TRICARE Prime patients with an emergency are instructed to call 911.

Around the base

Promotion ceremony: The enlisted promotion ceremony is 3 p.m. today at the Charleston Club. All May enlisted promotees, to include airmen through chief master sergeant, will participate in the ceremony.

Farewell dinner: The 437th Operations Group hosts a farewell dinner for Col. William Bender, 437 OG commander, 7 p.m. Thursday at the Charleston Club. The cost is \$14 for members and \$16 for non-club members. For more information, call Karen Bevis at 963-5584.

Taste of Asia: The Asian Pacific Islander council is sponsoring the Taste of Asia 10 a.m. to 2

Charleston Warrior of the Week

Staff Sgt. Wayne Pugh 437th Security Forces Squadron

Staff Sgt. Wayne Pugh is a plain-clothes investigator for the 437th Security Forces Squadron. He investigates Uniform Code of Military Justice offenses at Charleston AFB. He collects the facts and the evidence of a crime and forwards them to Judge Advocate General.

"The best part about my job I get to meet a lot of people around base on a daily basis," Sergeant Pugh said.

The Albion, Pa., native joined the Air Force more than two years ago after spending eight years in the Army.

"I am prior service and really enjoy what I do in the Air Force; however, the greatest gift is being a husband and a father," he said.

Sergeant Pugh has been at Charleston for more than two years.

In the future, Sergeant Pugh wants to make technical sergeant and complete his bachelor's degree.

In his off-duty time he volunteers with Habitat for Humanity, leads Parent for the Youth Sports Advisory Council on base, coaches wrestling, baseball and soccer, is a den leader with the Boy Scouts and volunteers with numerous activities in the unit.



Photo by Senior Airman Amy Perry

p.m. Saturday at the Base Exchange food courts. Donations are encouraged. For more information, call 1st Lt. Cliff Bermodes at 963-5160.

Wives of Warriors: Charleston AFB chapel will host a free Wives of Warriors seminar 7 to 9 p.m. May 7 at the base chapel and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 8. To sign up, call the chapel at 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 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.

National Police Week: The 437th Security Forces Squadron will host a children's candy parade 2:30 p.m. May 12 in base housing to celebrate National Police Week May 9 to 15.

Armed Forces Dinner: The Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce hosts Armed Forces Dinner

6 p.m. May 12 at the Embassy Suites Convention Center in North Charleston. The keynote speaker is Dr. Paul Wolfowitz, Deputy Defense Secretary. The cost of the tickets is \$35. For reservations, call 577-2510 ext. 2095.

Security Survey: The 437th Security Forces Squadron is conducting a customer service survey through May 12. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Sammy Garvin at 963-3627

Essay Contest: The 437th Airlift Wing legal office booster club is sponsoring an essay contest Saturday in honor of Law Day. The contest is for 10th through 12th graders and is on "To Win Equality by Law: Brown vs. Board at 50." For more details, call 963-5502.

Photos by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey



Above: Kalynd Judkins, daughter of Staff Sgt. Keith, 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and Sandi Judkins, uses a "Technology Station" at the Youth Center. **Right:** Jacob Kell, grandson of Carlyn Kell, Department of Defense employee, plays with legos at the Youth Center.



Brooke Fox, daughter of Master Sgt. Michael Fox, 437th Medical Group, hula-hoops at the Youth Center.

Youth Center, Arts program best in S.C.

By 1st Lt. Shaloma McGovern
437 AW Public Affairs

Sewing, cooking, art projects, sports activities, dancing, gymnastics and karate classes are a few of the perks children get the Charleston AFB Youth Center.

This variety of programs helped the Youth Center receive the 2003 S. C. Boys and Girls Club award for the best Overall School-aged Program and the best Arts program.

The Boys and Girls Club, found not only on military installations but also in the civilian sector, gives out six awards for superior programs each year; overall, arts, character in leadership, education and career, and sports and fitness. After a program has been selected as best in a state, the package is forwarded to compete at a national level.

"We are ecstatic as anyone could be about winning these awards," said Denese John, 437 SVS school-aged director. "Our staff has done an incredible job. We have taken advantage of the opportunities and applied them to the programs which we offered on a daily basis."

