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Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

Commander in Charleston

Team Charleston personnel gather on the flightline to welcome President George W. Bush Feb 5. More than 500 airmen and civilians gathered to meet the president during his visit to speak on homeland security at Union Pier. For more photos, see page 8.

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MISSION POSSIBLE!

Charleston departures	1934	Personnel deployed	664
Maintenance reliability	93.4%	Reservists activated	887
Cargo moved (tons)	9,198	(Jan. 1 - Feb. 3, 2004)	

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

Commander's Comments

Col. Rowayne Schatz
437 AW Vice Commander

Last week was an exciting time for Team Charleston! President George W. Bush stopped here Feb. 5 on his way downtown to speak on homeland security. A big thank you goes to our project officer, **Capt. Ethan Griffin**, 437th Operations Support Squadron, who did an outstanding job! Thanks also to **437th Security Forces Squadron**, **437th Aerial Port Squadron**, **437th Airlift Wing Protocol**, and our Reserve counterparts in the **315th Airlift Wing**, for helping make this event run smoothly.

Col. Brooks Bash, 437 AW commander, was also passing through on his way to temporary duty at McGuire AFB, N.J., last week. He is proud of the job everyone is doing and when he sees a Charleston aircraft passing through his area of responsibility, he feels tremendous pride for us. Keep up the good work!

The 437th Mission Support Group hosted a visit from **Brig. Gen. Del Eulberg**, Air Mobility Command installations and mission support director, this week. He is responsible for AMC expeditionary combat support, and provides oversight and guidance to garrison mission support groups to ensure world-class global mobility support. General Eulberg was here to look over facility projects. Everyone is doing a great job keeping our base looking great, and I can't wait to show off our base to more visitors!

Recognition

Congratulations to **Tech. Sgt. Clifford Drake**, 437th Maintenance Squadron, for winning the AMC Support Noncommissioned Officer Manager of the Year, and to **Tech. Sgt. Jean-Christian Gagner**, 437th Maintenance Operations Squadron, for winning AMC's Maintenance Scheduler of the Year.

Other winners include: **Airman 1st Class Eddie Bankston**, 437 APS, who won the First Term Airman of the Year, as named by the Air Force Sgt Association; **Master Sgt. Sue Wilburn**, 437th AMXS, who is the AFSA Chapter 306 Member of the Year.

Congratulations to **1st Lt. Corey Ringhisen**, 437th Medical Group, on winning the AMC Company Grade Officer Bioenvironmental Engineer of the Year Award. The **437 MDG Bioenvironmental Flight** was also named best in AMC.

Also, congratulations to **Captains Barry Flack**, 437 APS; **J.J. Grindrod**, 437 OSS; and **Steve Lindmark**, 16th Airlift Squadron, who are attending the AMC High Flight course 04-1. Everyone has done



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

Col. Wayne Schatz, 437th Airlift Wing vice commander, visits with a veteran at Ralph H. Johnson Veteran Affairs Medical Center Monday marking the beginning of the 2004 National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans week. Team Charleston personnel from each group visited veterans during the week to thank them for their service to the nation.

an outstanding job!

Visitors

I want to personally welcome **Maj. Gen. Jack Rives**, Deputy Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Air Force; **Brig. Gen. Jarris Sanborn**, chief counsel, Headquarters U.S. Transportation Command and AMC staff judge advocate; **Col. Loren Perlstein**, mobilization assistant to the deputy judge advocate general of the U.S. Air Force; **Chief Master Sgt. Clemencia Jemison**, senior paralegal manager to the judge advocate general; and **Chief Master Sgt. Alice Whitt**, AMC Command paralegal. General Rives will be here Tuesday and Wednesday to conduct an Article 6 visit, a comprehensive assessment of legal services provided to Air Force commanders and personnel by the 437 AW legal office.

On a disturbing note, I have counseled four people recently for underage drinking and three people for driving under the influence. This is not acceptable in our Air Force. I know commanders and supervisors have been stressing the dangers of drinking and driving, but you are personally responsible for your actions. Don't put yourself, family or friends in danger by drinking and driving. We owe that to ourselves, each other, and the Air Force. For the rest of you out there who are doing it right, thank you, and remember to be safe!

Action Line caller requests faster base entry

Q: I would like to know why there are usually only two gate controllers at the Rivers Gate in the morning when they have a line of traffic backed up almost to Midland Park Road. Thank you.

A: Thank you for your interest in the traffic flow at the Rivers Gate. Our entry procedures are under continuous review to ensure we minimize entry delays as much as possible, while providing the necessary security to protect our personnel and accomplish our mission. A major factor that contributed to increased traffic at the gate the day you are referring to is that we were in a Force Protection Condition that required a 100 percent ID check of all occupants in the vehicle.

The Rivers Gate and adjoining commercial/oversize vehicle search area require a minimum of two personnel to man the gate and two to four people to man the search area. Personnel manning the search area assist the gate whenever possible. However, their primary job is to search commercial vehicles. All vehicle operators entering our base are reminded to assist with the entry process by having their ID card out of their wallet and ensuring their vehicle is properly registered. Construction for the new gates is scheduled to begin this spring, and should improve traffic flow during peak periods. Thank you for the call.

