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Photo by Airman 1st Class Darnell Cannady

Isabel, daughter of Tech. Sgt. George and Tina Diaz, enjoys arts and crafts with her mom during the Month of the Military Child Festival Saturday at the Youth Center. This year's event featured games, face painting and arts and crafts. The Month of the Military Child has been celebrated since 1983 to emphasize the importance of providing children with services to help them succeed in a military family lifestyle.

Happy Mother's Day!

Remember Mom Sunday

MISSION POSSIBLE!			
Charleston departures	5,889	Personnel deployed	576
Maintenance reliability	94.3%	Reservists activated	890
Cargo moved (tons)	26,160	(Jan. 1 to May 5, 2004)	

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



Last weekend the South Carolina Air Force Association presented the **437th Airlift Wing** recognition as the outstanding active duty Air Force wing in the state, and honored the **315th Airlift Wing** as the state's outstanding Air National Guard/Reserve wing. Additionally, AFA named the **437th Operations Group** the best active duty group, and the **437th Logistics Readiness Squadron** as the best active duty squadron in the state. The AFA also singled out **Col. James Joyce**, 315th Maintenance Group commander, for an exceptional service award. Everyone can take great pride in your contributions to help earn these awards.

Team Charleston also earned the **Combined Federal Campaign Gold Award** and the **Chairman's Award for Outstanding Campaign Performance** for achieving our 2003 CFC goals. Every individual pledge contributed to this success, and each of you can be proud of your role in earning this recognition. CFC leadership singled out **Chaplain (Maj.) James Tims**, who led the wing's efforts, presenting him the Spirit of the CFC award. Well done, all around!

The **373rd Training Squadron, Detachment 5**, earned the John F. Entrican award, presented to the Air Force's most outstanding field training detachment. The detachment was number one out of 46 detachments and operating locations. Congratulations!

The **special operations division** of the 437 OG earned Air Mobility Command's Communication-Electronics Maintenance award for a small unit. This award is recognition of a year of absolutely outstanding work, contributing directly to successful combat operations.

Also earning recognition for outstanding contributions, AMC has nominated **Maj. Marc Tessier, Capt. John Cousins, Capt. Edward Kaufman, Tech. Sgt. Gary Ferguson, Staff Sgt. Kenneth Kluge** and **Staff Sgt. Jason St. Clair**, 15th Airlift Squadron, for the Lt. Gen. William H. Tunner Award for exemplary airmanship for their flying in the early days of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Best of luck at the Air Force competition!

We also received word that two of our Airmen have been selected to attend Officer Training School. Please congratulate **Staff Sgt. David Embrey**, 437th Medical Group, and **Staff Sgt. Diamond Cookson**, 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. We look forward to the opportunity shortly to serve alongside Lieutenants Embrey and Cookson.

This week, we honored four outstanding Airmen as this month's Diamond Sharp winners. Congratulations to **Senior Airman Brandy Skoofalos**, 437th Security Forces Squadron; **Airman 1st Class Karlee Osborne**, 437 AW Command Post; **Airman 1st Class Daryl Washington**, 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and **Airman Latwana Stewart**, 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron. Keep an eye on these future leaders!

We also congratulate the 125 **Community College of the Air Force graduates** recognized at yesterday's graduation ceremony. These individuals have completed an important phase in their continuing path to self-improvement. Continuing education is essential and keeps our Air Force the best in the world. Refer to page 9 for a list of graduates.

Comings and goings

Today at 9 a.m., **Col. Paul Curlett** takes command of the 437 OG. Colonel Curlett comes to us from Scott AFB, Ill., where he was the Air Force Command and Control, Intelligence, Surveillance Reconnaissance Center liaison to AMC. Read more about Colonel Curlett on page 7. We extend a warm welcome to the Curlett family.

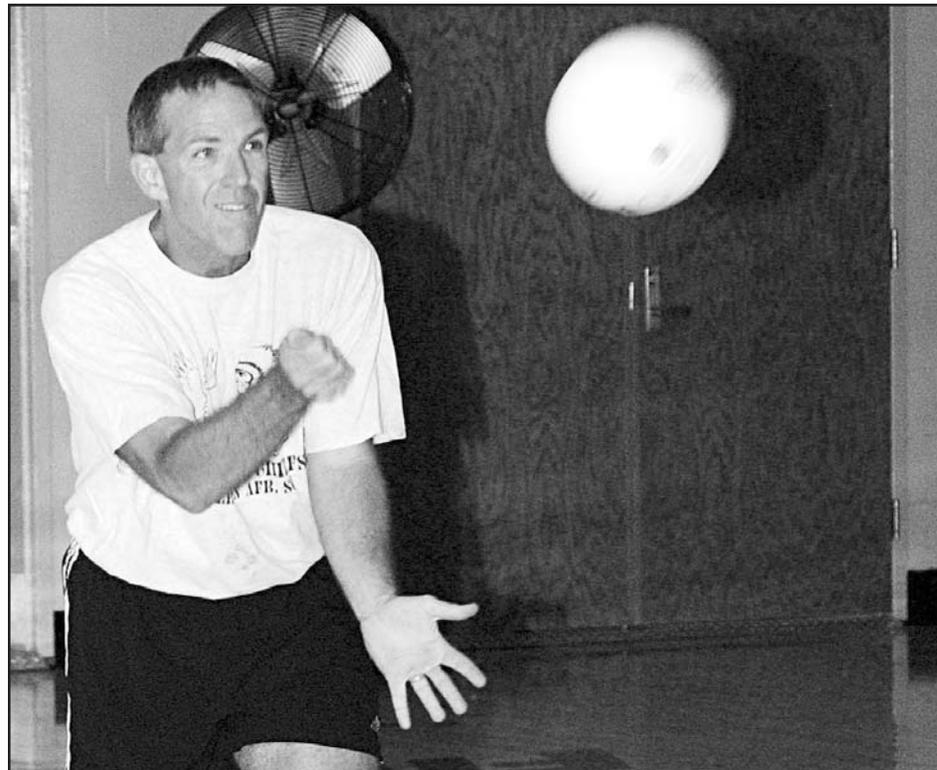


Photo by Senior Airman Tyrone Pearsall

Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing commander, serves the ball during Tuesday's Colonels versus Chiefs Volleyball Match at the Fitness and Sports Center. The chiefs won the match taking two out of three games.

