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MISSION POSSIBLE

Charleston departures	9,787
Maintenance reliability	94%
Cargo moved (tons)	45,214
Personnel deployed	636
Reservists activated	720

(Jan. 1 to July 21, 2004)



Diggin' it

Photo by Airman 1st Class Darnell Cannady

Airman 1st Class Jeremiah Delorme, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Andrew Merriken, 437 CES, use an excavator to uncover asbestos-cement pipes at the corner of Hill Boulevard and Davis Drive so contractors could repair them. To find out more about CAFB construction projects, see page 17.

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



Tragic loss

Team Charleston grieves the loss of **Tech. Sgt. Joseph Gardner III**, who died in a C-17 maintenance mishap here on Sunday. A memorial service for Sergeant Gardner is at 7 a.m. today at the base chapel. We are deeply saddened at his death and extend our sympathy to his family and friends.

It is painful to lose a member of our Team Charleston family; lean on each other, look out for each other, and don't hesitate to seek professional help in coping with grief from our chaplains or life skills staff.

Recognition

We congratulate two of our 437th Communications Squadron Airmen who were competitively selected to attend the photojournalism school at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y. **Senior Airman Kurtis Villavicencio**, a videographer, and photographer **Airman First Class Jason Bailey** will start classes next month. We wish them all the best and know they'll represent Team Charleston well.

We thank **Chief Master Sgt. Sharon Turk**, vice commandant for the College of Enlisted Professional Military Education at Maxwell AFB, Ala., for being the special guest speaker at last night's Airman Leadership School graduation, and we congratulate all our newest ALS graduates. Look for a list of the graduates in next week's Airlift Dispatch.

Coming up

Additionally, congratulations are in order for Team Charleston's Airmen and NCOs who will tack on another stripe in a **promotion ceremony** at 8:30 a.m., July 30 at the Charleston Club. Come out and support the Airmen in your unit who are adding a stripe to their sleeve.

That same day and July 31, the 437th Services Squadron is putting on the **ATWIND base picnic** at the picnic grounds. The fun starts at 11 a.m. each day, and will include free food, live entertainment, activities for kids of all ages and the chance to play ATWIND. I encourage supervisors to make every effort to give Airmen and civilians in your sections a chance to participate.

Less than two months remain before this year's **Air Force Ball**, set for Sept. 11. Our Air Force Ball committee is doing amazing work to make this the social event of the year at the Charleston Area Convention Center, with dancing music by local band MacDaddy. Tickets are \$25 and will be available on the Globemaster Web site in coming weeks. Reservists who do not have access to Globemaster can get tickets from Debra Baldwin, 315th Airlift Wing Pub-

Action Line

On-base theft concerns, upsets housing resident

Q: I put out 24 American flags to outline my sidewalks for the holiday weekend. I have done this for the last 18 years and have never had a problem. This particular year they were removed from my property. I am asking that if anyone knows about this theft to please let the person or persons know kindly just replace them back in my yard. I am proud



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Pamela Smith

Col. Sam Cox, 437th Airlift Wing vice commander, talks to newly arrived Airmen during a visit to the First-Term Airman Center Wednesday. The visit gives newly-arrived first-term Airmen the opportunity to interact with Team Charleston leadership.

lic Affairs, 963-2034. For more information call Protocol at 963-5644 or Senior Master Sgt. Janet Osborne at 963-4888.

Mission accomplishment

Our operations tempo continues to be high, and the 437th Security Forces Squadron is no exception. In the past two weeks, security forces conducted 2,754 vehicle searches at the Commissary and Rivers gates. All commercial vehicles are searched, and random antiterrorism searches at the two main entry control points deter vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices. Security forces also use explosive military working dogs and chemical detection equipment, such as the ion scanner and vapor tracer, to detect explosive chemical residue.

The tireless efforts of these defenders, around the clock in all types of weather, increase the safety and security of the base personnel and resources. Thank you to all our hard-working security forces—active duty, reservists, Army National Guard, and other augmentees. We applaud your dedication and your contribution to our mission.

Safety

As the pace continues, be sure to take time to rest. Right now our wing commander is taking leave; if he can take leave, you can too.

Take time for yourself and your family.

Whether you're on leave or on duty, continue to place special emphasis on safety. Stop and think before you act, and if you see something unsafe, step in to fix it. Each of you is vital to our mission; be safe out there!

Safety Emphasis Item

When most of us look back on family road trips, we usually remember the best and worst highlights. Unfortunately for many, the worst auto accidents occur during long trips with distractions and fatigue most often the culprits. Driving demands your full attention. Always give yourself plenty of room in front of your car and around you to react. Fatigue behind the wheel is extremely dangerous, so remember to take breaks often and give everyone a chance to reenergize. Practice a little risk management, it may just save your life!

to be an American and would think on a military installation my decorations use would be a little safer on base then off. Theft is not the answer.

A: Thank you for your call in regards to theft of your property. The 437th Security Forces Squadron continues to be vigilant for such acts of vandalism and theft in our military housing areas. I also encourage all military and family

members to be sensors and assist our security forces. If anyone has information in regards to this or other incidents of this kind, please contact security forces at 963-3600.

— **Col. Brooks Bash**
437AW commander

437AW.action@charleston.af.mil
or call 963-5581

If you're an Airman first, everything else will follow

By **Chief Master Sgt. Charlotte Branum**
437th MSS Superintendent

I was recently promoted to chief master sergeant and was told I needed to say a few words after my stripes were "tacked on". I wanted whatever I said to have some meaning to the Airmen listening. Telling them about my career didn't seem to be important; I wanted to provide some insight in how to succeed in theirs.