- **Col. Wayne Schatz**
437 AW vice commander

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.

Serving the nation with Team Charleston is an honor

By Lt. Col. Nancy Dezell
437th MDOS commander

No one said it was going to be easy. Being in the service is a tough profession with a ton of responsibility.

What keeps you energized? What re-blues you?

At my last squadron commander's call, I stressed our high operations tempo is here to stay, and we all need to find balance in our lives in order to keep pace over the long haul. Later, one of my airmen asked me how I stay so energized and what "re-blues" me.

Wow, what a great question! We don't often take time to think about what keeps us going. My honest response was I feel it is such an honor to serve. I am very blessed by a loving God to have a supportive husband and family, and I am constantly energized by the amazing Air Force people I serve with in defending and supporting our great nation. I know without a doubt that leading the 437th Medical Operations Squadron is what energizes me and has been absolutely the most wonderful experience I have had in my Air Force career.

It's because of the outstanding men and women I am so privileged to serve with every day keeping me fit to fight. Two hundred forty dedicated 437th Medical Group professionals focused on ensuring over 4,000 of us are "medically ready" to deploy, while also providing world-class healthcare for more than 10,000 military family members — what an honor to serve our nation and Team Charleston in this way.

As I pondered a bit more about what energizes me, I realized it's all about feeling proud to serve in a higher calling; one that asks us to risk our own lives for the sake of others. I am "re-blued" every time I think of all the brave men and women who served before us and those who lost their lives on and after 9/11. I'm re-energized every time I hear the national anthem, attend a military ceremony, recognize or promote one of my

worth repeating

"I am 're-blued' every time I think of all the brave men and women who served before us ..."



Lt. Col. Nancy Dezell

437th Medical Operations Squadron commander

squadron members and basically every time I put my uniform on. I believe what drives us all to new heights of excellence is the same sense of honor and pride. It's not about what we do, but why we do it. It's not just a job, it's who we are. It's holding ourselves to a higher standard. As servicemembers we are different than all others. We are in the service of protecting and defending America. Integrity, service before self, excellence in all we do. Amen.

My heart swelled with great pride every time I stood in the Charleston International Airport this past year bidding Godspeed to several of my medics, the first active-duty Team Charleston medical personnel to be deployed into the area of responsibility in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. As I hugged their many family members left behind, it was clear to me they all knew the meaning of the honor to serve. I was reminded of a song I heard at Air Command and Staff College that touched me deeply. The lyrics of "The Call" by Ray Boltz, proclaim, "It's an honor to serve, to join in the fight; I will lift up my voice, I will lay down my life; giving glory to God, seeking none in return." The song portrayed the tremendous sacrifice and patriotism displayed by one of our nation's finest heroes, Rear Admiral Jeremiah Denton Jr., as a prisoner of war in Vietnam for more than seven years and the first American citizen to endure four years of brutal solitary confinement. Even after this ordeal, he stepped from the plane at Clark AB, Phillipines, Feb. 12, 1973, saluted our

flag and said, "We are honored to have had the opportunity to serve our country under difficult circumstances. We are profoundly grateful to our commander in chief and to our nation for this day. God bless America." Admiral Denton thanked us first for this opportunity to serve and then for bringing them home. I hope we all would respond so selflessly and honorably under similar challenging circumstances.

What I found most remarkable was Admiral Denton could have retired and hung up his uniform after that experience, yet he went on to serve a total of 34 years and was later elected to the U.S. Senate. He founded an international aid organization, the Denton Program, hubbed at Charleston AFB that has transported more than **20 million pounds** of critical equipment and supplies to needy people throughout the world, on military aircraft on a space-available basis. He is still going strong as a public speaker at nearly 80 years of age. Selfless service is what it's all about — that's what keeps our patriotic batteries energized.

Today, we all have the great privilege of serving our nation while at war. No one said it was going to be easy and our high ops tempo is here to stay. I feel that same sense of pride as I see the weekly wing standup reports showing the hundreds of Charleston warriors fighting terrorism around the world and think of the thousands of men and women working long hours and doing amazing things to support the mission here. Just a few weeks ago, we heard one of our own local heroes tell us he would continue to serve another 30 years if he could and asked us to take good care of his Air Force. Thank you retired Col. Karl Young for reminding us what an honor it is to serve this great country. Don't worry, sir, she is indeed in good hands.

As for me, thank you all for energizing and re-bluing me with your selfless service. You are all heroes, and I am honored to serve our nation with each one of you.

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ALS Class 04-B graduates

437 CES airman claims top honor

Thirty-nine airmen graduated from Airman Leadership School Class 04-B Feb. 5 in a ceremony at the Charleston Club.

Senior Airman Jason Moore from the 437th Civil Engineering Squadron earned the Sgt. John L. Levitow Award as the top graduate for the class.

Senior Airman Christopher Craddock, 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, received the Academic Achievement Award. He was also recognized as one of the Distinguished Graduate Award recipients.