This coming week we farewell **Col. Wayne Schatz**, 437 AW vice commander, and his family, as he moves west to command the 62nd Airlift Wing at McChord AFB, Wash. We send the Schatz family off with a luncheon in their honor at noon Wednesday at the Charleston Club. Colonel Schatz was the 437 AW acting commander for approximately four months, and I sincerely appreciate his perspective, insights and leadership during his time here. We wish the Schatz family good luck as they open the next chapter of their Air Force career at McChord AFB.

In the coming month, we will also be saying farewell to **Chief Master Sgt. James Roy**, 437 AW command chief master sergeant, and his family, as they move to Langley AFB, Va., where he will become command chief master sergeant for the 1st Fighter Wing. Chief Roy's farewell will take the form of a combat dining-out, 6 p.m., May 19, in Nose Dock 2. As Chief Roy moves on, **Chief Master Sgt. Melvin Willis**, 437th Comptroller Squadron superintendent, will become the 437 AW's new command chief.

Run, Team Charleston, Run

One week remains before the Hawaiian-themed 5K fun run, beginning in front of the Fitness and Sports Center, 7:30 a.m., May 14. The 437th Services Squadron is providing T-shirts for all participants, and we hope to finally top 500 runners and walkers to break our participation record. Come out for a good time and some friendly competition for the much-coveted Spirit Trophy.

This wing continues to be in top form, as evidenced by the long list of recognition above. I couldn't be more proud of the team effort I see around the base. Keep up the great work, and keep doing it safely!

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.

817 EAS

Expeditionary squadron gets it done right

By Lt. Col. Don Shaffer
17 AS commander

It's good to be back! Having your entire squadron deployed for 90 days presents a whole set of new challenges and, after a few days off, it will be nice to have everyone back in one place ... at least for a little while.

We had a lot of visitors at the 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron in Frankfurt, Germany, and I was often asked what the 817 EAS was.

A C-17 squadron deployed to Germany? After answering that question several times over the span of 90 days, I came to the realization that if you haven't been there, you probably don't know — and probably don't understand why we keep the better part of a C-17 squadron deployed to Rhein-Main AB, Germany continuously.

The 817 EAS is the one-stop shop and execution hub for every C-17 mission moving cargo and troops between the United States, Europe, Afghanistan and Iraq. The 17 EAS stood up in January 2002 to support combat missions operating between Germany and Afghanistan.

In June 2002, the squadron was redesignated as the 817 EAS under the 362nd Aerospace Expeditionary Group, and its scope of operations expanded to include all contingency and channel support missions into both combat areas of operation, as well as distinguished visitor support and special airlift mission support.

On any given day, the 817 EAS launched and recovered upward of 80 aircraft at three different operating locations. Also, it maintained the ability to open additional operating locations

anywhere in Europe within 24 hours. In our case, we operated out of Frankfurt AB and Ramstein AB, Germany; and three forward locations.

worth repeating

"Team Charleston's forward-deployed force provided an unprecedented level of support to both the aircrews and command, and set a completely new standard for EAS operations."



Lt. Col. Don Shaffer
17th Airlift Squadron commander

During our 90-day stint, we launched more than 1,600 missions and more than 2,000 sorties, moved more than 30,000 passengers and logged over 12,000 mishap-free flight hours — that's 500 days in the air!

Our squadron's mission also changed when we deployed. Our mission at home is to provide trained, combat-ready aircrews to execute worldwide missions tasked by the Tanker Airlift Control Center at Scott AFB, Ill. Our deployed mission could be summed up in one word: "execution."

The entire focus of our normal daily operations changed. Under the moniker of the 817 EAS, we gained mission essential tasks not normally associated with an AMC flying squadron.

We picked up the responsibility for 24/7 aircrew life support, combat tactics, real-time intelligence and threat assessment and current operations — all of which are wing-level functions at Charleston.

Additionally, we picked up the tasks of combat communications, transportation,

billeting coordination and classified materials and weapons storage duties to support the more than 200 aircrew members transiting our locations every day.

Add in the constant coordination between the home units, TACC, Central Command Air Forces leadership and the Air Mobility Division, and you can clearly see it takes a lot of work to keep all the moving parts in sync. It is definitely *not* what you would normally associate with squadron-level operations.

It is a true testament to the professionalism and dedication of our youngest troops who pulled this off without a hitch.

I watched junior Airmen and lieutenants "pull rabbits out of their hats" on a daily basis.

Throughout the entire operation one thing was readily apparent every minute of every day: The phenomenal performance of Team Charleston's forward-deployed force provided an unprecedented level of support to both the aircrews and the command, and set a completely new standard for EAS operations. We didn't just move the bar up; we tore it down and rebuilt it.

The feedback we received from the aircrews, home-station leadership and AMC leadership was truly remarkable.

But, as I told my folks when we returned Friday, it's one thing when a general comes through and says you're doing a good job. It's quite another to have your peers stick out their hand, say "thanks" and tell you, "you did it right."

Now, the next time someone asks why we have a C-17 squadron deployed to Frankfurt, you can tell them.

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Team Charleston MDG pharmacy goes postal

By 2nd Lt. Bryan Lewis
437 AW Public Affairs

TRICARE members currently taking prescription drugs on a regular basis may find visiting a pharmacy a thing of the past.

With TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy and Express Scripts, beneficiaries worldwide can order up to a 90-day supply of prescriptions drugs for delivery via mail.

"If someone takes prescription medications for long-term, ongoing conditions, TMOP will help them save time and money," said Lt. Col. Daniel Flynn, 437th Medical Support Squadron commander. "While active-duty personnel incur no cost for prescriptions, the program allows other beneficiaries to order a 90-day supply of their medication for the same co-payment as a 30-day supply at a retail pharmacy."

TMOP is available to all active-duty personnel and National Guard and Reserve members and their families if the sponsor is on Title 10 or Title 32 active duty orders for more than 30 days. The coverage for the sponsor and his or her family begins the day the sponsor's orders begin.

The TMOP drug formulary includes almost every non-injectable Food and Drug Administration-approved prescription medication, selected injectable medications, and a few over-the-counter products or devices, said Colonel Flynn.

