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## Preparation

Staff Sgt. Michael Karacsony, 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter and Engine 11 crew chief, surveys the scene of a simulated airplane crash at a Major Accident Readiness Exercise here May 6. Team Charleston conducted the exercise to prepare for a possible mishap during the Air Expo. More than 250 Charleston AFB personnel participated in the exercise. To see more about the event, turn to page 17.

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Wing, two squadrons  
get new leaders

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takes top honors

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### MISSION POSSIBLE!

Charleston departures	6,292	Personnel deployed	323
Maintenance reliability	94.2%	Reservists activated	747
Cargo moved (tons)	26,588	(Jan. 1 to May 12, 2004)	

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

# Commander's Comments

**Col. Brooks Bash**  
437 AW Commander

Team Charleston wishes safe travels to **Col. Wayne Schatz**, 437 Airlift Wing vice commander, and his family as they depart for McChord AFB, Wash., today. At the same time, we welcome **Col. Sam Cox**, our new vice commander, who arrived this week. Colonel Cox is no stranger to Charleston AFB, having been assigned here twice before. He will undoubtedly build on the leadership of our recent vice commanders. Read more about Colonel Cox on page 6.

In change of command ceremonies today, we say farewell to **Lt. Col. William Rupp**, 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron commander, and **Lt. Col. Don Shaffer**, 17<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron commander. Thank you, Bill and Don, for your exemplary leadership. All the best to you and your families as you move on to your next assignments. Taking on leadership of the 437 MXS is **Lt. Col. George Pierce**, who served here previously as the 437<sup>th</sup> Supply Squadron commander before his latest assignment at Headquarters Air Mobility Command. **Lt. Col. Randy Witham** is making the move from 16<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron operations officer to command the 17 AS. Congratulations! See more about our newest squadron commanders on page 7.

## New Command Chief

With **Chief Master Sgt. James Roy's** farewell coming up Wednesday evening, we welcome **Chief Master Sgt. Melvin Willis** as our new command chief master sergeant. Chief Willis is already filling in for some of Chief Roy's duties during the transition period, and officially takes over the position on May 28.

## Recognition

The 437 AW nominated **Master Sgt. Glenn McNeil**, 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron, and **Staff Sgt. Justen Malott**, 16<sup>th</sup> AS, for the Tuskegee Airmen Inc. Military Award, recognizing outstanding military members who epitomize the pursuit of excellence in their respective career fields. All the best at the next level of competition!

Another standout, **Senior Airman Latoya Johnson**, 437 AW legal office, was my shadow this week. Airman Johnson, new to the paralegal field, is making important contributions to Team Charleston, and it was my pleasure to spend the day with her.

## Coming up

Put on your running shoes and join us today for the 7:30 a.m. start of the Asian-Pacific Islander-themed fun run. There is a free T-shirt at the finish line for all participants. I look forward to a record-breaking turnout.

Everyone is invited to attend the National Police Week retreat



Photo by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Shaloma McGovern

**Col. Brooks Bash, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, presents a commander's coin to Staff Sgt. Monti Cutlip, 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, for his role in making the 437 MDG the best in physical health assessment completions.**

ceremony at the wing flag pole today at 4 p.m. The 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron is honoring their security forces military comrades and civilian colleagues in this special ceremony.

Be sure to attend one of my commander's call sessions next week to get the latest word on hot topics around base, and most importantly to get your questions answered. We will have a session for civilians Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the base theater, sessions for enlisted are at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday at the base theater, and a session for officers is May 21 at 10 a.m. at the Education Center ballroom.

## Air Expo

We will close out next week with our first air show in three years. We have planned a military family day, May 21, noon to 3 p.m. at the north parking ramp of the flight line. Bring your spouse and kids and get an up-close look at a C-17, B-1, and other static-display aircraft. Additionally, several aerial acts, including the Golden Knights and Thunderbirds, will be practicing. The family day is only open to people with base access and their families. Please bring your lawn chairs or blankets for seating, as well as water and sunscreen.

The base opens its gates to the public at 8 a.m. May 22 for Air Expo 2004, which promises to be a fantastic show. The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, U.S. Army Golden Knights, and C-17 paratrooper airdrop are only a few of the featured attractions. I encourage you to come out and join me in welcoming people from the community and surrounding region as we show them our appreciation for their support. Please read the guidelines on page 3 for my expectations of our Airmen at the air show.

Thank you for another great week of safe mission accomplishment. Team Charleston continues to set the pace. Be safe out there!

# Action Line caller addresses handicapped parking

**Q: My disabled husband and I went to the base legal office recently on a rainy day. We went around to the back of Building 1600 and noticed that the first three parking spots are reserved for commanders and the fourth one is for handicapped parking. Since commanders are supposed to be in good shape, Do you think it would be more appropriate if the first three parking spots were for the disabled and the rest for the commanders.**

**A: Thank you for your concern in reference to the handicapped parking at Bldg. 1600. The primary handi-**

**capped parking area for Bldg. 1600 is located close to the wheelchair ramp at the west entrance of the building. Reserved parking for commanders at the rear of the building serves the emergency response requirements of our on-scene commanders.**

I will, however, ask our Base Traffic Engineer Working Group to consider your suggestion and determine whether there may be ways to improve the current parking to better meet both needs. Thank you for your call.