Staff Sgt. James Scarbrough, 437th Aerial Port Squadron, and Senior Airman Chadwick Chambers, 437th Medical Operations Squadron, were named Distinguished Graduate Award recipients as well.

Sergeant Scarbrough also earned the Leadership Award.

Chief Master Sgt. Melvin Willis, 437th Comptroller Squadron financial management and comptroller enlisted affairs chief, was the guest speaker.

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

- Air Force Security Forces, Detachment 3: Staff Sgt. Curtis Fisbeck
- 16th Airlift Squadron: Staff Sgt. Adam Koerner
- 17th Airlift Squadron: Staff Sgt. Gregory Long
- 437 APS: Staff Sergeants Noel

Katigbak, Matthew Weaver and Jacob Spotts and Senior Airman Eric Yount

■ 437th Airlift Wing: Staff Sgt. Raymond Capehart

■ 437AMXS: Senior Airmen Matthew Gillespie, James Vagts, Joshua Chambliss, William Harper, Christine Beaty, Riley Jacobs and Jerry Wall

■ 437 CES: Senior Airman Paul Gilliam

■ 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron: Staff Sgt. Jesse Fry and Senior Airmen Daniel Middleton, Jennifer O'Donnell-James, Ramon Gallegos and Lakisha Exley

■ 437 MDOS: Senior Airman Rebecca Jones

■ 437th Maintenance Operation Squadron: Senior Airmen Jonathan Maso and Michael Jackson

■ 437th Mission Support Squadron: Staff Sgt. Teresa Wallace

■ 437th Maintenance Squadron: Staff Sergeants Jeffrey Nieding and Jeffery Hansberry and Senior Airman David Preston

■ 437 SFS: Staff Sergeants Michael Kochanski and Matthew Perez and Senior Airman Daniel Browne

■ 437th Services Squadron: Staff Sgt. Joseph Pierce

(By 2nd Lt. Bryan Lewis, 437AW Public Affairs)

AICUZ study out

By Master Sgt. Angel Newman
437AW Public Affairs

Base officials released the 2004 Air Installation Compatible Use Zone study to the public Feb. 6.

The AICUZ study is an extensive analysis of the effects of aircraft noise, aircraft accident potential and land use development on areas surrounding Charleston AFB.

"The Department of Defense's primary objective for the AICUZ program is to protect the health, safety and welfare of those living near a military airport, while allowing us to continue our mission," said Bill Werrell, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron community planner. "We basically give recommendations on what type of structures and activities would be best suited for areas around the base with safety for the residents as the primary concern."

The last AICUZ study was published in 1992, and while the current one doesn't have major changes, Mr. Werrell said reaching our full complement of aircraft, now 53 total C-17s, and differences in flight patterns made enough changes in the noise level around

the base that it warranted a new document.

"Over the years our local flight patterns have changed," said Capt. Ethan Griffin, 437th Airlift Wing airspace manager. "This decreased the documented noise level for 327 acres of surrounding land and means it will be a little quieter for many of our neighbors. We have also included more night operations."

To help community members better understand the information in this latest AICUZ study, Charleston AFB leadership held a public meeting Thursday at a library off base.

"We hope the surrounding communities will use the information in this updated AICUZ study in their planning process to prevent incompatible land use that could compromise our ability to do our mission," added Captain Griffin. "We enjoy a great relationship with the community and this kind of open exchange will continue to benefit everyone."

To view the study, visit <http://public.charleston.af.mil> and click the "environmental" button on the right side.

Program available for crime victims, witnesses

By Capt. Bruce Page
437AW Legal Office

Team Charleston members with knowledge of criminal activity can and should report this information without fear.

The Charleston Air Force Base Victim and Witness Assistance Program exists to protect the rights of crime victims and those who have witnessed crimes.

The program is a Department of Defense initiative aimed at ensuring victims and witnesses of crimes committed by military personnel have their rights protected throughout the judicial process. The Charleston AFB VWAP council is comprised of representatives from the legal office, chapel, Family Support Center, family advocacy, 437th Security Forces Squadron, Office of Special Investigations, 437th Medical Group, public affairs, and a group deputy commander. Each of these members, and the agencies represented, can help pro-

tect and care for victims and witnesses who may have concerns about coming forward.

For instance, all evidence indicates having to tell others about a traumatic incident can cause more emotional turmoil for a crime victim. Base agencies stand ready to counsel victims as they go through this process. Additionally, prosecutors know that one of the best ways to help achieve justice for a crime victim is to consider his or her wishes during the judicial process. The VWAP gives victims the right to be consulted by military prosecutors before every major step in a court-martial.

DOD and Air Force leaders also recognize that crime victims will often suffer financially. To assist those who need financial help, the VWAP encompasses programs to provide monetary restitution to qualified victims. Restitution for military victims and witnesses is not limited to military sources. The CAFB VWAP council works with military victims and witnesses to determine whether

they qualify for civilian state or federal restitution programs.

Finally, military law enforcement personnel are trained and prepared to assist victims and witnesses in obtaining the protection they may need after making statements to investigators. In addition to providing on-base security, SFS and OSI can work with the legal office to secure protection of victims and witnesses by civilian law enforcement officials.