Prescriptions can be filled by mail and refills can be ordered by mail, phone, or online. Shipping is free and takes approximately 14 days.

Additionally, TMOP includes online services. By way of the Express Scripts Web site

at www.expressscripts.com, members can order refills, print forms for new prescriptions, and check an order's status. To place orders by phone, call 1-866-363-8667 or to mail, pick up pamphlets with envelopes at the TRICARE office.

Though orders can be filled many different ways, safety and accuracy are still a priority.

If people have questions about prescription drugs, a registered pharmacist is available to talk any time.

"Registered pharmacists verify orders twice and prescriptions are checked with the subscriber's medical profile," said Colonel Flynn. "The goal is to provide quality, cost-effective healthcare to all our patients."

For more information about TMOP, call the 437th Medical Group TRICARE Office at 963-6710.

ALS Class 04-D graduates; CS claims Levitow Award

Thirty-five Airmen graduated from Airman Leadership School Class 04-D April 29 in a ceremony at the Charleston Club.

Chief Master Sgt. Orlando Justice, commandant, NCO Academy, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., was the guest speaker.

Senior Airman Amanda Madrid, 437th Communication Squadron, claimed the highest ALS honor, the Sgt. John L. Levitow award.

Staff Sgt. Michael Conway, 437th Operations Support Squadron, earned the Academic Achievement Award.

Senior Airman Harold Darden, 437th Security Forces Squadron, achieved the Leadership Award.

Senior Airmen William Mobley, 437 CS; Derek Rose, 437th Operations Group; and Tabitha Stewart, 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron were recognized as distinguished graduates.

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

- 1st Combat Camera Squadron: Senior Airman Veuril McDavid

- 14th Airlift Squadron: Senior Airman Chad Turner

- 315th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron: Senior Airmen Richard Caron, Carlton Coley and Leon Dixon

- 437 AMXS: Senior Airmen Timothy Clark, Jeremy Crowley, Claude Henry, Jeromy Kimbrough, Lebrucoso Currie and Kristopher Smith

- 437th Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron: Senior Airman Carletta James

- 437th Aerial Port Squadron: Staff Sgt. Martin Childs and Senior Airmen Ronald Johnson and Anthony Towns

- 437 Civil Engineering Squadron: Senior Airmen Charisma Glinka and Charles Stubblebine

- 437th Comptroller Squadron: Senior Airman Adrian Espiritu

- 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron: Senior Airmen Michael Lance and Jonathon Parker

- 437th Maintenance Operations Squadron: Senior Airmen Christopher Long and Jeffery Taylor

- 437th Mission Support Squadron: Senior Airmen Brian Thompson and Michelle Yourdon

- 437 MXS: Senior Airmen Edouard Conrad and Kevin Long

- 437 SFS: Senior Airmen Ramon Alexander and Kathiria Ortiz

- 437th Services Squadron: Senior Airmen Reagan Gunter

Hunley Park Gate gets renovation

By Tech. Sgt. Ben Gonzales
437 AW Public Affairs

Construction is under way at the Hunley Park housing area entrance, and residents can look forward to improved traffic patterns and a safer environment.

A new, permanent security forces gate will be built along with redesigned road patterns for Alaska and Maryland avenues.

The new road patterns will allow continued traffic flow at the intersection of Maryland Avenue and Dorchester Road, across from the base commissary. The new entry control point will be further away from Dorchester Road allowing up to eight vehicles to stack going out and coming into the residential area.

"The current, temporary gate is too close to Dorchester Road," said Warren May, chief of the civil architectural section in the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron and project manager for the new entry control point. "Safety is a top priority for our residents and our security forces."

Other highlights of the new entry control point include a security forces guard house with a covered canopy to protect the gate guards and inside lane from the elements, a commercial truck inspection lane and a visitor park-

ing area along the current cul-de-sac. This project also includes the installation of a vehicle gate on Michigan Ave to replace the existing jersey barriers and completely enclose Hunley Park.

There are 258 housing units with more than 800 individuals living in the Hunley Park area. To accommodate the new traffic flow, two family units had to be demolished and the families relocated to other homes on base.

"There may be a few weeks of inconvenience during the construction, but the final outcome will vastly improve the entry control point," said Mr. May.

Security forces welcome the changes.

"The (Maryland Avenue and Dorchester Road) intersection has had a number of near accidents," said Senior Master Sgt. Richard Graves, 437th Security Forces Squadron operations superintendent. "With the new entry control point, traffic flow will be greatly increased, and the security of the residents and the working environment for security forces personnel will be enhanced. We ask all drivers to take extra caution while commuting in this area in the next few months."

The project is expected to be complete by the end of August.

Operations group gets new commander

By 2nd Lt. Bryan Lewis
437 AW Public Affairs

Col. Paul Curlett assumes command of the 437th Operations Group in a 9 a.m. ceremony today.

Colonel Curlett replaces Col. William Bender, who is heading to McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., as the 21st Expeditionary Mobility Task Force vice commander.

Colonel Curlett said taking care of people is his first priority.

"Taking care of all 437 OG personnel and their families is my prime mission," said Colonel Curlett. "If I take care of the people, they will take care of the mission."

The Upland, Pa., native received his bachelor's degree in psychology at the University of Tampa. He began his Air Force career as a distinguished graduate at security forces training and made senior airman below the zone. He was also selected as Security Policeman of the Year in 1978 at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

"The lessons I learned during my enlisted tour of duty have helped me be more attuned to enlisted issues," said Colonel Curlett. "I have a great appreciation for what our airmen do every day for our country."

Colonel Curlett received his commission three years later through Officer Training School.

Though Colonel Curlett did not initially plan on making the Air Force a career, he is glad he did.

"I originally enlisted in the Air Force with the

sole purpose of pursuing my education and completing a college degree," said Colonel Curlett. "Now as I reflect on my 27 years of service to the Air Force, I can think of no better place that could allow me all the opportunities I've been blessed with over my career."