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

The Commander's Action Line is your direct link to me. It's your opportunity to make Charleston AFB a better place to live, work and play.

First, give the appropriate base agency a chance to solve the problem, but if you don't get a satisfactory answer, call me at **963-5581**, or send an e-mail to [action@charleston.af.mil](mailto:action@charleston.af.mil).

To ensure you receive a response to your concerns, please leave your name and the information needed to contact you.

# AMC summer safety goal: zero fatalities

**Gen. John Handy**

*Air Mobility Command commander*

Memorial Day marks the start of our 101 Critical Days of Summer Safety Campaign. There are two numbers I want you to remember. The first is 36. That's the total number of our fellow Airmen who lost their lives during last year's campaign. The second is zero. That's the Air Force's and Air Mobility Command's goal for this year's campaign.

Last year, the deadliest activities were driving cars and riding motorcycles. Of the 36 Air Force fatalities, 16 were attributed to automobile accidents and 14 to motorcycle accidents. Alcohol, speeding, and failing to use seat belts were the leading factors in these preventable deaths.

The Air Force has never achieved its goal of zero fatalities during this critical period.

## worth repeating

**"The command's outstanding performance in the war on terrorism can be overshadowed by just one needless, preventable fatality. Let's celebrate a safe summer together; a summer with zero fatalities."**

**General John Handy**

*Air Mobility Command commander*

However, a zero fatality rate is attainable. Let's do our share to break this deadly streak by doing things right, watching out for each other, and avoiding excess risks.

While safety is ultimately an individual

responsibility, I urge commanders and supervisors at all levels to emphasize safety to their respective teams and promote the importance of applying risk management to all summertime activities. Each member of the AMC team can enjoy the summer by applying risk management practices to their off-duty activities. Stress the importance of risk management and personal responsibility at every opportunity between now and the Memorial Day weekend, as well as throughout the 101 Critical Days of Summer.

Remember, the goal is zero fatalities, and I need you to start raising safety awareness now to prevent mishaps.

The command's outstanding performance in the war on terrorism can be overshadowed by just one needless, preventable fatality. Let's celebrate a safe summer together; a summer with zero fatalities.

# Wing commanders set Air Expo guidelines

**By Col. Brooks Bash**

*437AW commander, and*

**Col. Gary Cook**

*315AW commander*

Team Charleston will host a fantastic air show for 100,000 civilian guests May 22. Whether you are an active duty member of the 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, a civilian, or a Citizen Airman from the 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, you will be proud to be associated with Air Expo 2004.

Each of you should also be proud of all we have accomplished in the Global War on Terrorism over these past few years; don't miss the chance to share our celebration with the public, our friends and relatives. This opportunity does, however, carry

with it a responsibility for each of us. The United States Air Force and the rest of our military rank number one with the American public on the issues of trust and integrity.

Many of our guests on Saturday have not had the opportunity to meet, talk to or watch a member of the military up close and personal. Having watched the news over these last few days, it should be obvious to all of us that the actions of few can cast a long and wide shadow of doubt over the many. Every Airman, in uniform or not, leaves a lasting impression on the people they meet. At Air Expo, it will not just be the Thunderbirds who are looked at as "Ambassadors in Blue;" we will all be in that role.

No matter how much time is spent in planning and preparing, there will be places where only leadership can solve the problem. An observant Airman can make a lasting impression spending two minutes being a "Good Samaritan." Each of us is a safety officer; each a "litter-getter;" each another set of eyes and ears alert for potential terrorist activities. Whether you are officially assigned duty or are a member of the crowd, you can make the difference in how people see our Air Force.

In the event that we should have an accident or incident that needs to be handled immediately, those assigned to duty will lead and help point the way, but the rest of us can be just as helpful

by showing the crowd how to follow. Help the crowd respond in a controlled and orderly manner with mature followership. Prior to Saturday, each unit will establish a reporting point where additional personnel will report if and when we need additional assistance.

You are a member of the most powerful Air Force ever, with better equipment and more powerful weapons than have ever been assembled in the history of mankind. But on May 22, you have the chance to show the real strength of our Air Force: people, each of us Airmen who show integrity, leadership and caring more for others than ourselves. It's going to be a great Air Force Day!

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# New AW/CV returns to Charleston for third time

By 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Shaloma McGovern  
437 AW Public Affairs

Col. Samuel Cox arrived to assume duty as the 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing vice commander this week.

Colonel Cox replaces Col. Wayne Schatz, who heads to McChord AFB, Wash., as the 62<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing commander.

Colonel Cox said taking care of the mission and having fun are his top priorities.

"We have great people in the Air Force and Charleston, and clearly the most important lesson I have learned is to take care of your people and they will take care of you and the mission," said Colonel Cox.

The Loris, S.C., native received a bachelor of science degree at the United States Air Force Academy before attending pilot training at Columbus AFB, Miss.

After pilot training, he ventured to Altus AFB, Okla., where he earned his initial qualifications in the C-141. He is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flight hours.

Although Colonel Cox did not leave the Academy with a road map of retiring in the Air Force, he is glad he has made it a career.

"I didn't start out with a 20 or 30-year career in mind," said Colonel Cox. "But I enjoyed the various jobs I've held, the people I've worked with, and have never thought

much about getting out of the Air Force. The challenges, opportunities and people are what keep me on the blue side of the fence."