Anyone who has been the victim of or witness to a crime should not keep that information to himself. When a victim or a witness comes forward, his dignity will be respected, rights guarded and he will be a part of ensuring justice is done.

For more information about the Charleston AFB VWAP, call Deirdre Abernathy, Charleston AFB VWAP coordinator, at 963-5502 or visit <http://public.charleston.af.mil/437JA/Index.htm>.

Cargo, pax all in a day's work for 332 ELRS

By Tech. Sgt. Bob Oldham
332nd AEW Public Affairs

Team Charleston and Lackland AFB, Texas, airmen have teamed with members of the Estonian military to move more than 4,000 passengers and 880 tons of cargo on more than 500 monthly aircraft missions.

The aircraft parking ramp at Tallil AB, Iraq, is a hub of activity 24 hours a day, seven days a week, as about 20 cargo aircraft arrive and depart daily.

Airmen assigned to the 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron's aerial port flight are responsible for every passenger and piece of cargo arriving or departing the base via aircraft.

"The flight is responsible for the upload and download of all cargo and passengers arriving and departing Tallil AB," said Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Halpin, aerial port flight superintendent deployed from Charleston AFB. "Without our flight, the only way passengers and cargo could arrive or depart Tallil AB would be in a convoy, which is slow and dangerous. We provide an enormous amount of technical expertise to assist units in the proper way to prepare cargo for airlift."

Sergeant Halpin oversees the flight's passenger service, air terminal operations center, cargo processing and ramp services operations.

"We also provide materials handling equipment and load team support for coalition aircraft that

transit this station," said Sergeant Halpin. "To date, we have assisted military from Great Britain, Italy, Romania, Spain, and Ukraine."

The passenger service section is where servicemembers go to catch a flight. Once required documentation is turned in, they are categorized by the standard Air Mobility Command protocol for passengers. Servicemembers on emergency leave are at the top of the list.

"We try our best to get them out," said Staff Sgt. Dale Hall, a passenger terminal representative deployed to Tallil AB from Lackland AFB. "We have first sergeants coming over every day," checking flight schedules for an airman or soldier who needs to get back home on emergency leave.

"When I've got (a person on) emergency leave show up, with a flight leaving in 10 to 15 minutes and I'm able to get him out of here, that makes me feel a little better," Sergeant Hall said.

The ramp services section troops physically load and unload aircraft. Estonian military members help the airmen in the ramp services section.



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Halpin

Staff Sgt. Sean Lambert, a member of the 437th Aerial Port Squadron deployed to Tallil AB, Iraq, and Estonian military personnel work together as members of the 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron to prepare a pallet for loading.

"It has been meaningful for us to work so closely with the Estonian military," said Sergeant Halpin. "It brings home the scope of the coalition efforts going on in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom." (2nd Lt. Bryan Lewis, 437 AW Public Affairs, contributed to this article)

Team Charleston Valentines

Sgt. Stottlemyre-
My love, how special, our first Valentine's Day together. I LOVE YOU more than you can ever imagine. 4~~ever~~*~*~*
- Kel

Sandi Judkins-
Thank you for your love and support over the last 16 years. Happy Valentine's Day
- Kalyn, Mykal, & Keith

Michelle-
Happy Valentine's Day!
I love you very much.
-Avery

DoodleBug-
Will you be my valentine?
Thanks for sticking with me!
YATLOML ILYWAMHAS
Boob-a-loo
xoxo

Puddin'-
Happy Valentine's Day!
I love you always!
Love, Mrs. P

Boo -
Happy Valentine's Day! ILY Looking for your birthday present next week.
YATLOML-AAF!
- Doo

Emmanuel, LaAsia and MiAsia-
Mommy and Daddy love you!

Daddy-
I love you so much!
Thanks for doing fun things with me. You are my favorite
Daddy!
Love,
Culley

C -
Happy V-Day!
- s.B

SrA Moody -
You are the love of my life. You are my soulmate. I'm so glad we found each other.
Your loving wife,
Manda

To my everything, my husband, Jonathan Brooks -
I am so proud of you!
Happy Valentine's Day!
Your wife,
Emily Rose

Culley-
Happy Valentine's Day! Thanks so much for the fun and laughs. We love you!
-Daddy and Mommy

Rainbow,
I love you so much! I can't wait until your birthday!
-Poopy

Rob -
You are the love of my life. Thank you for being there through thick and thin. Love, your wife,
Necie

Distinguished Visitor

Commander in chief welcomed



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

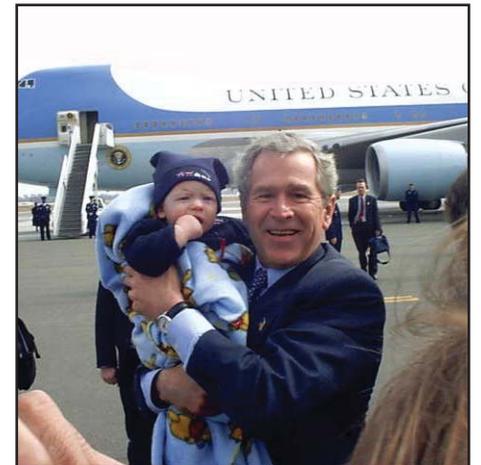


Photo by Vance Flanigan

Nolan Flanigan, son of Capt. Ericka Flanigan, 437th Operations Support Squadron, and her husband, Vance, is held by President George W. Bush during his visit to Charleston Feb. 5

Above: President George W. Bush is welcomed by airmen and their families on the Charleston AFB flightline. More than 500 people braved a Charleston chill to greet the president.