Colonel Curlett joins Team Charleston from Scott Air Force Base, Ill., where he was the Air Force Command and Control, Intelligence, Surveillance Reconnaissance Center Liaison to Air Mobility Command and Air Force Communications Agency and is looking forward to this next step in his career.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to command what I consider one of the premier groups in Air Mobility Command," said Colonel Curlett. "I look forward to the new challenge of learning the C-17 mission and the opportunity of returning to the strategic airlift community. I am also eager to get acquainted with the great people in the 437 OG and to work with the entire Charleston AFB team."

During his service, Colonel Curlett has received many awards and decorations for his service including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak-leaf clusters, and the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak-leaf clusters. He is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flight hours.

Colonel Curlett moved to Charleston with his wife, Janice, daughters, Tracee and Brittnee, and mother-in-law, Doris. He also has a son, Brian, who is a senior airman in the Illinois Air National Guard.



Col. Paul Curlett

Interesting fact: He went to college in 11th grade by way of early admission.

Pet Peeve: None

Favorite Authors: Steven Covey and Tom Clancy

Favorite Movie: Lord of the Rings

Favorite Quote: "If I do my duty, the rest will take care of itself." (General George Patton)

Leadership style: I am people oriented.

Role Model: My father.

Law Day

Capt. Jedd Miloud, 437th Airlift Wing assistant judge advocate, leads a discussion with children from the Youth Center May 1 in the base courtroom in recognition of Law Day. Captain Miloud discussed Brown v. the Board of Education, which established segregation as unconstitutional 50 years ago. President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day by proclamation in 1958.



Photo by Senior Airman Amy Perry

Team Charleston fittest fighters in Air Force fitness

By 1st Lt. Shaloma McGovern
437 AW Public Affairs

An 84 percent passing rate for the new fitness test puts Team Charleston in the lead throughout the Air Force.

Base officials attribute this accomplishment to the numerous physical fitness programs established here.

"Our Health and Wellness Center implemented many initiatives to prepare Charleston Airmen for the new fitness test," said Jason Ham, Air Mobility Command exercise physiologist and Charleston AFB HAWC.

Capt. Sean Schumm, 437th Medical Group, nutrition program manager, said one of the major reasons Air Mobility Command is a fitness leader is because of the efforts of Mr. Ham, and Maj. Bill Reynolds, previously assigned to the Charleston AFB HAWC.

"These men have been proactive in promoting fitness initiatives at both Charleston and AMC," Capt. Schumm said. "They began preparing the AMC Fitness Program Managers and Health Promotion Managers for these changes last year. I believe our proactive stance in AMC is what has separated us from other commands."

Charleston Health and Wellness Center offered the first-in-AMC Fit for Duty course in June of 2003, followed by a Fit for Duty Executive course.

These courses began preparing unit fitness program managers, physical training leaders and base leadership for the upcoming fitness changes well in

advance of their implementation, said Captain Schumm.

This early introduction allowed Team Charleston personnel to begin preparing ahead of time for the new fitness standards, added Captain Schumm. "Overall, the excellence in fitness here is driven by the HAWC staff and their unique capabilities along with the dedication and support of the senior leadership."

Base officials say they hope to continue to see a positive attitude among Airmen here, as well as a continued high rate of success on the new fitness test.

"When Airmen deploy they are often operating in austere, less than clean conditions, working long days, in a high stress environment—all perfect recipes for illness and injury," said Col. Brooks Bash, 437 AW commander. "Fitness is the answer—fit Airmen are healthier and have greater stamina."

Inattentive driving, stolen property top SF blotter

The following are some of the responses by 437th Security Forces Squadron from April 26 through Sunday and are printed to raise awareness of resource protection and safety. Anyone with information regarding these, or any other incidents, can call security forces at 963-3600.

Vehicle accidents

■ A civilian backing a forklift through the Wing Command Post gate damaged the gate keypad. The driver was cited for inattentive driving.

■ A family member's vehicle turning on to base from Dorchester Road was hit by a

civilian car. Both cars sustained damage. North Charleston law enforcement responded to the accident.

■ An Airman using a government vehicle hit a barrier near the commissary gate.

■ A government bus was damaged when the driver misjudged the height of the overhang at billeting. The driver was cited for inattentive driving.

Traffic

■ Security forces cited 20 drivers for speeding, 17 for failure to stop at a posted stop sign or traffic light, one for an inoperative brake light, and one for expired tags.

■ A civilian was stopped due to no light on license plate and

loud noise. A license check revealed a suspended license for failure to pay a traffic ticket. Charleston County Sheriff's Office responded and issued a \$648 summons for driving under suspension and set a court date. The driver's base license was suspended.

■ A civilian vehicle failed to yield at a traffic light, then disregarded emergency lights. SF finally blocked vehicle. The vehicle operator, an elderly woman, was cited for failure to yield and failure to stop for an emergency vehicle.

■ An Airman attempted to enter the base without a license. He was cited for driving without a license and driving under a suspended license. His driving privileges were revoked.

Crime Watch

■ Two puppies were reported to be malnourished and suffering from skin disease. SF responded and found both puppies to be normal weight for their age. The owner is aware of both dogs' skin condition and had already scheduled an appointment with a veterinarian.

■ An Airman reported \$390 of camera equipment was stolen from his dormitory room.

■ The Air Force Office of Special Investigation notified security forces that a civilian had two outstanding warrants for fraudulent checks. Dorchester County Sheriff's Office responded and transported the subject to the Dorchester County Detention Center.

■ An Airman in the dormitory reported that both rear tires to his truck had been cut.

■ A family member involved in a domestic dispute was arrested for disorderly conduct and transported to Charleston County Detention Center.

■ An Airman reported his wallet was stolen at an off-base location and unauthorized charges were made to his government card.

■ An Airman was charged with assault, drunk and disorderly conduct, false statements, drunken driving and driving under suspension. The driver's base driving privileges were suspended and he was released to his first sergeant.

DUI/DWI Statistics

Last incident: 6 days

2004 total: 8

2003 total: 18

Members receiving a Driving Under the Influence or 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

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

37 saves
this year

Team Charleston Airmen net CCAF degree

Charleston Air Force Base held its Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony Thursday at the base theater. One hundred twenty-five students received their CCAF diplomas.

"After thirty years, CCAF is still fulfilling the mission of enhancing Air Force readiness by improving the technological, managerial and leadership skills of the enlisted force," said Diana Roebuck, education services supervisor.