Colonel Cox returns to Charleston for the third time in his career with his wife, Tammy, and their two children, Claire and Patrick.

"We are very excited about coming back again for several reasons," said Colonel Cox. "The mission at Charleston is second to none! Wherever there is action in the world, from humanitarian operations to combat, the 437 AW tail flash is or will be there shortly.

"It is exciting to know I can be a part of something special, and that directly contributes to the events that have an impact. Charleston has a tremendous history of excellence, and I expect continued performance at the same level.

"The men and women of Charleston AFB play a vital role for Air Mobility Command's contribution to the global war on terror, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom."

During his time in the Air Force, Colonel Cox has received many awards and decorations for his service including the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak-leaf clusters, the Air Medal with one oak-leaf cluster, the Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak-leaf cluster, and Air Force Commendation Medal.



Col. Samuel Cox

**Interesting fact:** "I had two holes in one in 1983, and haven't come close for the last 21 years."

**Pet Peeve:** "E-mail etiquette – if you wouldn't say it on the phone or in person, don't hit 'send.'"

**Favorite Authors:** Tom Clancy and John Grisham

**Favorite Movie:** Hoosiers

**Favorite Quote:** "If it ain't broke, don't fix it"

**Leadership style:** "Let people do their job, delegate and ensure accountability, foster teamwork."

**Role Model:** "My parents demonstrated the value of hard work and perseverance."

## Damaged vehicles, speeding keep security forces busy

The following are some of the responses by 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron from May 3 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

■ Two government vans were damaged when one bumped the rear end of the other at the turnaround loop adjacent to Bldg. 74.

■ A civilian driver damaged his

vehicle while trying to merge into traffic at the Rivers Avenue gate, misjudged the clearance on his right side and struck a star barrier. The driver was cited for inattentive driving.

■ A government vehicle was damaged when the brakes malfunctioned and the vehicle rolled into a steel high-line dock.

■ A family member's vehicle was damaged when the driver pulled into a commissary parking spot too quickly, striking a light pole. The driver was cited for

inattentive driving.

■ An Airman backed her car into another another Airman's car at the shopette. The driver was cited for inattentive driving.

■ A government vehicle was damaged when the driver struck a light pole near the flightline. The driver was cited for improper backing.

### Traffic

■ Security forces cited 11 drivers for speeding, three for failure to stop at a posted stop sign or traffic light, one for failure to wear a seatbelt and one for failure to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.

■ A family member was stopped for speeding and did not have his license with him. A check showed his license was suspended for three unpaid traffic tickets and for DUI offenses. Charleston County Sheriff's Office responded. The driver was issued a \$1270 fine for driving under suspension for a second time, and a court date was scheduled. The driver was apprehended for three unpaid tickets and transported to Charles-

ton County Detention Center. The driver's base driving privileges were suspended.

### Crime Watch

■ A civilian was stopped for taking unauthorized photos in a restricted area. The issue was referred to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

■ An Airman reported his wallet with \$40 in cash and several identification cards was stolen at the basketball court at the fitness and sports center.

■ An Airman reported a mechanical room door was damaged in a dormitory.

■ An Airman reported his civilian vehicle was damaged while parked in the lot near Bldg. 705.

■ Two vacant residences in base housing were reported vandalized.

■ Two juvenile family members were detained for shoplifting knives from the base exchange. CCSO responded, and the subjects were released to their parents. The issue has been turned over to Charleston County Family Court.

## DUI/DWI Statistics

**Last incident: 13 days**

**2004 total: 8**

**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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**963-0437**

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free, confidential rides home.**

**37 saves  
this year**

## Changes of Command

Lt. Col. George Pierce assumes command of the 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron in a 1 p.m. ceremony today.

Colonel Pierce, recent deputy chief of Logistics Plans and Programs Division Air Mobility Command at Scott AFB, Ill., replaces Lt. Col. William Rupp, who will be a global mobility planner at the Pentagon.

The Pueblo, Colo., native was commissioned through Officer Training School in 1986 after 13 years of enlisted service. He received his bachelor's degree in aerospace and aviation management from Southern Illinois University. He holds a master's degree in logistics management from the Air Force Institute of Technology.

Colonel Pierce served in several key logistics leadership positions to include a tour in Incirlik AB, Turkey, as the 39<sup>th</sup> Logistics Support Squadron commander and at Robins AFB, Ga., as the division chief of C-5 Maintenance at the Weapons Systems Support Center.

In 2000, Colonel Pierce was assigned to the 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing as the supply squadron commander.

Colonel Pierce's military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with six oak-leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak-leaf cluster, and the Air Force Achievement Medal with one



**Lt. Col. George Pierce**

oak-leaf cluster.

■ **Interesting fact:** "I am just a cowboy at heart."

■ **Favorite movies:** Every John Wayne movie

■ **Major pet peeve:** Junk e-mail

■ **Favorite authors:** Louie Lamore and Tom Clancy

■ **Favorite quote:** "Don't allow somebody's inability to succeed cause you to fail."

■ **Why did you join the Air Force?** "It was draft time and I love airplanes. So, I joined the Air Force."

■ **How would you describe your leadership style?** "Empowering ... I work hard to let my people do their job."

■ **Who is your role model and why?** "My dad. He had a fantastic work ethic."