Right: The president waves goodbye to all of Team Charleston who came to greet him.



Photo by Senior Airman Tyrone Pearsall



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

President George W. Bush shakes hands with Team Charleston airmen on the flightline during a visit to speak about homeland security.

DOD axing Internet voting plans

WASHINGTON—Defense Department officials are axing an Internet voting program because of concerns about security, a Pentagon spokeswoman said Feb. 6.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program, which aids Americans serving overseas in the voting process, will not use the Secure Electronic Registration and Voting Experiment system in November.

Overseas voters can still vote by regular paper ballots, or via fax. The Federal Voting Assistance Program has more information on its Web site <http://www.fva.gov>, and servicemembers also can contact their unit voting assistance officers. **(Air Force Print News)**

AF Assistance Fund begins Feb. 16

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — The Air Force Assistance Fund "Commitment to Caring" campaign runs Monday to May 7, asking airmen to contribute to any of four Air Force-related charities.

The charities benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired Air Force people, surviving spouses and families. This is the 31st year of the fund drive. Charities receive 100 percent of designated contributions.

The secretary and chief of staff of the Air Force recently announced a \$5.2 million goal. In 2003, Air Force people gave \$5.9 million to the fund.

Contributions to the AFAF are tax deductible. For more information, contact your unit AFAF representative or visit <http://afassistancefund.org> or the Air Force Personnel Center's voting and fund-raising Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund.

(Air Force Print News Service)

Officials limit re-enlistment window to 3 months

WASHINGTON — Air Force personnel officials are changing the re-enlistment eligibility window beginning March 5.

The new policy requires active-duty airmen to re-enlist within three months of their term of service expiring, a change from the 12-

month window currently in effect.

Airmen will still be authorized to re-enlist earlier than three months from their term of service expiring because of service-related requirements, such as a reassignment and promotion. **(Air Force Print News)**

Fisher house explains rules for airline tickets

WASHINGTON — Although the Defense Department provides a travel entitlement for service members and their families in serious medical emergencies, the Fisher House Foundation is hoping to help those not covered under the rule.

Through a program the foundation joined in December called Operation Hero Miles, the Fisher House hopes to give away hundreds of free airline tickets to help reunite service members hospitalized due to their service in Opera-

tions Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and their family members.

The tickets, donated by Anheuser-Busch, are available to service members undergoing treatment, as either an in- or outpatient at military and VA medical facilities as a result of their service in Iraq, Afghanistan and the surrounding area.

The foundation cannot assist with local travel, overnight accommodations, meals or other expenses.

Requests should be sent by fax to the Fisher House Foundation (301) 294-8562. The request form is available at the foundation's Web site at www.fisherhouse.org. **(American Forces Press Service)**

Next aerospace vehicle test course launches

EDWARDS AFB, Calif. — The

U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School here is accepting student applications for the Aerospace Vehicle Test Course beginning May 30.

The deadline for applying is March 16, for the 15 slots available, officials said.

All applicants are required to have a bachelor of science or master of science degree in aeronautical, aerospace or astronautical engineering, or have a strong background in one of these fields. Students must also be medically qualified to fly, passing a Class-III physical. The course will be funded by the attendee's unit.

AVTC applications can be emailed to Capt. Gregg Leisman at gregg.leisman@edwards.af.mil or faxed to (661) 277-7602. They must be less than one page in length and include education, experience, current job duties and reason for applying. **(Air Force Print News)**



Photo by Staff Sgt. Cohen Young

Nothing but net

Airman 1st Class Marcus Levias slides down the emergency escape net hanging outside the air traffic control tower during annual training at Yokota AB, Japan, Jan. 22. Airman Levias is an air traffic controller with the 374th Operations Support Squadron. In case of an emergency, controllers would use the net if the stairs were blocked or damaged.

Spotlight

New firearms registration policy: Any firearm stored in military family housing must be registered with the 437th Security Forces Squadron by Feb. 29. This registry is being created in the interest of safety for all base personnel. Contact your unit first sergeant for Air Force Form 1314, Firearms Registration. For residents who do not have an assigned first sergeant, call the 437th Security Forces Squadron at 963-3626.

Retirement: The 437th Operations Support Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Angel Rodriguez at 2:30 p.m. today at the 17th Airlift Squadron. For more information, call Master Sgt. Robert Cissell at 963-5623.

Retirement: The 437th Maintenance Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Chief Master Sgt. Garry Jones at 3 p.m. today at the Education Center. For more information call Master Sgt. Patrick Gross at 963-6333.

Around the base

Black History Month: A Black History Month commemorative luncheon is from 11 a.m. to noon today at the Charleston Club. The cost is \$9 for a club member and \$11 for non-club members. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Romeo at 963-2120.