I thought quite a while about what "profound words of wisdom" I could share and always came back to the same story, one I spent several years as a first sergeant telling to many young Airmen.

They would come to my office and tell me it was "too hard to succeed in the Air Force; that we expect too much of them." Hearing that always reminded me of a true story, one that has stayed with me over the last 11 years.

I was a young technical sergeant assigned to Headquarters Pacific Command, Camp Smith, Hawaii, where I worked side by side with members from our sister services. I learned a lot about the different branches, including one of the most important lessons in life. I was told that all Marines were trained to be Marines FIRST, with training as a mechanic, or a Medical Technician, or whatever, being secondary. The most important thing was to be a Marine—to know how to do their wartime skill. With this

worth repeating

"... if your focus is being an Airman first, everything else will be a piece of cake!"



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interesting tidbit of information in the back of my mind, I was waiting to be let in to the "Bridge" (what we call a Command Section) one day and there was a young Marine standing guard. I decided to strike up a conversation and asked, "So what do you do for a living?"

He looked at me and said, "I'm a Marine."

I remember thinking I'd already figured that one out ... so thought I'd rephrase the question for him and said "No, what do you normally do though, what is your job?"

He again looked at me like I wasn't too sharp and said "I'm a Marine."

It took a couple of minutes and then everything clicked for me. First and foremost—he was a Marine. It didn't matter what other job skill training he had, the important thing was he was a Marine and he was proud of that fact.

I challenge you to develop this mindset—be an Airman first. Whether you're an airman basic or a general officer, if your focus is being an Airman first, everything else will be a piece of cake!

You'll complete your off-duty education because you know it is important. You'll volunteer, you'll always look sharp in your uniform and your customs and courtesies will be impeccable.

You'll live within your means and make the right decisions when faced with things you know aren't quite right. You'll do the best job you know how to do; you'll want to be the expert, the one everyone can count on to get it done right the first time. You'll take pride in everything you do, even the jobs you may not like so much.

This attitude will bleed over to other aspects of your life. You'll be the best father, mother, wife or husband you can be. You'll be the type of friend that people can count on. You'll strive to be the absolute best person you can be.

Why? Because you are an Airman.

The next time someone asks you what you do for a living, don't tell them you're a carpenter, a lab technician or whatever your skill might be—tell them you are an Airman—that's all you need to say. Everything else will be clear after spending just a few moments with you; they'll know you're proud to serve your country, and they'll be very proud of you for being there.

Change of command

Maj. Charles Shea assumed command of the 437th Comptroller Squadron in a ceremony Monday.

Major Shea, a recent graduate from the Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala, replaced Lt. Col Robert Blue, who will be heading to AMC Headquarters, Scott AFB, Ill.

He graduated in 1989 from the University of North Carolina and was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Major Shea's first assignment was at K.I.



Maj. Charles Shea

Sawyer AFB, Mich. He then went to Kunsan AB, Korea before going to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. In 1997, Major Shea was moved to the Air Staff comptroller Directorate at the Pentagon, Washington D.C. After four years at the Pentagon, he went to Columbus AFB, Miss., where he stayed until ACSC.

Major's Shea's awards and decorations include a Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters and an Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

Interesting fact: Atlanta Braves fan since I was a young kid...had to suffer through many lean years until the early 1990s.

Favorite movie: Casablanca

Major pet peeve: Folks who fail to show initiative

Favorite author: Tom Clancy

Favorite quote: "It is amazing what can be accomplished when nobody cares about who gets the credit"

Why did you join the Air Force: Simply to serve my country and make a difference.

How would you describe your leadership style: Take care of your people so they can take care of the mission, don't be afraid to challenge the experts, live the core values, and walk your talk.

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CAFB mourns one of its own

The 437th Airlift Wing will hold a memorial service for Tech. Sgt. Joseph Gardner III, 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, at 7 a.m. today at the Base Chapel.

Sergeant Gardner died Sunday while performing an inspection on a C-17.

An investigation is underway to determine how he became pinned under the spoiler on the aircraft wing.

Sergeant Gardner, form Eight Miles Ala., is survived by his parents, Joseph and Claudia Gardner Jr., one sister, Lori, and a brother, Kenneth.

Sergeant Gardner, a distinguished graduate of Noncommissioned Officer Academy Class 04-D, was born May 2, 1967. He entered the Air Force in 1989 and was assigned to the 3380th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Keesler AFB, Miss., where he worked on EC-130s and WC-130s.

He was then reassigned to the 65th Airlift Support Squadron, Lajes Field, the Azores, where he worked



**Tech Sgt.
Joseph Gardner III**

with C-20s and C-141s and deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Sergeant Gardner moved to Hickam AFB, Hawaii, before going to Osan AB, South Korea.

He went on to the 95th Reconnaissance Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, U.K., before coming to Charleston AFB in April 2002.

“Tech. Sgt. Gardner was an outstanding man, co-worker, friend and technician,” said Lt. Col. Darrell Mosley, 437 AMXS commander. “He was always willing to help and would give you the shirt off his back. He loved and lived the Air Force and was always full of life. His dedication to duty was unparalleled. He was also a car nut – he truly adored Ford Mustangs.”

Sergeant Gardner’s awards and decorations include an Air Force Commendation Medal with one device, an Air Force Achievement Medal and Kuwait Liberation Medals from the Saudi Arabian and Kuwaiti governments.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Scott Reed

Waiting on go

Senior Airman Christopher Moore, an air transportation specialist with the 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Group, waits on the ramp at Balad AB, Iraq, for the signal to move the 60K loader into place to the off-load cargo from a C-17. Airman Moore here from the 437th Aerial Port Squadron at Charleston AFB, S.C.