Lt. Col. Randy Witham assumes command of the 17<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron at a 2:30 p.m. ceremony today.

Colonel Witham, recent operations officer for the 16<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, replaces Lt. Col. Don Shaffer, who will be the new 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Group deputy commander.

Colonel Witham was born in Redding, Calif. He earned his bachelor's degree in agricultural management from California Polytechnic State University in 1982. He also holds a master's degree in business administration in aviation from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Prior to his tour at Charleston AFB, Colonel Witham was the 62<sup>nd</sup> Operations Support Squadron operations officer at McChord AFB, Wash. He is a command pilot with more than 4,460 hours in the T-37, T-38, KC-135A, B-52G, KC-10A and C-17A.

Colonel Witham's military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak-leaf clusters, Air Medal with one oak-leaf cluster and Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak-leaf clusters.

■ **Interesting fact:** I am a classic Ford Mustang fan. I once owned two 1970 BOSS 302s, a 1971 BOSS 351 and a 1969 BOSS 429.

■ **Favorite movies:** Clint Eastwood spaghetti westerns; Newer: The Matrix series

■ **Major pet peeve:** E-mail SPAM



**Lt. Col. Randy Witham**

■ **Favorite author:** The Apostle Paul

■ **Favorite quotes:** "There is no limit to the good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit." — Gen. George C. Marshall.

■ **Why did you join the Air Force?** To fly airplanes, see the world and serve my country.

■ **How would you describe your leadership style?** Set the example, work hard, empower people but don't micromanage and mentor all day long.

■ **Who is your role model and why?** General George Washington — patriot, commander of the Continental Army, our first President; but more importantly — a Godly man, a gentleman, a military leader with morals and personal honor beyond reproach.

## Armed Forces Month activities around town

■ **Free Game:** The Charleston River Dogs host Military Appreciation night at 8:05 p.m. Thursday at the Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park. Vouchers for free tickets can be picked up at the 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing and 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Public Affairs offices and the Outdoor Recreation Center.

■ **Air Expo:** The Charleston AFB hosts Air Expo 2004 starting at 9 a.m. May 22. This event is free and open to the public. Gates open at 8 a.m. The Air Force Thunderbirds, Army Golden Knights plus many more will perform. For more information, call 963-6341.

■ **WWII dedication:** The American Legion hosts the National World War II Memorial Dedication from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 29 at Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum. This event is free to members of the WW II generation; the general public is asked to make donations. To register, call 571-1405. For more information visit [www.legion.org/dedication](http://www.legion.org/dedication).

■ **Free Game:** The Charleston Battery hosts Military Appreciation Night 8 p.m. June 4 at Blackbaud Stadium. Vouchers are free and are available at the 315 AW and 437 AW Public Affairs offices and the Outdoor Recreation Center.



# 373 TRS, Det. 5 becomes AF best of the best

By Tech. Sgt. Pamela Smith  
437 AW Public Affairs

The 373<sup>rd</sup> Training Squadron, Detachment 5, recently received the John F. Entrican Award, naming it the best training detachment in the Air Force.

"This is the first time since 1965 Charleston AFB has won the award," said Master Sgt. Dennis Edwards, detachment chief. "It means we're the best of the best."

The unit was recognized for numerous accomplishments in 2003; most notably it was the only detachment to receive an "Outstanding" in its Air Education Training Command Inspector General Inspection.

"Our goal at the beginning of the year was to get an Outstanding in the inspection and win this award," Sergeant Edwards said. "We accomplished what we set out to do."

Master Sgt. Jonathan Ulanoff, specialist flight chief, said the unit was recognized for what it does on a regular basis.

"We don't prepare for inspections, we do what we do and (the inspectors) observe," he said. "We do our job and we do it better than anyone else."

Det. 5 graduated more than 800 maintainers in 2003, and its instructors deployed to six loca-

tions where they trained an additional 55 technicians. The unit is home to the Air Force's only trainer development team.

"We have five military personnel who oversee about 250 contractors who build C-17 maintenance trainers," said Master Sgt. Paul Zimmerman, Det. 5 production superintendent. The plant is in Summerville, S.C.

In 2003, Det. 5 sent its training team to McChord AFB, Wash., where it tested six military training devices and corrected more than 1,000 deficiencies. Personnel also deployed to Ramstein AB, Germany, to fix a C-17 ramp, which enabled the aircraft to complete a critical airdrop in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. A group also went to Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station to rebuild heaters that ensured the airlift of winter assets into Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Sergeant Zimmerman said the success of the detachment is based on its personnel's willingness to focus on minor details of the day-to-day job.

"We take care of small things and the big things will fall into place," he said.

Sergeant Ulanoff said the work load will not lighten anytime soon since Det. 5 instructors are preparing numerous bases for conversion to



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Pam Smith

**Staff Sgt. Jamey Elms, 373<sup>rd</sup> Training Squadron, Detachment 5 airplane general instructor, demonstrates to Airman William McDaniel, 373<sup>rd</sup> Training Squadron, how to fasten a safety harness.**

the C-17 as those bases acquire the aircraft. Charleston is one of only two primary training bases for C-17 maintainers. McChord AFB, Wash., is the other one.

"We'll be doing conversion training through 2008," he said, "so there's no time to take a break."

10, 9, 8, ...