Valentine dance: The Charleston Hispanic Council is sponsoring a free Latin Valentine Dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday at the Charleston Club. Airmen Against Drunk Driving will provide rides from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Sonja Bragg at 963-5226.

Construction: The intersection of Hill Boulevard and North O'Neal Avenue will be reduced to one lane starting Monday. Construction is

Charleston Warrior of the Week



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephanie Hammer

Tech. Sgt. Daniel Small 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Daniel Small is an auto-flight instruments and navigation systems craftsman with the 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. He is the lead technician responsible for the proficient, safe and quality maintenance performed by over 90 avionics technicians in the squadron.

"I try to find new and improved ways to create a positive working environment where everyone looks forward to coming to work each day," said Sergeant Small. "People in general will produce more if they enjoy what they are doing.

"I also love the C-17," he added. "It is the first plane I have worked on that is younger than I am, and the plane is critical to any future airlift missions. It's great to be in the middle of all world events."

Sergeant Small joined the Air Force more than 13 years ago to serve his country and has been at Charleston AFB for more than 2 years. He has been married five years to Traci and they have a 3-year-old son, and a 1-month-old daughter.

The Vandalia, Ill., native plans to get his master's degree in management and to continuously improve his aircraft maintenance practices by working with Boeing engineers and aircraft production supervision.

set to last four to six weeks.

Commissary open: The commissary will be open Monday, President's Day.

CGOC: The Company Grade Officer Council meets at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Charleston Club. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Christopher Haas at 963-5512 or visit the CGOC website on Globemaster.

IT expo: 437th Communication Squadron is sponsoring a free information technology exposition from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Mark Gable at (800) 878-

2940, extension 235.

First Six: The First Six meets at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the Low Country Bar. All E-6s and below are invited to attend. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Brandy Erven at 963-6898 or Airman 1st Class Brandi Matthews at 963-9704.

Aerobic Super Jam: There is an aerobic super jam from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday at the Fitness Center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Denese Bellamy at 963-7052.

DOD Blood Drive: A Department of Defense blood drive will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday at the Base Fitness Center. For questions or appointments, call Maj. Paul Brown at 963-4928.

National Prayer Luncheon: The National Prayer Luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. March 1 at the Charleston Club. The guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. Loraine Potter. Tickets are available at the base chapel

or from first sergeants for \$5.

Civilian employees: Effective Feb. 1, Air Mobility Command most efficient organization staffs will no longer be responsible for sending updates to education, licenses, language and certificates to Air Force Personnel Center for civilians.

Attention retirees: All military retirees are asked to send their email address to cafbrao@charleston.af.mil. Email blasts about timely information for retirees are sent out frequently.

Dogs on flight line: Two dogs have been frequently seen on the flight line over the past few weeks. If you have any information regarding these dogs, call Flyaway Farm and Kennel at 425-6444.

VA benefit act: A new Veterans Benefit Act of 2003 allows survivors of members who died of service-connected death to retain benefits. For more information, call Kathleen Perry at 963-6334.

Drinking? Call 963-0437 for a free ride home

An Airman Against Drunk Driving program is starting for the members of Team Charleston Feb. 20.

From 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. every Friday and Saturday night, Charleston AFB members can call 963-0437 to get a free ride home.

This confidential program is available for anyone with a Department of Defense ID card. For more information or to volunteer, e-mail aadd.charleston@charleston.af.mil.

Former CMSAF inducts airmen to highest rank

By Senior Airman Amy Perry

437 AW Public Affairs

Former Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Robert Gaylor joined Team Charleston to induct nine airmen into the highest enlisted rank at the Chief Induction Ceremony Saturday at the Charleston Club.

Charleston AFB has a special meaning for Chief Gaylor; the Robert D. Gaylor Dining Facility here is named after the fifth CMSAF, an honor he said amazed him. He also makes it a point to tell people all over the Air Force about the facility.

Because Chief Gaylor grew up in a small town in Indiana, with a population of less than thousand, he said he is very humbled and proud when something is named after him.

The last time Chief Gaylor visited CAFB was before the war in Iraq. He said he saw a major change in the operations tempo during this visit.

"In the military, you're trained in a particular skill," said Chief Gaylor. "The highest feeling is to be able to practice that skill in a real situation. (A high) operations tempo allows you to do that."

When the chief was head of the enlisted force, the Vietnam War had ended only years before.

"The Vietnam War damaged America's view on the military," he said. "We spent the late 1970s training to fix the image of the military. It was not a good time to wear the uniform."

Although the public's view has changed, a few things will always be an issue, especially force shaping.

"Every so often, we have to ask if we using our available resources to the best of our ability," the chief said. "If the answer is no, then we have to fix it. (Force shaping) is somewhat an ongoing thing. We have to



Photos by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

Master Sgt. Philip Weidman, 315th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, shows former Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Robert Gaylor the frame of the mini C-17 during Chief Gaylor's visit Saturday.

make sure we're getting our money's worth."

While more than 30 years has past since the Vietnam War, Chief Gaylor said some things will always be the same.