Graduates are:

Staff Sgt. Alvin Arguello
Staff Sgt. Rebecca Arguello
Staff Sgt. Yolanda Ayuso
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Barnett
Senior Airman Sheryl Bell
Master Sgt. Levi Bennett
Senior Airman George Bowman
Staff Sgt. Rebecca Brennan
Senior Airman Vincent Bresowar
Staff Sgt. Nicholas Brooks
Staff Sgt. Kendall Brown
Staff Sgt. Aubrey Buhr
Tech. Sgt. Gary Burdett
Staff Sgt. Michael Burgess
Staff Sgt. Kenneth Byrd
Staff Sgt. Roger Hilligas
Staff Sgt. Jason Hodges

Staff Sgt. Matthew Carman
Staff Sgt. Demetrice Carr
Tech. Sgt. Patricia Casciotta
Tech. Sgt. George Cassiano
Airman 1st Class Jose Castro-Chincilla
Master Sgt. Paul Childers
Master Sgt. Robert Cissell
Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Clinton
Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Coney
Tech. Sgt. Billy Conn
Staff Sgt. Michael Conway
Staff Sgt. Isabel Cristner
Tech. Sgt. Michael Deehr
Tech. Sgt. Roland Delauney
Tech. Sgt. Jeanette Drake
Master Sgt. Doug Earle
Staff Sgt. Davis Eiland
Staff Sgt. Jamey Elms
Senior Airman Oquendo Estrada
Senior Airman Lakisha Exley
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Tech. Sgt. Thomas Ferguson
Master Sgt. Steven Foster
Staff Sgt. John Fuschich
Master Sgt. John Gallo
Tech. Sgt. Scott Garland
Tech. Sgt. Benito Gonzales
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Staff Sgt. Jesse Hardy
Tech. Sgt. Paul Harris
Senior Airman Daniel Harrison
Tech Sgt. Thomas Hart
Senior Master Sgt. Terence Henderson
Master Sgt. Robert Henneman
Staff Sgt. Trever Hutchison

Staff Sgt. Diana Isbell
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Staff Sgt. James Jennings
Master Sgt. Timothy Kelly
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Staff Sgt. Cassandra Rainey
Tech. Sgt. Bradley Rawn
Tech. Sgt. Robert Redmon
Tech. Sgt. John Richardson
Tech. Sgt. Bradley Riffle
Tech. Sgt. Michael Ritz
Staff Sgt. Sandra Robinson
Master Sgt. Rodolfo Salcedo
Staff Sgt. Eric Samuels
Tech. Sgt. Ray Seaver
Staff Sgt. Adam Sereika
Staff Sgt. Jennifer Serricchio
Staff Sgt. Brian Sharman
Staff Sgt. Shahntay Simpson
Staff Sgt. Nigel Skeete
Staff Sgt. Samuel Stewart
Staff Sgt. Jason Stockslager
Staff Sgt. Kenya Stokes
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Tech. Sgt. Wilfred Waring
Staff Sgt. Steven Weiss
Tech. Sgt. Earl Wellman
Senior Master Sgt. Keith Westmoreland
Master Sgt. Cecil Wilson

Budget analyst serves 30 years in Charleston

By 1st Lt. Shaloma McGovern

437 AW Public Affairs

A Team Charleston budget analyst recently earned her 30-year pin from the Department of Defense.

Carin McCrae, 437th Services Squadron budget analyst, graciously accepted the earned pin in March.

As a budget analyst, she performs budget formulation and execution duties for both appropriated and nonappropriated funding for the squadron's 25 varied cost centers.

Her civil service career began as a supply technician for the Charleston Naval Shipyard Receipt Control Division and progressed to accounting technician for the Naval Station, to budget analyst for the Comptroller Department at the Naval Supply Center. She eventually served as the management analyst for both the Naval Supply Center's Methods Engineering and Management Planning Divisions. When the Naval base closed in 1996, she joined the ranks of the 437 SVS.

Many things have changed for her over the years. For example, when she first started out, the work environment was more paper driven. The workforce was larger in numbers and computer literacy was in its infancy.



Photo by 1st Lt. Shaloma McGovern

Carin McCrae, 437th Services Squadron budget analyst, earned her 30-year pin from the Department of Defense in March.

"The obvious improvement has been the vast proliferation of technology providing automated systems for just about every program," said Ms. McCrae. "The workforce has diminished in numbers due to downsizing and outsourcing initiatives, yet quality standards have been maintained and even improved. It's been an honor to be able to support the best military in the world and those precious men and women in uniform who faithfully serve and endure."

"I will stay as long as it continues to be

challenging and I feel I can still make a contribution," said Ms. McCrae.

She said she had various jobs she has enjoyed, but working on those projects that not only improved efficiency and effectiveness but also added value to the quality of life for others are the most memorable.

During her 30 years of service, she has earned the following awards: Meritorious Unit Commendation Award; Department of Navy Special Act Award; Significant Volunteer Service Award from Charleston County School District; American Business Women's Association Citation; Total Quality Management Facilitation Award from Defense Finance Accounting Service; Woman of the Year Award from Naval Supply Center for 1991; Boy Scouts of America Leadership Award; Golden Poet Award. She is also the Homer Honor Society of International Poets.

She has been very active in the local community as president of the Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Booster Club, president of the C.E Williams Middle School Band Club, financial advisor for Junior Achievement and treasurer for the Combined Federal Campaign.

In her off-duty time she enjoys spending time with her husband John and their two sons Ryan and Paul. Her hobbies are camping, fishing, writing and flying.

Spotlight

Change of command: The 437th Airlift Wing hosts a change of command ceremony in which Col. William Bender will relinquish command to Col. Paul Curlett 9 a.m. today at Nosedock 2. For more information, call Capt. Doug Dickson at 963-7127.

Retirement: The 437th Contracting Squadron hosts a retirement ceremony for Tech. Sgt. Paul Harris at 2 p.m. May 14 in Building 60 Auditorium. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Bill Pinkowski at 963-5174.

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

Around the base

Wives of Warriors: Charleston AFB chapel will host a free Wives of Warriors seminar 7 to 9 p.m. today at the base chapel and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. To sign up, call the chapel at 963-2536.