**"Science Guy" Brian Kinghorn, from Science Adventures, helps Zack Burns, son of Staff Sgt. Randy Karels, prepare his rocket for launch at the Youth Center May 7. Twenty-two students launched rockets as part of the Youth Space and Rocketry Camp.**



Photo by Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Jason Bailey

## Chapel provides support

By 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Shaloma McGovern  
437 AW Public Affairs

Wives with military husbands of all ranks joined together last Friday for the Wives of Warriors seminar sponsored by the base chapel.

WOW is a ministry of hope for military spouses who experience spousal separations and deployments.

The programs, based on lifestyle, fellowship and scriptural teaching, are sponsored by local chapels and other organizations such as Officer Christian Fellowship. The topics included parenting, loneliness, change, stress, spirituality and marriage.

"The Base Chapel sponsored this program because it understands the stress that families and marriages are facing during deployments, temporary duties and long separations," said Chaplain (Capt.) Mark Nevius. "We are trying to provide programs and

ministries to our military families so they can handle stress and change in a positive way."

WOW was founded three years ago by Doris Waldrop. After being widowed, she felt the need to help military spouses cope with the stress and frequent change that accompanies the life of military families.

"This seminar allowed the spouses to talk about their feelings, thoughts, joys and hurts during these high tempo times the Air Force is presently experiencing," said Christy Burkholtz, organizer of the WOW seminar. "It is a time for spouses to come together and to fellowship, meet new people, share in each others struggles, and get some great teaching from the experienced speakers. We learned so much over the course of the weekend and had such a great time of fellowship."

For more information on programs like WOW, call the base chapel at 963-2536.

## Spotlight

**Retirement:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Contracting Squadron hosts a retirement ceremony for Tech. Sgt. Paul Harris at 2 p.m. today in the Building 60 Auditorium. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Bill Pinkowski at 963-5174.

## Around the base

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

**Family run:** The Fitness and Sports Center hosts the free America's Kids and New Family Run 8 a.m. Saturday at the Fitness and Sports Center track. The course layout will be age specific. Children ages 5-8 will run half a mile, 9-10 year-olds will run one mile, and 11-13 year-olds run two miles.

**National Police Week:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron hosts a weapons display and bike rodeo from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the main entrance of the Base Exchange.

**K-9 Demo:** The 437 SFS hosts a K-9 demonstration at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Saturday in the main parking lot of the Base Exchange in celebration of National Police Week.

**Family Readiness:** The Family Support Center hosts family readiness training from 3 to 4 p.m. Monday at the Family Support Center. For more information, or to sign up, call 963-4406.

**TAP:** The Family Support Center hosts the three day Transition Assistance Workshop from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 18 to 20. This workshop is designed for transitioning military members both separating and retiring. For more information, call 963-4406.

**GPC Vendor Fair:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Contracting Squadron hosts the annual Government Purchase Cardholder Vendor Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Mandy Butler at 963-6305.

**Sponsor training:** The Family Support Center hosts sponsorship

# Charleston Warrior of the Week

## Staff Sgt. Amber Roberts

### 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Dental Operations Squadron

Staff Sgt. Amber Roberts is a dental assistant journeyman for the 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Dental Operations Squadron. She works in the Preventive Dentistry section of the Deiley Dental Clinic cleaning teeth, taking x-rays, recording vital signs, and performing record maintenance. She is in charge of a program where hygiene students from Trident Technical College do clinical work at the 437 MDOS. She is also filling in as the NCOIC of the Red Cross Dental Assistant Program during the NCOIC's deployment.

"I enjoy meeting new people," said Sergeant Roberts. "It is very rewarding when I feel that I have truly helped and educated my patients."

The Longton, Kansas, native joined the Air Force more than five years ago to further her education and for the experience. She has been at Charleston for more than a year.

Sergeant Roberts plans to attend college to become a nurse or dental hygienist.

In her spare time she is actively involved in squadron activities.

"Sergeant Roberts is an energetic junior leader who is extremely dedicated to the mission and motivated to broadening her Air Force career," said Master Sgt. Shiela Musser, 437 MDOS dental flight NCOIC. "She is a totally involved dental technician who has taken the lead on many critical dental flight programs. She is a true asset to the Deiley Dental Clinic and to the Air Force."



Photo by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Shaloma McGovern

training from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in Building 500. For more information, or to sign up, call 963-4406.

**First Six:** The First Six will host a meeting at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the Charleston Club Low Country Bar. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Brandy Erven at 963-6899.

**TSP:** There is a Thrift Savings Plan briefing 9 to 11 a.m. Friday in the Family Support Center. Learn the who, what, where, when and how of TSP. Open season ends June 30. For more information, or to sign up, call 963-4406.

**Luau:** The Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage month hosts a luau 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 27 at the base pool and includes a \$100 raffle. For more informa-

tion, or to sign up, call 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Cliff Bermodes at 963-5160.

**School Physical:** School and sports physicals are now available at the clinic. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 963-6880.

**Education briefing:** The Education Office hosts their monthly commissioning briefing 9 a.m. June 2 at the Education Center. For more information, or to make reservations no later than May 26, call customer service at 963-4575.

**Case lot sale:** The Commissary hosts its annual case lot sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 27 through May 29 in the Commissary parking lot.