Trash to treasure: housing residents clean up

**Story and photo by
Staff Sgt. Jennifer Arredondo**
437 AW Public Affairs

The 437th Civil Engineer Squadron’s reprocessing center has solved the issued of what to do with partially-used household cleaners by allowing base residents who are leaving Charleston AFB to donate these items.

“Due to the high frequency of moves during the summer, it’s a good time to let people know about this program,” said Antonio Lodico, 437th CES environmental protection specialist.

Military families leaving the base can drop off their usable household items such as cleaning supplies, polishes, paints or pesticides to the center.

This program’s goal is to help offset the move-in cost for families and minimize the disposal of these items which may contaminate the ground, Mr. Lodico said.

“Individuals are not able to bring these items with them when they move,” Mr. Lodico said. “They usually throw them away. Then the items are sent to the landfill and will eventually

go into the ground,” Mr. Lodico said.

The program not only benefits outgoing base housing residence, but incoming ones as well by giving them free source of household cleaners and paints. Some of the donated items are new or hardly used.

“The main function of the reprocessing cen-



Lena Spangler, a hazmat service manager with RCS Corporation, takes inventory of items available to members to use in their homes.

ter is to accept items, store them and keep an inventory of what is available to give to families,” said Lena Spangler, Regulatory Compliance Service Corp., hazardous material manager.

RCS maintains a Web site so that people can see exactly what kind of household products are available. For example, the reprocessing center has an abundance of paint for individuals to choose from. Incoming base housing residents can log on to the RCS Web site to see what colors are available, Mr. Lodico said.

“For the program to be a success, everyone must make an effort to help reduce waste — we can’t do it alone,” he said. Program managers will send out a brochure to all base housing occupants explaining the process, and the donation criteria for household products.

Housing residence can drop off or pick up household products on Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hazmat/Recycle Center, Bldg. 626 on North Davis Drive.

For more information call 963-2690 or log onto <http://www.rcscorporation.com/afb/hazmat.html>.

MWR funds finance new base RV lot

By 2nd Lt. Kristen Miller
437 AW Public Affairs

For about nine years, Charleston AFB personnel have enjoyed the luxury of storing their recreational vehicles, boats, etc., on base free of charge.

The lot on which these vehicles are stored is operated by the base housing section of the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron and was paid for through appropriated funds. Due to a future military construction project planned for this lot, current users would have been forced to store their vehicles off-base if it weren't for the 437th Services Squadron.

"With this [military construction] project, it basically left two

options for people using this lot," said Capt. John Nowak, 437 SVS commander. "They would either have to go downtown and pay a large fee to store their vehicles, or Services could pay for and build a new lot."

The 437 SVS invested \$194,700 from the base morale wellness and recreation non-appropriated funds to build a new storage lot for all eligible users, Captain Nowak said. Because this money came from the 437 SVS's non-appropriated funds, the lot will no longer be free to users.

"We can't build something with Airmen's money and not cover the cost," Captain Nowak said. "Because the lot was built with non-appropriated funds, usage fees are

required to recover the cost of the construction and monthly operating expenses."

The 437 SVS will not profit from these usage fees, Captain Nowak said. The fees will reimburse the cost of building the lot, freeing up more MWR funds to improve the quality of life on base.

The 437 SVS is conducting research to determine a reasonable cost, Captain Nowak said. They've taken polls from similar lots in the area as well as other Air Force installations so an informed decision can be made about projected cost.

"We're doing a lot of research and comparative marketing to make sure we're competitive with the local market," Captain Nowak said.

The new lot, located behind the

Veterinary Clinic, is not yet open. Workers are in the process of marking the spots and taking cost estimates on paving the lot.

"If it's viable for cost, we would like to pave it in the future," Captain Nowak said. "That's part of what the fees will go toward. They will also go toward lights, a coded lock system and possibly a covered parking area later on."

The new lot is expected to open soon, and the old lot will close Sept. 1, said Debbie Carlton, 437 CES housing manager.

Those interested in storing their vehicles in the new lot must fill out an application. Base housing residents have first priority. Contact Outdoor Recreation at 963-5270 for more information.

OSS offers one-stop service to aircrews

Story and photo

By 1st Lt. Shaloma McGovern
437 AW Public Affairs

The Mission Launch and Recovery Facility is now a "one-stop-shop" for all aircrew needs during alert, launch and recovery of C-17 missions departing and arriving at Charleston AFB.

The MLRF was created as a result of 9/11 and was designed after a similar facility developed by the 315th Operations Group.

"During 9/11, the active-duty wing asked the 315th if they could start a one-stop for aircrews much like the one the 315th already had for the reservists," said Master Sgt. Shirley Wiggins-White, 315th Operations Support Squadron aviation resource manager.

"We're now able to launch crews within three hours and 45 minutes of the time we alert them. The MLRF allows crews to receive their briefings, weapons, meals, flight plans and weather in a minimum amount of time."

The aircrew members just show up at the MLRF, and everything they need to accomplish the mission is provided, Sergeant Wiggins-White said.

Other military installations have expressed interest in the MLRF, and Sergeant Wiggins-White said she believes they'll follow CAFB's lead.

"This just proves that the 315th and the 437th really are Team Charleston," she said. "Together we can accomplish anything."

The current MLRF team is a combination of both 437th Airlift Wing and 315th Airlift Wing personnel.

"Though we all wear different patches, we're



Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Moore, 701st Airlift Squadron loadmaster, pays Staff Sgt. Traci Gallo for his flight meal at the Mission Launch and Recovery Facility Monday.

a team—one family focused on the same mission," Sergeant Wiggins-White said.