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

MTI: Air Education and Training Command hosts a special duty assignment briefing for individuals who desire to be military training instructors. The career enhancement division hosts the briefing 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Military Personnel Center room 120 for all interested Airmen. For more information, call Master Sgt. Stephen Foster at 963-8004.

Stretch clinic: The Health and Wellness Center hosts a stretching clinic 11:30 to 12:30 p.m.

Charleston Warrior of the Week

Senior Airman Latoya Johnson 437th Airlift Wing

Senior Airman Latoya Johnson is a claims paralegal for the 437th Airlift Wing Judge Advocate General. Her primary responsibilities include filing claims against those who cause injury or property damage to another, adjudicating claims filed against the Air Force, providing various briefings to incoming and out-going personnel on personal property claim issues and asserting carrier rebuttal actions.

"The best part about my job is the camaraderie among the attorneys, the paralegals, and the civilians. My commander emphasizes that we are one team with one mission, and that definitely builds morale," said Airman Johnson.

The Johnsonville, S.C. native joined the Air Force more than three years ago to take advantage of the educational benefits that it affords.

In the future, Airman Johnson plans to complete her bachelor's degree in English and continue her education to achieve a doctorate and teach at the university level.

"Airman Johnson has recently cross-trained into the paralegal career field and has hit the ground sprinting," said Capt. Jedd Miloud 437 AW/JAG claims officer. "She is a very smart hard worker that has impressed everyone in the legal office."



Photo by 1st Lt. Shaloma McGovern

Wednesday in the HAWC classroom. To sign up, or for more information, call the HAWC at 963-4007.

Farewell luncheon: The 437th Airlift Wing hosts a farewell luncheon for Col. Wayne Schatz, 437 AW vice commander, at noon Wednesday at the Charleston Club. The cost is \$9 for members and \$11 for non-club members. Reservations must be received today. For more information, or to reserve a seat, call 963-5476.

National Police Week: The 437th Security Forces Squadron hosts a children's candy parade 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in base housing to celebrate National Police Week Sunday through Saturday.

Armed Forces Dinner: The Charleston Metro Chamber of

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

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

Commander's fun run: The May commander's Hawaiian themed fun run is 7:30 a.m. May 14 at the Fitness and Sports Center.

Operational security tip: Think before speaking over open lines. It is very easy to intercept

phone communications, especially when using cellular phones.

Police Memorial Retreat: The 437th Security Forces Squadron honors police officers slain in the line of duty 4 to 5 p.m. May 14 at the base flag grounds.

Luau: The Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage month hosts a luau 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 27 at the base pool. A \$100 raffle will be given away. For more information, or to sign up, call 1st Lt. Cliff Bermodes at 963-2150.

ERAU: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University hosts 2003-2004 graduation commencement at 10 a.m. Saturday May 8 aboard the Yorktown Aircraft Carrier at Patriot's Point. Retired Brigadier General Thomas Mikolajcik, former 437th Air Wing Commander is the commencement speaker.

AF Climate Survey results reveal progress

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas – The 2003 Air Force Climate Survey results have been analyzed, and final reports have been released to unit-level leaders for action.

The survey addressed job characteristics, unit resources, core values, supervision, unit chain of command, training and development, and job enhancement.

Air Force-wide, unit performance outcomes, job characteristics and core values were the highest rated factors at 94-, 92-, and 87-percent agreement respectively. These results indicate that people believe they are meeting their missions' goals, find their jobs important and challenging, and believe that their unit understands and demonstrates Air Force core values, officials said. **(Air Force Print News)**

Long-awaited World War II Memorial opens

WASHINGTON – Almost 50 years after the "Greatest Generation" saved the world, a grateful nation paid its respects to the 16 million Americans who served freedom's cause with the opening of the World War II Memorial April 29.

Early on, project critics were concerned about the size and placement of the proposed memorial distracting from other landmarks in the area, but those fears seem to have been unwarranted, officials said. Many who have previewed the new memorial have praised its design, placement and appropriateness, officials said.

The monument design includes sweeping views both east and west of the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. It features granite pillars, a large paved plaza, arcs of stone, low waterfalls, bronze wreaths and 4,000 gold stars – each star representing 100 military deaths. **(Air Force Print News)**

Stars and Stripes offers free electronic paper

WASHINGTON – Servicemembers who do not have access to the Stars and Stripes newspaper but do have access to a computer can now go

online to read or download an exact replica of the paper at no charge.

Servicemembers and their families can read the paper online or download it in portable document format at estripes.osd.mil. **(Air Force Print News)**

Air Force scientists battle aviator fatigue

BROOKS CITY-BASE, Texas – Air Force scientists are using their research to help battle fatigue in aviators.

One strategy involves using medications to enhance alertness. For more than 60 years, dextroamphetamine was the Air Force's "go pill" of choice. In December, a new compound, modafinil, was approved for some bomber missions, Dr. John Caldwell, a scientist with the Air Force Research Laboratory's fatigue

countermeasures branch said.

Under the influence of modafinil, flight performance degraded by 15 to 30 percent. Performance by pilots without the medication degraded by 60 to 100 percent below rested levels.

Researchers concluded that the medication was effective for reducing the impact of fatigue; however, aircrew members did not entirely maintain performance at fully rested levels. **(Air Force Print News)**

Congress begins reviewing proposals

WASHINGTON – Congress has considered several legislative proposals since Sept. 11, 2001, designed to help reservists and their families cope with activations, high operational and personnel tempo, family separations and

shifts in annual income.

One of the most recent is Senate Bill 2068, the Guard and Reserve Enhanced Benefits Act of 2004.

It calls for providing child-care assistance grants, expanding Montgomery GI Bill benefits, deferring student loan payments, reducing the age for drawing Reserve retirement pay and expanding Tricare coverage regardless of employment or insurance status. The bill also allows employers to claim up to \$12,000 in tax credits for the pay differential of National Guard and Reserve employees.