The Youth Center also received one of the highest scores in its history from a Services Agency no-notice inspection recently, scoring a 95.6 out of a possible 100 points.

Although a 21-person staff can do everything in its power to make a program work, it's the children who use the programs that make them the best, Ms. John.

"It is the children who participate in these programs who make the awards possible," said Ms.

John. "The award also assures Team Charleston that our staff is working hard to meet the needs of their children through top-rated education and fun."

Effort alone isn't enough; it takes creativity to keep the children excited about their programs.

"I am very excited about winning the award for the Arts. It is a great accomplishment," said Jennifer Major, 437 SVS arts coordinator. "We offer a high quality and variety of arts and crafts programs to the youth, and this award is the testament that it was the best in the state this last year."

One aspect the Youth Center focuses on is the ability for children to do a different activity every day.

"We offer many wonderful programs from homework assistance to sewing and cooking clubs, so when they get bored they can move on to another activity," said Diane Becker, 437 Services school aged coordinator. "The children have an opportunity to choose different activities each day. We have an incredible staff that makes winning this award possible."

"It is all about the youth and the hard work the staff does on a daily basis to keep them coming back," said Ms. John. "They are simply the best."

A festival is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday behind the Youth Center to wrap up the Month of the Military Child.

A future project for the Youth Center is a Space Rocketry program which will be offered May 3 to 7 through Science Adventures. Thirty participants will set off their rockets at 3:30 p.m. on May 7. Space is limited for this program. For more information or to sign up, call the Youth Center at 963-5684.

BASE HONOR GUARD

Senior Airman Edward Mims 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Job: Fuels Journeyman

Years in Air Force: 2.5 years

Time in Honor Guard: 6 months

Why did you join the honor guard? It is something I wanted to do since basic training. Honor Guard guys were always looked at with a great amount of respect and are known for being the best of the best. I wanted to join the elite.

What do you do in honor guard? Our ceremonies include funerals, weddings, and presenting colors at various functions. We can be called to present colors anywhere from a baseball game to a retirement ceremony.

Favorite part of honor guard? I like the team concept. We are always doing something together. It is almost as fun as being on a basketball team.

Most memorable moment in honor guard? Recently I presented colors at a Vietnam POW reunion. I got the opportunity to talk to individuals that have been in situations who I know my Mother prays I would never have to endure. It was an honor to mingle with them. I also got to meet Ross Perot and take a picture with George Day.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Darnell Cannady

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.

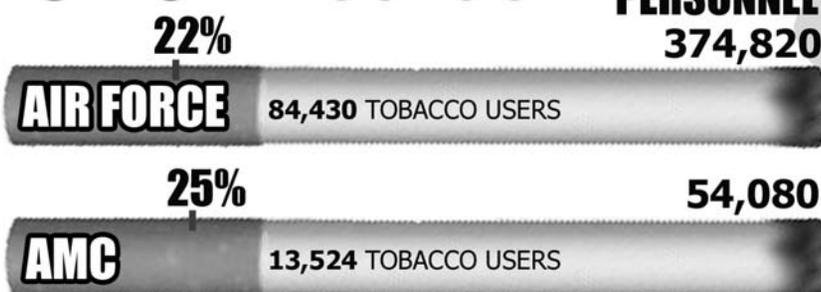
Movie schedules are provided by AAFES.



Patrons should call 963-3333 to verify movie titles, running times and start times, which are subject to change.

WELLNESS TIP

SMOKE SCREEN



Although tobacco use in the Air Force has decreased by 16 percent since 1980, 13,524 Air Mobility Command Airmen still use tobacco.

THE FACTS ...

- Current tobacco users:
Air Force: 84,430
AMC: 13,524
- 37% of Air Force tobacco users are junior enlisted
- Smoking accounts for 20 percent of all U.S. deaths
- The first 72 hours after quitting smoking are the most difficult
- Health and Wellness Centers offer many methods to change this high-risk behavior, including Web-based and classroom cessation programs

Today, 7:30 p.m. "Spartan" - Val Kilmer

Special operations officer Robert Scott and his protege, Curtis, are assigned to find the missing daughter of a high ranking government official. But then their mission seems to come to an abrupt halt when the girl's death is reported to the media. Curtis believes the girl is in fact alive. If she is, there's a dangerous conspiracy at the highest level covering up the fact she's still alive. **(R) 108 minutes. (PG-13) 106 minutes**