The MLRF is located in an area of base operations currently being reconfigured to improve aircrew access. The renovations of the MLRF are expected to be completed in mid-September.

Processes are also being streamlined to reduce labor-intensive tasks. "The MLRF is embracing the use of technology to improve business processes," Sergeant Wiggins-White said.

Virtual flight commander information file cards allow aircrew members to read and acknowledge flight information files via any government computer worldwide. Aircrews can now order flight meals on-line, replacing the current fax method.

The MLRF will also be installing a mission

status board above the customer service counter to aid in tracking inbound missions, outbound missions and aircrew alert sequence progress.

"The 437th Operations Support Squadron's number one velocity initiative is giving time back to the aircrew," said Capt. Joseph Grindrod, 437 OSS readiness flight commander.

"Since 9/11, the operations tempo and the mission requirements for Charleston AFB have grown exponentially."

From gathering equipment such as chemical protection gear, night vision goggles and weapons, to receiving tactics and intelligence briefings, crew members are task-saturated from the time they are alerted to the time they take off.

"The purpose of the MLRF is to consolidate as many of these requirements into one location allowing the aircrew to focus their time and energy on other areas such as Operational Risk Management, safety and mission accomplishment," Captain Grindrod said.

The MLRF has become the backbone of CAFB since Sept. 12, 2001, Captain Grindrod said. Renovations of the MLRF are expected to be complete in mid-September.

"Anything we can do to help execute the mission in a more safe and efficient manner benefits both team Charleston and the whole Air Force," Captain Grindrod said.

"The C-17 is the lifeline to the frontline, providing the resources and people necessary to execute the Global War on Terrorism. The key to success over there starts here at Charleston with the home station departure."

(2nd Lt. Kristen Miller contributed to this story.)



Photo by Senior Airman Jason Bailey

First in line

Charleston AFB first responders scan the flightline as they prepare to take control of an "emergency situation" during the wing's Major Accident Response Exercise July 15. The exercise was used to test the base's ability to respond in a crisis. More than 200 people participated in the training.

Blotter

Cops catch crack-carrying crook, snag shoplifter

The following are some of the responses by the 437th Security Forces Squadron from July 12 to Sunday and are printed to raise awareness of resources protection and safety.

Anyone with information regarding these or any other incident, please call security forces at 963-3600.

Vehicle accidents

■ An Airman notified security forces that his vehicle was hit in the outbound lane of the commissary gate, by an unknown driver, who made a right turn out the gate at a high rate of speed.

■ An Airman reported she had struck a light cable after entering the wash rack to clean her government vehicle. Security forces attempted to contact the Airman for a further description of the incident, but were not able to locate her.

Traffic stats

Security forces cited 38 drivers for failure to stop at a posted stop sign or traffic light, 17 drivers for speeding, five for having expired registration tags, one for failure to wear a seatbelt, one for an illegal u-turn and one for violation of base noise ordinance.

Crime watch

■ A civilian driver entered the Rivers Gate and drove on base after security forces instructed him to turn around. When security forces attempted to stop the vehicle, it made a u-turn and fled off base, striking a star barrier.

Charleston County Sheriff Office and Aviation Authority Police were notified and responded. Security forces terminated the pursuit after CCSO and the AAP apprehended the individual.

He was charged with failure to stop, eluding a police officer and three counts of possession of crack cocaine with a general sessions court date.

■ North Charleston Police Department notified security forces officers they were in foot pursuit of an armed individual. Security forces notified CCSO and conducted a search along the wood line of International Boulevard.

CCSO notified security forces of

termination of the search.

■ A family member was caught shoplifting pet care items and personal hygiene products worth \$64.18 from the base exchange. A store detective held the individual until CCSO arrived and took her to the Charleston County Jail for further processing. She was issued a court date and a letter revoking her AAFES/base exchange privileges.

■ An Airman reported personal property worth \$1759 was stolen from a crew bus he'd been traveling in. According to him, he'd forgotten a laptop with accessories on the bus and contacted the driver to see if the items had been turned in.

■ An Airman reported a civilian was possibly intoxicated and working on the flightline. Other Airmen at the scene reported they had smelled alcohol on the individual while loading a contractor-owned aircraft.

Security forces made contact with the individual and were not able to verify if he was impaired. The individual's temporary restricted area badge was confiscated. CCSO escorted the individual off base and released him on his own recognizance.

DUI/DWI Statistics

Last incident: 13 days

2004 total: 13

2003 total: 18

Members receiving a Driving Under the 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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AIRMEN AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING

963-0437

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

Spotlight

Retirement: The 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron hosts a retirement ceremony for Senior Master Sgt. Randy Morgan at 11 a.m. today in the Reserve Auditorium (Bldg. 60). For more information contact Master Sgt. Jeff Becker at 963-4599.

Around the base

NAAF Hunting permits - Hunting permits for the recreational hunting program at North Auxiliary Air Field go on sale at the environmental office (Bldg. 247), Monday. A limited number of permits will also be available at the NAAF fire department. It is open to all military, DOD employees and retirees. For more information, call Mr. Joe Camp at 963-2701 or Mr. Keith Thompson at 963-4020.

Communication Skills: The Family Support Center hosts a communication skills class 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday. For more information contact Barbara Lang at 963-5448.

Smooth Move: The Family Support Center hosts a workshop to help those moving soon, 8:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday. For more information contact Barbara Lang at 963-5448.

Chapel: The base chapel will not hold Daily Mass until Wednesday. If anyone is in need of reconciliation or wishes to speak with a priest call 767-9621.