"While overseas, I remember the No. 1 issue was mail and the No. 2 issue was food," recalled Chief Gaylor. "I remember when I was in Southeast Asia, we wouldn't get mail for several days, and then we would get several at once.

"I used to line up my wife's mail by post-

mark," he continued. "You don't want to read your kid is well until you knew they were sick."

As the CMSAF, Chief Gaylor said he mostly remembers the changes he made.

"It's the best feeling of accomplishment to make things better than when I got the job," he said.

Former CMSAFs continue to make a difference long after their term is over, by visiting bases and talking to young airmen.

"I never turn down an opportunity to visit a base," the chief said. "It's so exciting. When I leave my home to go to a base, I'm like a kid at Christmas. Last year, I visited 31 bases, and this year I've already visited seven.

"I say I should have to pay to get in (a base), because I enjoy it so much," he continued.

Another way former CMSAFs make a difference is by having several meetings each year, the chief said.

"We're like a fraternity," said Chief Gaylor. "There have only been 14 CMSAFs and four are deceased. We don't always agree on all issues, but we're not hesitant to speak out.

"The one thing we have in common is our dedication and concern for the Air Force," he continued. "We just may go about it differently."

Chief Gaylor visits with Tech. Sgt. Derrick Jones, Staff Sgt. Angela Kelly and Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Romeo, all of the 437th Services Squadron, during a visit to the Robert D. Gaylor Dining Facility.



Theft lands airman in Naval Brig

During a recent special court-martial, a CAFB airman was charged with two counts of larceny and two-counts of unlawful entry.

At trial, the military judge found the accused guilty of twice entering a fellow airman's dormitory room, each time stealing multiple items from the airman's room.

Items stolen included an X-Box game system and controller, 25 X-Box games and 40 DVDs.

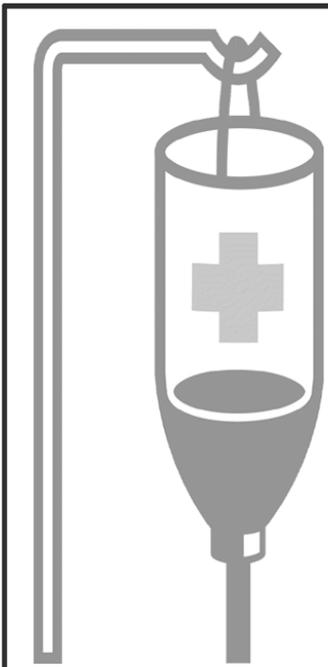
For his crimes, the accused was sentenced

to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for nine months, forfeiture of \$767 a month for nine months, and reduction to the grade of E-1.

The accused will serve the term of confinement at the Charleston Naval Brig.

Courts-martial are open to the public. For more information about attending future trials or the court-martial process, call the legal office at 963-5502. **(Submitted by 437 AW Legal Office)**

WELLNESS TIP



The life-saving gift of blood

-  **Blood is comprised of four life-saving components: platelets, plasma, and red and white blood cells**
-  **Air Mobility Command has shipped more than 100,000 units supporting Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom**
-  **Blood requirements are increasing 11% annually**
-  **Donor requirements: older than 17; healthy; weigh more than 110 pounds; check for local restrictions**

SOURCE: AMC Command Surgeon Office

Info Graphic by Tech. Sgt. Mark Diamond

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. to noon 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.

"Peter Pan" – Jason Isaacs

One night in their nursery, young London siblings, Wendy, John and Michael Darling, encounter a strange flying boy named Peter Pan, who invites them to soar with him to Neverland. There they live among the lost boys without adult supervision and face down the nasty Captain Hook. **(PG) 113 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

"Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" – Elijah Wood

Hobbits Frodo and Sam push farther into the land of Mordor to destroy the ring of power. Traveling with them, in an uneasy alliance, is the deceitful Gollum, who brings them to the very heart of Mount Doom. The warrior Aragorn, revealed to be the lost king of Gondor, travels to Minin Titith with an army of undead soldiers and the remaining members of the fellowship, to rescue the ancient city from Lord Sauron's grasp. **(PG-13) 200 minutes**

Saturday, 2 p.m., and Sunday, 3 p.m.

Free sneak preview – seating is available on first-come, first-served basis, and doors open 1.5 hours before movie start time

CAFB hockey ices Navy 9-6



Photos by Staff Sgt. Larry Simmons

CAFB hockey team center Luke Micheletti attempts to force the puck past the Navy defense in Saturday's game at the North Charleston Coliseum. Air Force won the game 9-6.

The Charleston Air Force Base ice hockey team skated to a 9-6 victory over the Navy team as part of Military Appreciation Night with the Stingrays Saturday at the North Charleston Coliseum.

The CAFB team took a quick 1-0 lead in the first period, but the Navy quickly rebounded and made it a game.

"It was 5-5 at one point in the third," said Jason Smith, CAFB alternate team captain. "The Navy had some good players. I think the offense our first line generated wound up being just too much to handle."

The first line forwards, Lucas Micheletti, Paul Goff and Jeffrey Franz, accounted for most of the CAFB scoring in the game, including the last four goals that sealed the victory.