**Commissary closed:** The Commissary will be closed May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

**CAFB Mileage Club:** Sign up today for the Fitness Mileage Club and track your fitness participation on the Cooper's E-Log Program. Earn fitness incentive prizes after reaching 300, 600, 900 and 1,200 point goals. For more information, call the Fitness and Sports Center at 963-3347.

**Steakout:** The Top 3 hosts annual steakout 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 4 at the base picnic grounds. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased through squadron representatives. For more information, call Master Sgt. Paul DeGroot at 963-7403.

**AAHC:** The African American Heritage council is looking for new members. For more information call 963-5810.

## Active-duty Airmen test for HIV every 2 years

**BOLLING AFB, D.C.** – Beginning June 1, all active-duty Airmen will be required to complete routine human immunodeficiency virus testing every two years.

The two-year interval provides the best protection from the hazards associated with military service for HIV-infected servicemembers, board officials said.

In 2003, there were 43 HIV-positive cases identified among 335,000 tests on Airmen, said officials at the Air Force Institute for Operational Health at Brooks City-Base, Texas. This included 26 among 259,000 active-duty, 10 of 35,000 Reserve and 7 of 41,000 Guard Airmen tested. **(Air Force Personnel Center)**

## SECAF approves medal for tornado relief efforts

**RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** – Secretary of the Air Force James Roche has approved awarding the Humanitarian Service Medal to Airmen who directly participated in tornado relief for the civilian community surrounding Columbus AFB, Miss., in November 2002.

To qualify for the award, a person must have been assigned or attached to a unit providing direct “hands-on” humanitarian-relief actions within the community between Nov. 10 and 13, 2002.

To verify eligibility, Airmen can contact officials from Air Education and Training Command at DSN 487-2549 or the 14<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron at DSN 742-2575. **(Air Force Print News)**

## VA reaches out to new combat veterans

**WASHINGTON** – The Department of Veterans Affairs is expanding its efforts to reach veterans of combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Anthony Principi, VA secretary, is sending a letter to more than 150,000 veterans of operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom who have recently separated from the military to thank them for their service.

For seriously wounded people, the VA has counselors working at

the bedsides of patients in military hospitals.

The department’s social service professionals work at these military facilities to plan health-care coordination as servicemembers move from military to VA care, officials said. **(American Forces Press)**

## Command post controllers key to info

**BALAD AB, Iraq** – There is an organization that many people think is the place to go for information.

Airmen in the command post do much more than just pass along information, especially in a combat zone.

The command post has several functions including tracking and reporting on flights.

The command post controllers then pass this information on to people at the air terminal operations center and the aircraft maintainers on the parking ramp.

Command post controllers are also responsible for compiling the daily situation report as well as operational reports if serious conditions arise.

In a deployed environment, the controllers’ roles take on a different meaning.

Many Airmen said operations in a combat zone have been an eye-opener and a great learning experience for them. **(Air Force Print News)**

## Congress designates appreciation month

**WASHINGTON** – Both chambers of the U.S. Congress have adopted

a resolution calling for Americans to recognize and honor U.S. servicemembers during May’s National Military Appreciation Month.

Armed Forces Day, created in 1949, is an annual event held on the third Saturday in May, with activities at U.S. military bases worldwide.

The month culminates with Memorial Day. Each year on Memorial Day, the White House Commission on Remembrance promotes one minute of silence at 3 p.m. local time to honor the military’s fallen comrades and to pay tribute to the sacrifices by the nation’s servicemembers and veterans.

Locally, the Charleston area is honoring military members with a variety of activities. For more information, turn to page 7. **(Air Force Print News)**



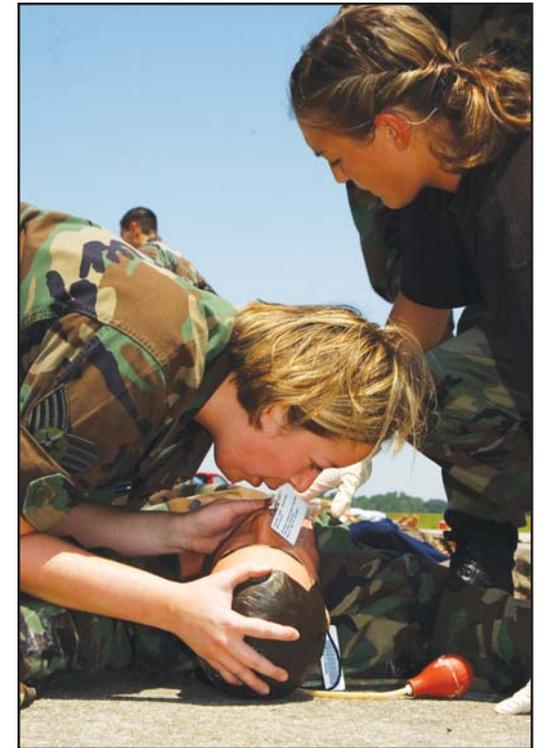
Photo by Staff Sgt. Ricky Bloom

## Arming up for battle

Female members of the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps are taught proper drill techniques by a soldier of the U.S. Army 1-5 Infantry Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, on Camp Bonzai Forward Operating Base, Baghdad.



Emergency response team members carry an "injured person" away from harm and into safety during a Major Accident Response Exercise held here May 6 in preparation for May 22 Air Expo.