On-base colleges: Registration at all on-base colleges for term one is ongoing at the Education Center and continues through the end of the month. For more information, call 963-4575 or 963-7201.

Public health office: The public health office will hold a hazard communications training class 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. July 30 in Bldg. 1000. To enroll contact Staff Sgt. Tiffany Richardson at 963-6928.

Promotions: We will celebrate all the enlisted promotions for the month of August, from Airman to Chief Master Sgt. at 8:30 a.m. July 30 at the Charleston Club. For more information contact Master Sgt. Rob Frank at 963-3356.

Charleston Warrior of the Week

Airman 1st Class Taylor Johnson 437th Civil Engineer Squadron

Airman 1st Class Taylor Johnson is a Heavy Equipment and Pavements Operator for the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron.

His primary duties include operating heavy equipment and maintaining the pavements throughout the base and on the flightline. Flightline work consists of runway repair and maintenance.

"I get to play with oversized Tonka trucks and I get to see a finished product with everything I do," said Airman Johnson.

"We keep the base looking good and make sure the runways are operable so we can complete the mission," he added.

The Le Sueur, Minn., native joined the Air Force two and a half years ago for the travel, benefits and educational opportunities.

Airman Johnson volunteers at his squadron booster club and is on the base honor guard. He recently was selected as the 2003 Base Honor Guardsman of the Year.

His future plans include earning his bachelor's degree and climbing the enlisted ranks as high as he can.

"Whether Airman Johnson is operating the excavator, laying asphalt for the running track or presenting the colors on behalf of the base honor guard, he has a zeal for excellence in everything he does," said Staff Sgt. Kevin Henderson, a pavements operator and Airman Johnson's supervisor. "His hard work and dedication will have a lasting effect at Charleston Air Force Base."

Photo by Airman Sam Hymas

Employment and scholarship

orientation: A class explaining how to access resources and services with emphasis on employment and scholarship information is at 10-11:30 a.m. July 30 at the Family Support Center. For more information contact Barbara Lang at 963-5448.

Retreat time - Sounding of retreat has been moved to 4 p.m. to better accommodate individual's work schedules.

Remember, when retreat is sounded stop and salute in the direction of the flag if you are walking and in a military uniform. If in civilian clothes, stop and come to parade rest, and place your hand over your heart. If you are driving, pull over to the side of the road and sit quietly until the national anthem has finished.

TRICARE news

The Health Care Information Line will no longer be available after Aug 1. However, TRICARE offers other options to access information to help you play an active role in managing your own health care.

For general information and to learn about health care issues that affect your family, you can visit the following websites: www.tricare.osd/milmtf, www.tricareonline.com, or www.tricare.osd.mil. The beneficiary service line is also available at 1-800-444-5445. This toll-free number gives access to the Human Military Interactive Voice Response System, where you can get help 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For in-depth consultation for a current health problem, TRICARE Prime enrollees should visit their health care provider or military treatment facility primary care manager. Beneficiaries should always call 911 first or go the closest emergency room in an emergency situation.

If you have any questions please stop by the local TRICARE office at 437th Medical Group, Charleston AFB, or call 963-6710/6706/6707.

Program gives more than \$400,000 to troops

DALLAS — Since the Army and Air Force Exchange Service began “Gifts from the Homefront” last year, people have contributed \$406,745 toward the program.

The program is designed to lift the morale of deployed troops worldwide by offering gift certificates which can be purchased by any individual or civic organization. This allows servicemembers to purchase items of necessity and convenience at any exchange facility in the world.

Because the gift certificates can be used for merchandise already stocked at contingency locations, they are a safe alternative to traditional care packages that strain the military mail system and present force-protection issues, said AAFES officials.

Those wishing to send a “gift from the homefront” can log on to www.aafes.com or call (877) 770-4438 to purchase gift certificates. From there, the “gift from the homefront” may be sent to an individual designated by the purchaser or distributed to any servicemember through the United Service Organizations, American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society or Fisher House. **(AFPN)**

Force development includes civilians

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Career civilian employees will soon have more focused career guidance and expanded opportunities because of a new initiative taking place at the Air Force Personnel Center here this summer.

Civilian career field management is a part of force development that will align civilian and military career fields to develop future leaders.

Under the new program, all civilian positions have been assigned to a specific career field similar to military specialties. Each career field will have a career path that helps employees determine where to go or what to do to advance in their careers.

The new program will enhance current opportunities for civilian professional education, advanced academic degrees, broader assign-

ment experiences and upward mobility, personnel officials said. It will also identify cross-functional paths to expose civilians to a broader scope of operational activities to prepare them for senior-leadership positions. **(AFPN)**

Safe, adequate housing gets highest priority

WASHINGTON — Caring for Air Force families is the highest priority and a way to reinforce that commitment is to provide safe, adequate and affordable housing, said the Air Force’s senior military leader.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper released a Sight Picture on July 6, detailing his and Air Force Secretary Dr. James Roche’s commitment to improving living standards for Airmen. It was published after General Jumper testified before the House Appropriations

Committee’s subcommittee on military construction to provide budget details for fiscal 2005.

Inadequate family housing will be eliminated in the United States by 2007, General Jumper said during his testimony.

“Through privatization, increases in the basic allowance for housing and a new dorm standard, we are combating the problems of inadequate housing,” General Jumper said. “There is a myth out there that the new ways of doing business mean that we have abandoned our commitment to ensuring all Air Force members have access to adequate and affordable housing. Let me assure you that nothing is further from the truth.”

“Providing adequate housing allows Airmen to focus on the mission, knowing that their families have a safe place to live,” General Jumper said. “I am extremely proud of the progress we

have made in our housing program.”