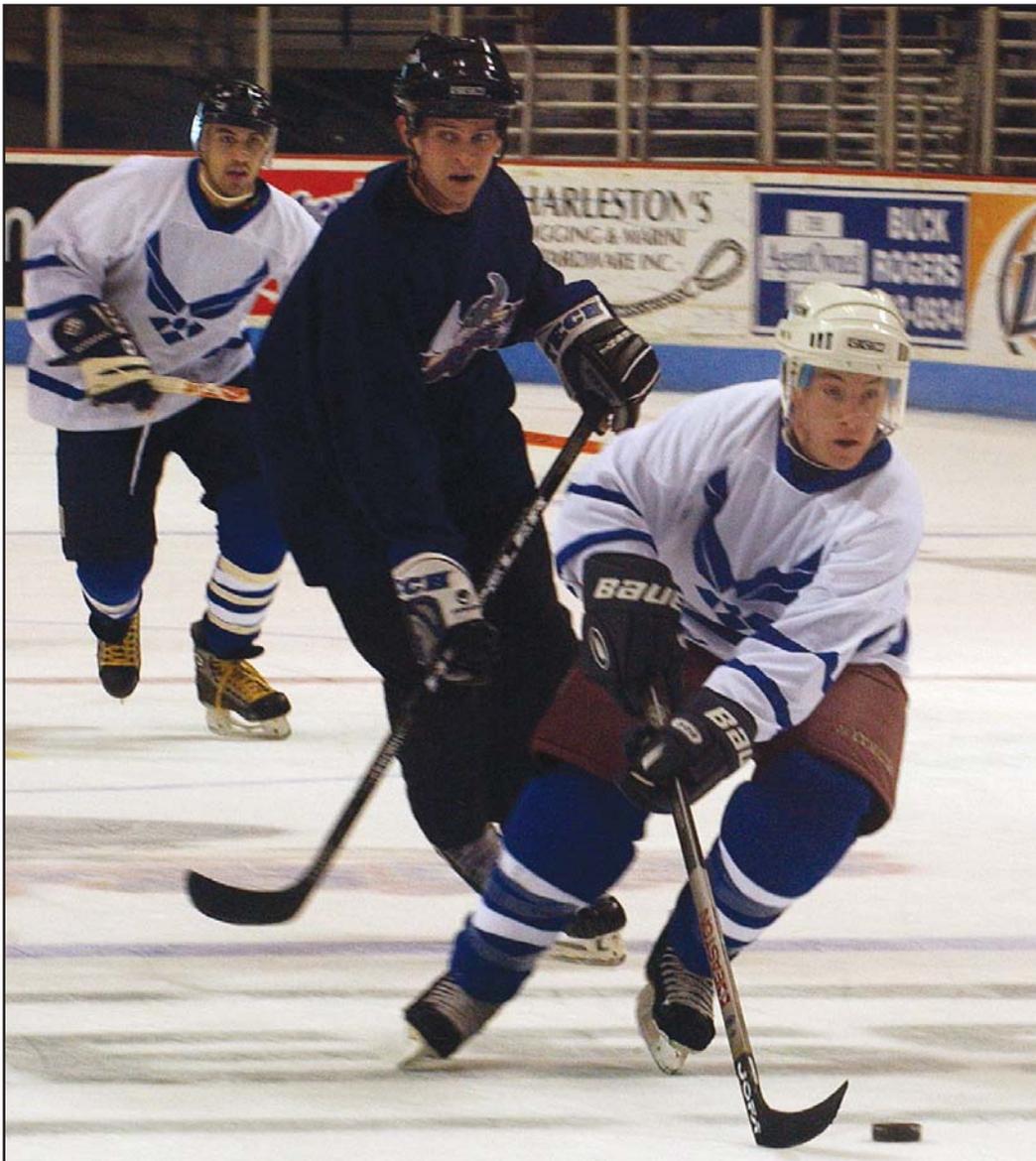
"When line one is working together, it's fun to watch," said Jon Connor, CAFB team captain. "I'm sure ESPN could pull some of that for the plays of the week."

One such play, said Smith, was made by Jeffery Popovich, line one defenseman.

"We were actually on a penalty kill, and we took the puck deep in our zone," said Smith. "Popovich carried the puck out, and two of our guys went to make a change. I figured he was going to dump it, so I went to the bench too, only to watch him skate circles around the whole Navy defense, and beat the goalie with wrist shot from the circle."

The CAFB team can be seen in action in the Carolina Ice Palace B-League. The team is currently 3-1 with sole possession of second place. The next game is scheduled for 10:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Carolina Ice Palace. Admission is always free.

The Air Force team is also slated to play Navy before the Stingray game on April 3 at which time the CAFB team will be presented with the Stingrays Military Appreciation Cup. *(Submitted by members of the Charleston AFB hockey team)*



Above: CAFB hockey team defender Jeff Cliff squeezes past a Navy defender to set up a pass during Saturday's game.

Left: Paul Goff, CAFB hockey team forward, penetrates the Navy defense during Air Force's 9-6 win over Navy Saturday at the North Charleston Coliseum.