If the president's budget for fiscal year 2005 is enacted, the Air Force Reserve would receive \$3.788 billion to train, equip, organize and administer about 76,000 reservists. This request comprises \$2.24 billion for operation and maintenance, \$1.464 billion for reservists. **(Air Force Reserve Command)**



Flag 'em in

Airman 1st Class George Welch, deployed to Balad AB, Iraq an air freight specialist, directs a K-loader into position to unload a C-17 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Nurses Appreciation Week

Touching human life from beginning to end

By 2nd Lt. Kristy Miller
437 AW Public Affairs

They're there in the beginning, middle and end. No matter who you are or where you come from, your life has been touched by one of these people.

They are nurses.

All across the country, registered nurses are being honored as a part of National Nurses Appreciation Week.

National Nurses Appreciation Week began yesterday and is held to raise awareness of the value of nursing as a profession and to help educate others about the important role nurses play in health care. This year's theme is, "Nurses: Your Voice, Your Health, Your Life."

"Nurses are with their patients 24 hours a day, seven days a week all across the world," said Lt. Col. Brian Anderson, chief nurse for the 437 Medical Group. "This week gives us a chance to recognize the nursing profession's roots as well as its future and the sacrifices our nurses make."

Colonel Anderson said there are 15 nurses on staff at the clinic who serve nearly 14,000 beneficiaries, including about 1,000 reservists.

"The best parts of Air Force nursing are the flexibility in the mission, the complex challenges and the high caliber of personnel the Air Force has," Colonel Anderson said. "These are three important reasons why no one else comes close!"

While nurses face many challenges here, their job is even more demanding while deployed. Several members of Team Charleston's nursing staff recently returned from deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. These Airmen say

even though their experiences were challenging, they were also very rewarding.

"The most memorable part of my deployment was working with the coalition troops," said Capt. Ryan Murray, clinical nurse with the 437 MDG. "We worked hand-in-hand with Korean, Italian and Dutch medical teams."

Capt. Murray, who was deployed to Tallil Air Base, Iraq, said the most rewarding aspect of

his job while deployed was taking care of troops on the front lines each day.

"It was much more than just taking care of their physical injuries," Capt. Murray said. "We were taking care of young troops who were not only coming to us injured, but who were now separated from their units who they had tight bonds with. Helping them keep in contact with their units and having their units

come by and thank us was really rewarding."

According to the Nursing World Web site, the United States is facing a severe shortage of nurses, which is projected to get much worse by the year 2010. The United States' registered nurse workforce is aging significantly and the average age of a nurse today is 45.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects more than one million new nurses will be needed by the year 2010.

Colonel Anderson said nursing shortages across the country have caused recruiters to get creative and military departments have developed great incentives for nurses.

The Air Force offers many unique opportunities for nurses in clinical practice, including bedside, clinic, nurse practitioner, nurse midwife, nurse anesthetists, case managers, healthcare integrators and more.

"Its more challenging to be a military nurse, but danger and opportunity lie in the same path," Colonel Anderson said. "Our jobs are never boring, and with more responsibility we get great job satisfaction and the chance to see the world."

Nurses are pivotal to our nation's health care system, Colonel Anderson said. They are always on

duty as planners, teachers and unstoppable caregivers. They share the joy and sorrows of all the transitions life throws at a culture.

"The best part of my job is rewarding people for great work," Colonel Anderson said. "Career counseling, mentoring and encouraging someone who has had a rough day or week and seeing them smile when they have hope . . . that is rich!"



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

Maj. Deb Hoppe, 437th Medical Group Family Practice nurse, checks the blood pressure of Dakota Murray, son of Tad Murray of the United States Marine Corps.

Command Performance

First sergeant explains why physical fitness is a priority

By Master Sgt. Mark Staples
15AS First Sergeant

You may have noticed an increase in the number of people at your unit's fun runs and physical training. It's an indicator that they're taking the new physical standards seriously. A wise decision on their part, but there seems to be some confusion on why we are actually doing this.

The new PT program is not about gearing us up for passing the new test standards. AFI 10-248 Para 2.2.2 states, "The 1.5 mile timed run, abdominal circumference, push-up and crunch tests are designed as a measurement of the effectiveness of the PT program. However, training should not be limited to these test activities." We ask our squadron to do 30 minute aerobic sessions three times a week, but when I see them and others on the track, some are only doing 1.5 miles, then quitting, or they are walking way too much.

Aerobic activity means you must keep your

heart rate at the target rate for your age which is why team sports such as basketball and softball and others don't qualify. Para 2.2.4 states, "Group sporting events may be considered for esprit de corps but not as a group PT program."

Today, in the war on terrorism, Air Force people must remain physically ready to deploy and fight as a part of their unit's mission. To do otherwise could mean jeopardizing the overall mission and not getting the job done. The idea is to be ready.

As Gen. John Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, put it, "If you are out of shape, fix it. If you have people in your squadron who need help, help them."

The message is clear: If you're out of shape, you're already behind the fit-to-fight power curve. If you're fit, you're at least even with that curve. Physical conditioning should be a part of your everyday life, and as members of the Air Force we should apply the core values of "excellence in all we do" and "integrity" to our squadron PT program.

Chapel schedule



107 Arthur Drive
Office: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Phone: 963-2536.

After duty hours, call the command post at 963-2531 for emergencies only.

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

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

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

Movie schedule

Admission: 99 cents for adults and children.

Any person under 17 years of age requires a parent or adult guardian (a minimum of 21 years old) to purchase an admission ticket for the minor to view R-rated movies. The ticket office opens 30 minutes prior to the start of the movie, unless otherwise noted.

Movie schedules are provided by AAFES.