Staff Sgt. Rebecca Timms, 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group Family Practice technician performs CPR on a mannequin with simulated injuries during the exercise.

# ONE MISSION, ONE FIGHT

Team Charleston reacts as one family



**Above:** Participants respond to a simulated plane crash during a Major Accident Response Exercise. The exercise was conducted to help Team Charleston prepare for a possible mishap during the upcoming Air Expo. More than 250 CAFB personnel participated in the exercise.  
**Right:** An emergency response team member escorts an "injured" air show attendee.



Photos by Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Jason Bailey

# Command Performance

## First Sergeant explains military coin challenge rules of engagement

By **Master Sgt. Ted Gorman**  
16 AS & 17AS First Sergeant

The U.S. military has a longstanding list of traditions. One of the lesser-known traditions is the military coin challenge.

The actual history of the challenge, initiated by one unit member to another by demanding to see his coin, varies greatly. According to legend, the original coin check was done only by the senior man present, who did it for the sole reason of ensuring each man's team spirit. The purpose of this drill was to check morale. If morale was high, all would be caring a coin.

When I was stationed at Dover AFB, Del., I was presented a 512<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Coin; along with the coin came the following Rules of Engagement.

1. The 512 AW coin has one face stating 'Liberty Bell, our nation's symbol of freedom and the symbol of our wing,' which shall be known as 'heads.' The reverse face shows the 512<sup>th</sup> AW crest and shall be known as 'tails.'
2. The proud owner of the 512 AW coin

must carry it on his or her person at all times or face the wrath of his or her fellow owners and possible dire circumstances.

3. Any owner of the coin may challenge other owners to present their coin. However, the challenger must first show his or her coin. The challenge may take the form of tapping on a table.

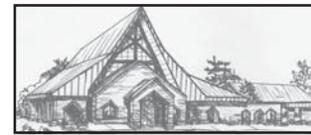
4. If some misguided soul is found to be unable to reply to a coin challenge, he or she must buy a round of cheer for all other valid responders. However, if everyone presents correctly replies, the challenger must buy the round of cheer.

5. Substitution of a coin of another unit is allowed only when the challenged person has not been awarded the singularly distinctive honor of receiving a 512 AW coin.

These rules I learned about the 512 AW coin apply universally with minor variations throughout the Air Force.

Next time you go out with fellow military personnel make sure you bring a coin along with you; you just never know when some one will drop their coin on you.

## 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.

**"The Passion of Christ" – Jim Caviezel**

Over the last 12 hours of Christ's life, He is betrayed by Judas Iscariot and is condemned to death for blasphemy. He is brought before Pontious Pilate for sentencing. Due to the roaring crowd demanding His death, Christ is ordered to die by crucifixion. **(R) 127 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

**"The Ladykillers" – Tom Hanks**

Goldthwait organizes a gang of double-crossing thieves to rob a riverboat casino. They set up shop by renting a room in the house of an unsuspecting, church-going old lady named Mrs. Munson. When she figures out what they are up to, the robbers decide she must be eliminated. However, they have seriously underestimated their upstairs host. **(R) 104 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

**"The Whole Ten Yards" – Bruce Willis**

A former hitman, Jimmy, gets revisited by his old neighbor, Oz, who begs for Jimmy's help in rescuing his wife from the Hungarian mob. **(PG-13) 97 minutes**

## WELLNESS TIP

### Mower Safety

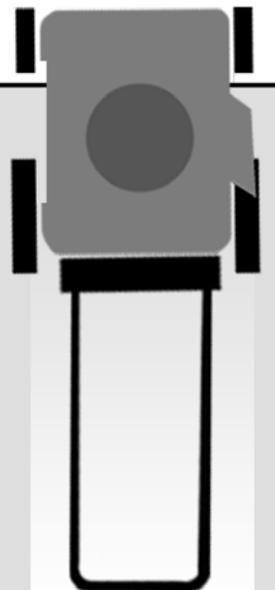
Lawnmowers are responsible for 75,000 trips to the emergency room each year

Guidelines to ensure your safety:

- ▶ Read the owner's manual before using the lawnmower
- Know controls so you can act quickly in an emergency
- Wear non-slip shoes, long pants, ear plugs and eye protection