Retroactive refund available for R&R leave

WASHINGTON -- Servicemembers who traveled on rest and recuperation leave while deployed supporting operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom between Sept. 25 and Dec. 18, may be eligible for reimbursement of airline costs.

Reimbursement for airline costs is retroactive for those people who paid for commercial airline tickets from the port they flew into from overseas, such as Baltimore-Washington International Airport, to their final leave destination.

According to records, about 40,000 servicemembers traveled during the period.

More information is available at www.armyg1.army.mil/wellbeing/rleave/index.htm. **(AFPN)**

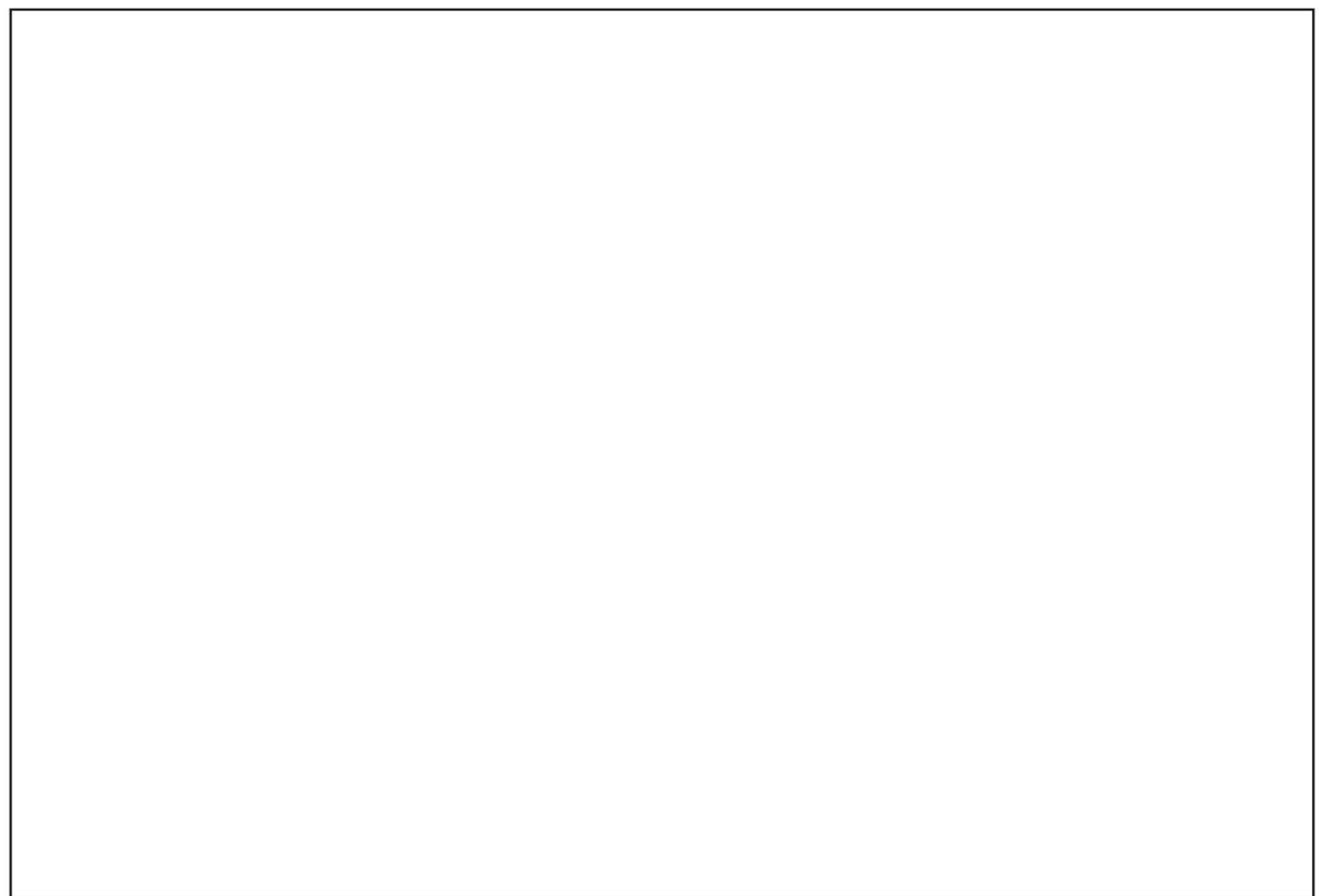


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Weapons Check

Lt. Col. Scott Maw, 94th Fighter Squadron fighter pilot, performs the walkaround of his F-15 prior to flight as part of Phase One Operational Readiness Exercise at Langley Air Force Base, Va., July 11, 2004.

Construction zone ahead

Photo and story by Airman Sam Hymas
437 AW Public Affairs

Charleston AFB's new gates are one step closer to completion as major demolition of the old gates began this week.

Major site work began at the Dorchester gate Tuesday and will soon begin at the Rivers gate.

"A lot of behind-the-scenes work occurred before the visible work could start," said Bill Dean, 437 CES Engineering Flight chief.

Since June, 437 CES and the contractors prepared the sites for demolition, obtained the necessary permits, fenced in the sites to ensure base security and shut down utilities to the old gatehouses.

The new gates are being built under the design/build concept, where one company designs and builds the structures rather than having an architectural and engineering firm design the buildings and then having a construction company build them.

"The design/build concept let us start construction before the design was even done," said 2nd Lt. Eric Hagenburger, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron facility programmer. "It saved us a lot of time getting contracting bids and dealing with different companies."