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



WELLNESS TIP

Drug use declines

SPECIAL REPORT

- ▶ Illegal drug use in the Air Force has decreased from 23.4 percent in 1980 to 1.8 percent in 2002
- ▶ Marijuana is the illegal drug most often identified during random drug screenings
- ▶ The Air Force requires eight random drug testing days per month at each base ... AMC increased this requirement to 15.
- ▶ Base-level prevention and education activities include weekly briefings at First Term Airmen Centers; videos and educational materials; numerous school activities and programs to discourage drug use; and Drug Education For Youth programs
- ▶ Help is available through local Life Skills Support Centers

SOURCE: AMC Command Surgeon Office

InfoGraphic by Tech. Sgt. Mark Diamond

Today, 7:30 p.m.
"Dawn of the Dead" – Sarah Polly

A mysterious plague causes the newly dead to rise from their graves and begin to eat the living. Desperate survivors seek refuge in an indoor mall, where they must learn not only to protect themselves from the ever-increasing zombie horde, but also to co-exist with each other. **(R) 97 minutes**

Saturday, 2:00 p.m.
"Scooby Doo 2" – Sarah Michelle Gellar

An anonymous masked villain wreaks mayhem on the city of Coolsville with a monster machine that re-creates classic Mystery Inc foes like the Pterodactyl Ghost, the Black Knight and the 10,000 Volt Ghost. Scooby Doo and his gang must work to save the city. **(PG) 87 minutes**

May 8, 7:30 p.m.
"Passion of the Christ" – Jim Caviezel

In the last 12 hours of Jesus Christ's life, he is betrayed by Judas Iscariot and is brought before Pontius Pilate for sentencing. Pilate decides Christ's conviction is death by crucifixion for blasphemy. **(R) 97 minutes**

Photos by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey**Wwwilson!**

Far left: Master Sgt. Ted Gorman, Chief Team, reaches over Senior Airman Chad Turner, Team ALS, for a block. Team ALS lost the game to the Chief Team April 28.

Left: Senior Airman Vueril McDavid of Team ALS reaches to save a volley.

Basketball: All Air Force camp hits courts again

By Senior Airman Amy Perry
437 AW Public Affairs

Twenty-six basketball players from around the Air Force arrived at Charleston AFB Saturday to win a coveted spot on the Air Force team.

The training camp runs through May 24, and is followed by the Armed Forces Tournament held here May 26-31.

For the fifth year running, Coach Mark Watley, a technical sergeant from Hill AFB, Utah, is heading up the camp. His assistant coach this year is Gabriel Scott, a contractor from Tinker AFB, Okla. Coach Scott has coached for three years.

Coach Watley also played on the Air Force team for 12 years before becoming the coach.

Only 12 players will be selected for the camp, and they will have to make it through a rigorous schedule to make it to the end, said Coach Watley.

"We will be having two to three practices per day for the duration of the camp, as well as five games in the first four days of camp, to include 8 a.m. practices," said Coach Watley.

Coach Watley said he looks for three things when it comes to choosing his team to compete each year.

"It's a combination of talent and the ability to

pick up the system I teach at this level," said Coach Watley. "The last element that's needed to do well at this level is heart."

Coach Scott echoed his comments and said he also looks for hunger to play and builds on that.

With the camp culminating into the Armed Forces tournament here this year, Coach Watley said that should give the team the extra motivation to win.

"Playing at an Air Force base is a big advantage, because when you're a player, you feed off the crowd," he said. "When we played at CAFB in 2000, the last year we won the gold medal, the crowd played a huge role. It's as though we didn't want to disappoint them by not playing hard, and their cheering kept us wanting to fight until the end.

"Maybe lightning will strike twice in the same place, and we'll bring home the gold medal again at Charleston."

Coach Scott said the Airmen are excited to get this chance to compete.

"For many of them, this is their first opportunity to participate and measure themselves against a higher-level talent pool," said Coach Scott. "As representatives of the entire Air Force, this inspires a great deal of pride and sense of belonging to something special to the Airmen."

Sports Shorts

Basketball games: The All Air Force Basketball training camp is being held here May 3 through May 24. Several games will be open to the public at the Hurricane Court in the Fitness and Sports Center. The games are as following: The AF team plays the Akron Wingfoots at 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

Bowling champions: The base Intramural Bowling Roll-Offs concluded April 28 with AMXS taking top honors.

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

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

May Fitness: The Fitness and Sports Center hosts the following events throughout the month from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Monday, home run derby; Tuesday, 3-on-3 volleyball; Wednesday, push-ups and sit-ups; Thursday, 3-on-3 basketball.

Intramural softball

Defending champs open season with victory

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber
437 AW Public Affairs

Aircraft Maintenance Squadron No. 1, last year's base intramural softball champions, successfully opened the season and defended their crown with a 16-3 victory over Boeing Tuesday night.

AMXS No. 1 collected 11 hits and took advantage of eight walks as Wallace Willoughby had three hits and three runs batted in, while Rudy Salcedo drove in three runs.

"I felt we started out pretty good for the first game of the year," said AMXS No. 1 Coach John Forsythe. "We had a lot of base hits and few fly outs, which means we are keeping the ball down.

"Our defense, which was our strong point last year, proved to be stellar again," Coach Forsythe said. "(Infielders) Mark Stone, James McBath, Rob Moore and Wallace Willoughby had zero errors and turned three double plays." The AMXS defense limited Boeing to only three hits.

Boeing took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on David Caraballo's single to right which scored Tim Iler. AMXS scored four times in the top of the third inning, highlighted by Mark Stone's two-run triple to center.

AMXS increased its lead to 6-1 after four innings and busted the game open with a six-run fifth in-

ning. Two-run singles by Willoughby and Bo Herman as well as a two-run triple by Salcedo accounted for their runs.

"The turning point of the game was the base-clearing triple by Salcedo," Coach Forsythe said. "After that, it was base hit after base hit."

Boeing, taking advantage of four walks, scored twice in the fifth as Walter Allen came home on a bases-loaded walk and Iler scored on a fielder's choice. Coach Forsythe, who relieved Brown on the mound, got Chad Craycraft to ground into a double play and Caraballo to ground to the short-stop.

AMXS added four runs in the top of the sixth and held Boeing three-up three-down in the bottom of the inning to close out the game in six innings, 16-3.

"We have a strong infield, but our hitting needs work. The team average age is 40 years plus," said Boeing Coach Dennis Mahar. This is Boeing's first year in the league and Coach Mahar said they look forward to the fun and competition.

Coach Forsythe hopes his team can repeat its 2003 title.

"We have a strong team just like last year, and hopefully we can match last year's results by winning another base championship," said Coach Forsythe.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Darnell Cannady



Above: AMXS 1 outfielder Bo Herman swings for the fences in Tuesday night's game versus Boeing. Herman had two RBIs in the sixth inning off a single during AMXS1's 16-3 victory.

Left: Wallace Willoughby, AMXS 1 first baseman, is caught trying to stretch a single into a double off a deep hit to centerfield.