To avoid objects becoming airborne, dispose of rocks and debris before you mow

Disconnect spark plug wire before working on the mower



Most mower accidents are the result of human error, not mechanical failure

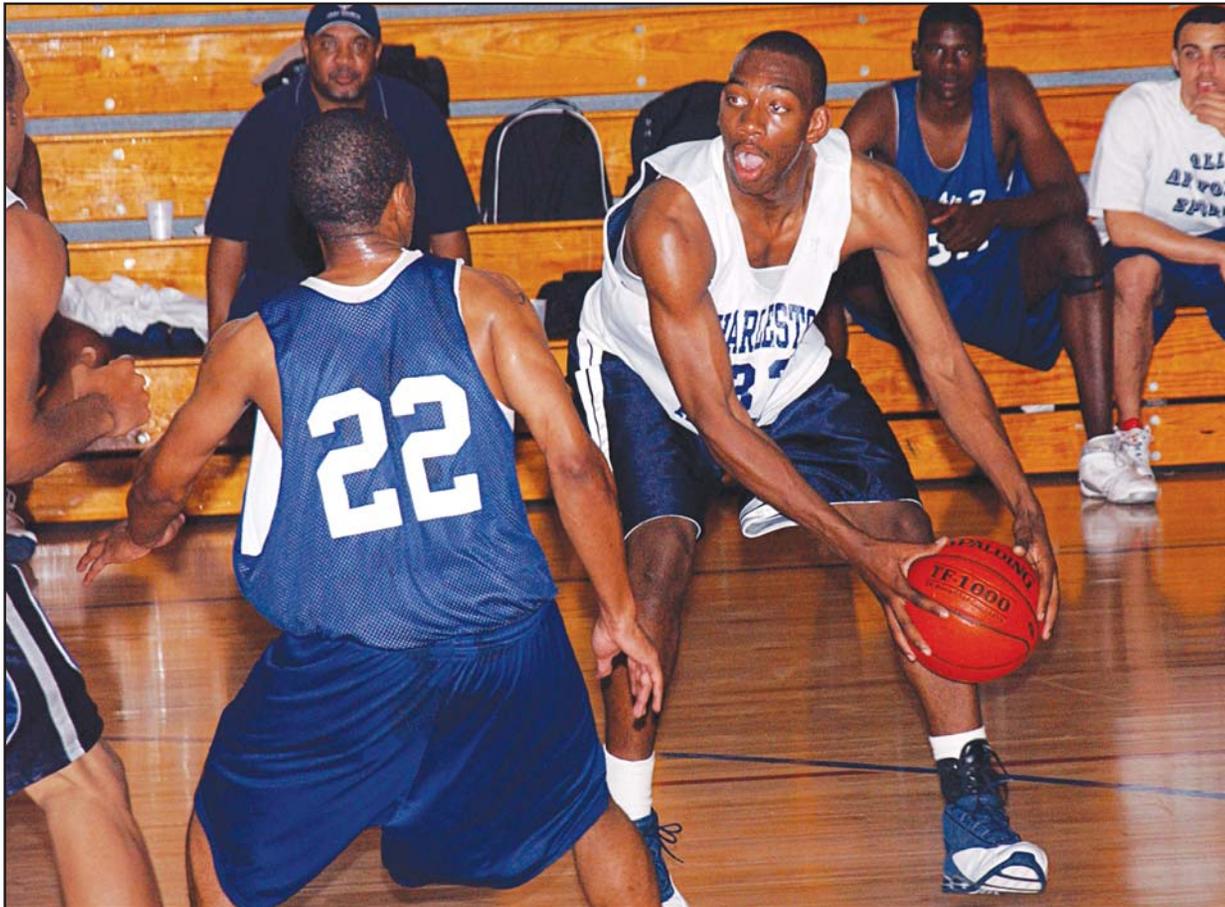


Photo by Senior Airman Tyrone Pearsall

## Hoop Dreams

Charleston AFB Hurricanes forward Lamar Hancock sets up for a drive down the lane in front of All Air Force guard Kenneth Dukes during a game May 6. The Air Force team is here for their training camp, which runs through May 24. It is followed by the Armed Forces Tournament May 26 to May 31.

# “Mind Over Bogey” Golf course offers seminar

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber  
437 AW Public Affairs

A local performance enhancement consultant will conduct a free sports psychology seminar Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Wrenwoods Golf Course clubhouse.

Dr. Jody Bradham will conduct the seminar dubbed “Mind Over Bogey: Sports Psychology” in conjunction with the Health and Wellness Center’s activities for May Wellness Month.

It will be an hour-long presentation with an outside demonstration at the clubhouse.

The first 100 attendees to the seminar will receive a free 20-minute state-of-the-art video swing analysis from American Tour Golf Schools,” said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Frank Budd, 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Operations Squadron deputy commander. “There will also be drawings for various prizes including golf shirts, sleeves of golf balls and books on sports psychology by the PGA Tour gurus.”

“Confidence in golf involves not just believing in your abilities to play good golf, but also believing in your abilities to recover when good golf does not happen as planned,” Dr. Bradham said.

Bradham is a psychologist, performance en-

hancement consultant and Executive Director of Performance Insight, LLC, a Charleston-based company specializing in performance enhancement issues with athletes, businesses and organizations. He has worked with collegiate and adult athletes of all skill levels in golf, basketball, softball, volleyball, swimming and tennis.

Dr. Bradham holds a Bachelor of Science in psychology from Clemson University, a Master of Arts in Clinical psychology from Middle Tennessee State University and a doctorate of clinical psychology from Spalding University in Kentucky.

“This seminar will introduce [participants] to a thought process about golf they probably have not experienced but have read a lot about it,” said Karen Harrell, Wrenwoods Golf Course manager.

“This is the start of a series of golf enhancement seminars and educational opportunities Wrenwoods would like to offer. More emphasis on sports psychology/medication/physical conditioning is being placed on the tour professionals, and we would like to offer some of these ideas to our customers.”

For more information, contact Dr. Budd at 963-6852 or Ms. Harrell at 963-4174.

## Sports Shorts

**Basketball games:** The All Air Force Basketball training camp is being held here 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 follows: The AF team plays the Charleston Flyers at 9 a.m. Thursday.

**Racquetball champions:** The base intramural Racquetball tournament concluded April 28 with CES defeating the Flyers 2-1 to win the championship. The flyers were the regular season racquetball champions, followed by CES.

**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.

**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.