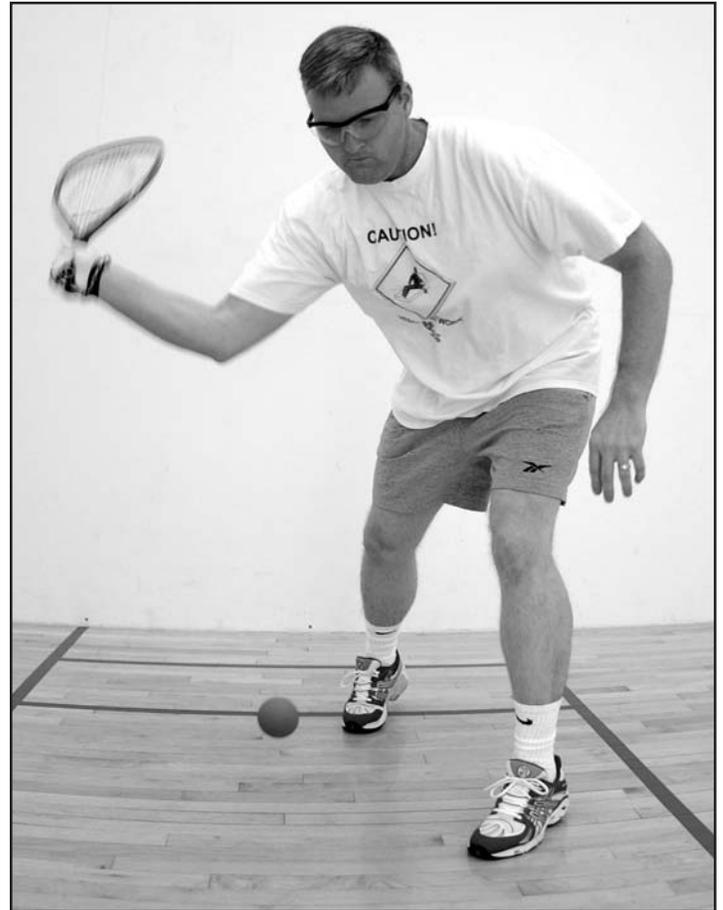
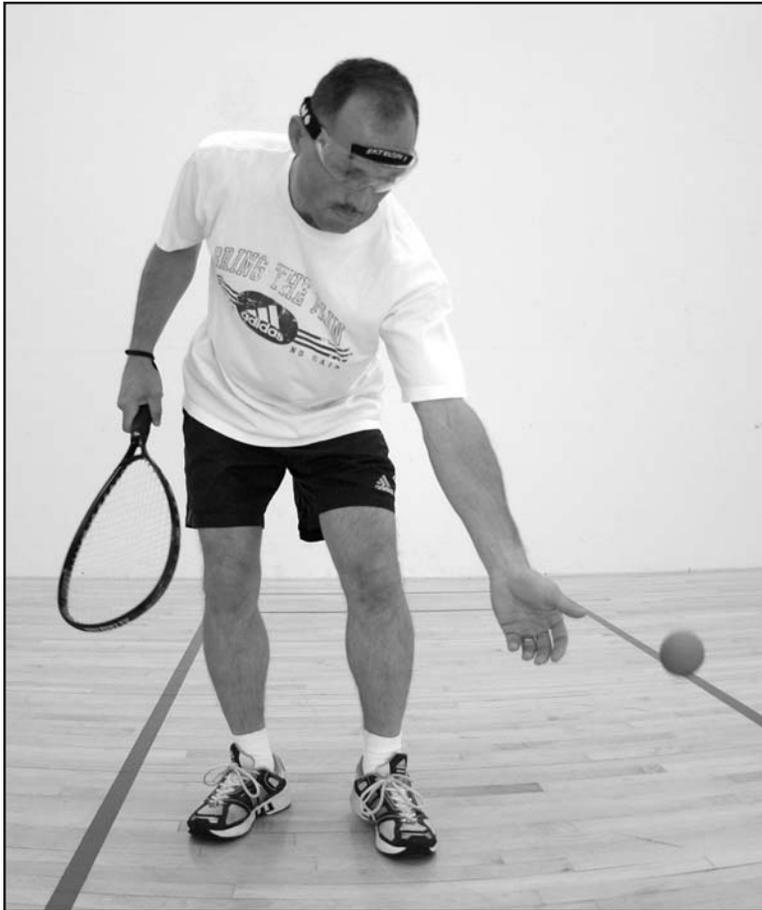
Saturday, 7:30 p.m. "Taking Lives" - Angelina Jolie