Lieutenant Hagenburger said impending minor road work will help alleviate some of the traffic congestion at the temporary Rivers gate, which comes as a relief to Senior Master Sgt. Graves, 437th Security Forces Squadron, and operations superintendent.

The 437 SFS has been working on traffic flow to accommodate the on-going gate con-



Demolition of the Dorchester guard shack began Wednesday. The new gate house is expected to be done by January. The gates are part of an AMC plan to unify all the command entry control points.

struction, said Sergeant Graves.

"There will be continuous tweaking of traffic management to ensure it's as smooth as possible," said Sergeant Graves. "The new gate design will increase force protection and improve traffic flow. It also allows guards to be more efficient, safer and better protected from the weather."

Lieutenant Hagenburger said it's possible

that one or both gates could be open as early as December, though the scheduled completion date is the end of January.

"We appreciate everyone's cooperation and patience thus far," said Lieutenant Hagenburger. "If all goes as planned the base will soon have two brand-new entry control points that will keep us safer and get us on and off base quickly and efficiently."

More than gates cause for caution

In addition to the new gates under construction, Charleston AFB has been getting some other improvements and upgrades recently, many of which are evidenced by orange cones and street barriers popping up around base.

The 437th Civil Engineer Squadron has been busy reconditioning the sewer lines and adding more brick crosswalks to beautify the base.

"We definitely have a lot going on," said Mr. Bill Dean, CES Engineering Flight chief.

The sewer lines on base are old and wearing out. Rather than tearing up the streets one by one the 437 CES is

doing "trenchless repair" on the lines.

"The 20-inch sewer pipe is being lined with a state-of-the-art fiberglass lining which has a life span of 25 years," said Tech. Sgt. Jeffery Morgan, project engineer with 437 CES.

Engineers will line 9,000 feet of sewer pipe, mostly on Hill Boulevard and in the industrial areas of the base, said Sergeant Morgan.

The most disruptive work was completed last week, but motorists can expect minimal interruptions between now and December when contractors will finish with their work.

Crews are now finishing up a few crosswalks in the housing area.

Traffic tips

Traffic Flow: The traffic light at the intersection of O'Neal Avenue and Hill Boulevard changes throughout the day to accommodate the flow of traffic. From 5:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. the light on O'Neal flashes yellow to speed up incoming traffic flow. From 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. the traffic light on Hill Boulevard will be flashing yellow to speed up outgoing traffic flow.

Drivers may proceed through the flashing yellow lights with caution, but must come to a complete stop before proceeding at a flashing red light.

Commissary gate: After initial ID check, form two lanes until cones near the shoppette direct vehicles to merge.

Rivers gate: Immediately prior to arriving at the gatehouse form two lanes to speed up the entry process during peak traffic hours.

New stop sign: There is a new stop sign on N. O'Neal Avenue near the youth center.

Command Performance

RUN FOR COVER

By Senior Master Sgt. Janet Osborne
437 LRS first sergeant

Like them or not, hats (or covers) are a part of our military uniform and it's important that they're worn properly. Air Force Instruction 36-2903 not only tells you how to wear the various types of headgear, but it also tells you when to wear them.

According to AFI 36-2903 table 2.8, members in uniform will wear headgear when outdoors and while operating two-wheeled vehicles, unless they're wearing safety headgear. You don't wear headgear when the commander specifies, unless you're armed security forces personnel, other personnel bearing arms while performing duty or medical food inspectors performing facility inspections.

Each base also has a supplement that identifies "no hat areas." For instance, on Charleston AFB, the flightline is a no hat area. The base gas station is a hat area. When you are walking to your car or house, whether you live in base housing or not, you should have your hat on.

Knowing when to wear headgear is only half the battle. Knowing how to wear it is

equally, if not more important. There are separate tables in AFI 36-2903 for male and female uniforms, but the wear guidance is the same. One of the biggest violations I've seen is hair protruding in front of the caps – service, BDU and baseball. The flight cap is the only hat that allows hair to protrude from the front. For females, the hair must be worn so it doesn't interfere with the proper wear of any hat. The BDU cap and service caps are worn squarely on the head, not tilted on the back of the head.

Another item I've seen people wearing on their heads, which is not appropriate headgear, is sunglasses. It's convenient to just put them on the top of your head when you take your sunglasses off, however they are not listed in the AFI under headgear and they should not be worn there or protruding from your uniform. Put them in your pocket or carry them in your hand.

As Air Force members it's up to us to follow the rules. Excellence in all we do includes wearing uniform items properly. If you aren't sure how to wear something, ask someone or look it up. It only takes a minute. That will be a minute well spent setting the example.

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.

"Around the World in 80 Days" – Jackie Chan, Steve Coogan

Passepartout, a Chinese thief, steals a valuable jade Buddha. Then seeks refuge in the traveling companionship of an eccentric inventor, Fogg, who has taken on a bet with members of his gentlemen's club that he can make it around the world in 80 days. **(PG) 120 minutes**

Saturday, 2:00 p.m.