FBI agent Scott doesn't rely on traditional crime-solving techniques to unravel the mystery of a murderous mind. When Montreal detectives ask for help to get inside the head of a cunning serial killer, she joins the case. She suddenly finds herself on a twisted and terrifying journey, surrounded by suspects in a case that has become chillingly personal. **(R) 100 minutes**

May 7, 7:30 p.m. "Dawn of the Dead" - Sarah Polley **(R) 97 minutes**

Playoff time

Left: Michael David, 437th Communications Squadron, serves during a loser's bracket semi-final game against the Flyers Tuesday. Right: Christopher Shields, 437th Communications Squadron, takes a shot during a game Tuesday. Flyers beat the Comm Squad, 2-1, and went to the finals Wednesday. As of press time, the outcome of the finals is unavailable.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

Team Charleston members speed it up in Boston Marathon

By Senior Airman Amy Perry
437 AW Public Affairs

A pilot in the 16th Airlift Squadron ran the fastest net time for females from South Carolina in the Boston Marathon April 19.

Margaret Martin had a time of 3:31:56 net time in the 26-mile race, averaging a little more than eight minutes a mile.

Another 16 AS pilot, Karen Courington, also ran in the race, coming in at 3:49:05.

To make it to the Boston Marathon, many participants had to qualify by running a good time in another marathon.

"I ran the Marine Corps Marathon in October, where I qualified for the Boston race," said Martin. "Boston is the most prestigious marathon in the world other than the Olympics so it is great to be a part of such a storied race. Most entrants have to qualify to run, so I feel proud just to have been eligible to compete."

Courington said this was only her second race, but she enjoyed it.

"My first marathon was on Kiawah Island, S.C., in December, and my time was 3:35," said Courington. "It has always been a goal of mine to run marathons. Since Kiawah went well and I qualified for Boston, I figured why not run a

second one. In the future, I'd like to run the New York City Marathon and the Marine Corps Marathon."

The Boston race was special one for Courington.

"Boston was an awesome experience," she said. "They made each runner feel like a true athlete. It was great to be around so many others who share a common passion. I had family and friends in Boston for the race, so that made it extra special. However, the 85 degree heat was killer and definitely made it a day I will not soon forget."

Every runner prepares for marathons in different ways, and the two pilots are no exception.

"Starting in January, I did a progressively longer long run once a week and worked on speed on a different night," said Martin. "I tried to run at least five times a week."

Courington said she had extra inspiration, and used guides to help.

"I took advice from my dad, a former marathon runner," Courington said. "I usually train for 16 weeks, and I use the training logs from a running magazine."

With the Fit to Fight program just kicking off Air Force-wide, these two Team Charleston members proved they can really go the distance.

Sports Shorts

Basketball games: The All Air Force Basketball training camp will be held here May 3 through 24. Several games will be open to the public at the Hurricane Court in the Fitness and Sports Center. The games are as following: Blue versus White at noon and 6 p.m. Tuesday; Blue versus White at noon and 6 p.m. Wednesday; and Air Force versus Charleston AFB Hurricanes at 6 p.m. Thursday. Look in a future edition of the *Airlift Dispatch* for more information about the All Air Force Basketball team.

Stretch: A stretching class will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 12 at the Health and Wellness Center. For more information or to sign up, call the HAWC at 963-4007.

Spring Into Fitness: The fourth annual Spring Into Fitness Health and Wellness Center Challenge starts Monday and runs through May 30. Four-person teams must exercise at least 180 minutes per week to complete the event. For more information, or to sign up, call the HAWC at 963-4007.

Golf psychology: A Sports Psychology for Golf class will be held at 1 p.m. May 18 at the golf course club house. For more information or to sign up, call the Health and Wellness Center at 963-4007.