"Garfield" – Breckin Myer

Garfield's owner takes in sweet but dim-witted pooch, Odie, turning Garfield's world upside down. Garfield only wants one thing: Odie out of his home and life! **(PG) 85 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

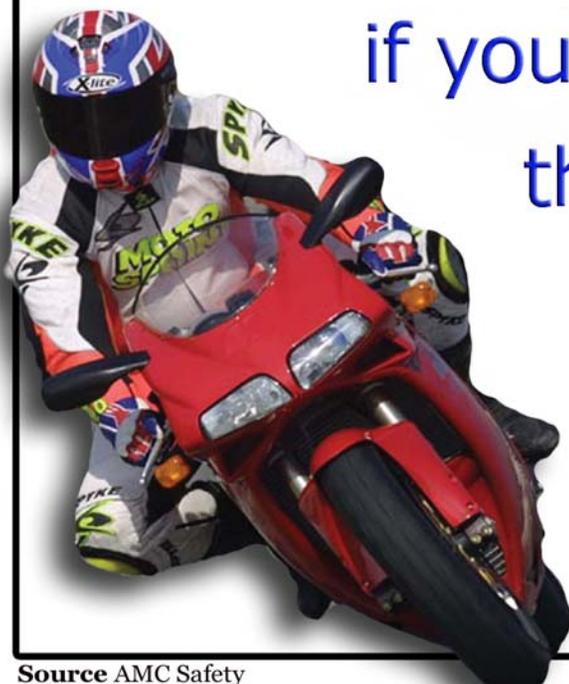
"The Terminal" – Tom Hanks

An Eastern European is forced to live at Kennedy Airport when his former war-torn country's borders are erased, voiding his passport and leaving him with no political home. The refugee meets and falls in love with a flight attendant, which prompts his bold escape plan. **(PG-13) 121 minutes**



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Hurricanes storm into championship meet

By Frank de Aragón
437th Services Squadron

An unexpected Hurricane took over the 2004 Coastal Carolina Aquatics Association Championship Meet being held at the Jewish Community Center in West Ashley, S.C., July 11 – 13.

Swimmers from the Charleston Air Force Base Hurricanes Swim Team demonstrated they're a powerful force from the first event of the CCAA Championship meet. Kathryn Foster won the first heat of the 8 year olds & Under 25M Freestyle event and on the next heat, Caitlin Tanner took second place

Darlene Bugado took second in the 50M Butterfly and shared the top two and if you believed that she was done, you are wrong... during her next event, the 50M Breaststroke, Ms. Bugado swam the event 15 seconds faster than ever, along with Lauren Rogers, who swam the event 6 seconds faster than her best time and soundly defeated their competition.

Taylor Bright and Katrina Robb proved to be great competitors when they charged forward during the 50M Breaststroke for the 11-12 year olds and finished first and second place

respectively in their individual heats.

Three CAFB Hurricane swimmers participated in the 100 Meter Individual medley. Representing the 11-12 year old category for the event were Stephanie Foster and Katrina Robb took to the water and completed event with improved times and placed second and third respectively in their heat.

On her last event of the night, Aimee Foster took the lead from the start and never looked back as she swam the four demanding strokes and finished the quest for the Heat Winner ribbon by placing first in her heat and improving her own personal best time by 16 seconds.

"I am very proud and the kids know they did well," said Steven Foster, whose three daughters swam with the Hurricanes. "Individually, they swam an average of 10-15 seconds faster at the City Championship meets. That alone is a major accomplishment."

During the second day of competition, Spencer Mosley and John Kelley made their championship appearance by competing in several individual events. They both attacked the competition in the 50M Freestyle as the CAFB Hurricanes continued to impress the spectators. Later in the second day of competition

Spencer Mosley intimidated swimmers from other teams with a very impressive 50M Backstroke that took 14 seconds off his best time. John Kelley charged ahead with a respectable 50M Breaststroke and continued on to swim like a true champion in the ever demanding 100 Meter Individual Medley.

During the third day of the CCAA Championship Meet all the relays races were held. The CAFB Hurricanes Freestyle Relay Team, composed of Darlene Bugado, Aimee Foster, Lauren Rogers and Kelsey Bash, completed the event in 3:53.16, which improved their best time by 33.43 seconds.

"The entire team did extremely well considering the point System," Foster said. "Due to the small number of children participating, the Hurricanes were unable to score big when competing with other teams that had over 200 kids."

"So it wasn't about winning, it was going out and doing your individual or team relay best. This is where I give the Charleston Air Force Base Hurricanes a huge kudos," he said. "They worked hard and did their best. We are very fortunate to have a great program, all we need now is more kids to come out and participate."

Sports shorts

Intramural volleyball: The Fitness and Sports Center the Intramural Volleyball season begins Aug. 17 and the deadline for entry is Aug. 10.

A mandatory coaches' clinic will be Aug. 10 at 2 p.m. in the Health and Wellness Center classroom. Commanders who want to enter their units should designate a coach/team representative and complete their statement of intent.

If an organization doesn't enter a team but has personnel interested in participating, they need to submit their name, rank, unit and duty phone to the Fitness and Sports Center.

Men's softball tryouts: Men's varsity softball tryouts are July 26-29 at 8:30 p.m. at the Charleston AFB Softball Complex. The tryouts are open to active-duty military. For more information, call Mark Lewald at 963-7138.

Youth Soccer: Registration is underway and ends July 30. Cardholders pay \$35, and those without a current card pay \$47.50. All youth need to have a current physical on file now or when they register. Registration can't be processed without the necessary documents.

A \$10 late fee will be charged after July 30. Register at the youth center from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. For more information call 963-5684.

School and Sports Physicals: Call 963-6880 to schedule your appointment.



Photo by David Williams

Doing the Stroll

Jackson Nowak, 2, and his sister, Hannah, 5, sit back and enjoy a leisurely stroll while their dad, Capt. John Nowak, 437th Services commander, participates in the 437th Airlift Wing commander's July Fun Run. The monthly run is a 5K that begins and ends at the sports and fitness center, with a detour through base housing. Units are encouraged to vie for the commanders spirit trophy, which is awarded at the completion of each run, by showing a team spirit and camaraderie with their coworkers. The next fun run is scheduled for Aug. 13.