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### MISSION POSSIBLE!

Charleston departures	11,134	Personnel deployed	760
Maintenance reliability	98.1%	Reservists activated	689
Cargo moved (tons)	54,069	(Jan. 1 to August 31, 2004)	

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



## Sharp troops

Please help me congratulate this month's Diamond Sharp award winners, selected by their first sergeants for setting the standard for their fellow Airmen.

The winners are: **Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Deolinda Lindley**, 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron; **Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Crystal Bateman**, 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Richard Lingle**, 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and **Senior Airman Matthew Martin**, 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron. Keep up the great work!

Another standout, **Senior Airman Raymond Green**, 17<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron loadmaster, was my shadow Tuesday. Airman Green arrived at Charleston AFB in August 2003. He was promoted to senior airman below-the-zone and was selected as the 17 AS Airman of the Second Quarter. This extremely motivated Airman has set very high goals for himself and is a great example for others. It was truly a pleasure to spend the day with him.

## Air Force Ball

Kudos to our Air Force Ball committee for hosting such a great golf tournament at Wescott Plantation Aug. 27. The tournament raised more than \$1,550 for the ball. Special thanks goes to the tournament coordinators, **Master Sgt. James Mossman**, 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Camera Squadron; and **Tech. Sgt. Elliot Ray**, 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron, and the rest of the volunteers for their hard during this event. Great job!

Thank you also to O'Charley's Restaurant for providing lunch for everyone free of charge, and to the other members of the community who have contributed significantly to this event in the form of mementos, musicians, flowers, etc.

If you have not already signed up for the ball, tickets are still for sale. Credit card sales will end Sept. 8, but tickets may still be purchased with cash or check through Sept. 10. See your squadron representative or purchase your ticket on Globemaster.

## Hurricane season

With hurricane season only halfway



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Rich Kaminsky

**Col. Samuel Cox, 437th Airlift Wing vice commander, speaks with retired Brig. Gen. Tom Mikolajcik, former commander of the 437AW, during the Air Force Ball Golf Tournament at Wescott Plantation Aug. 27.**

through, it is important to make sure you have a plan in place for you and your family. Being prepared ahead of time can make a world of difference. Whether you are an Airman, civilian or family member, you have a role in ensuring everyone comes through a natural disaster safely. Go through your hurricane checklists again at work and at home to ensure you are ready before a hurricane hits.

If you do not have a checklist, you can get one at 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness, Bldg. 236, or by calling 963-5333.

## 101 Critical Days of Summer winding down — think SAFETY!

With the 101 Critical Days of Summer approaching its end, remember to continue to be safe, especially during this long weekend. I urge each of you to minimize risk as much as possible, particularly in off-duty activities. Identify the risks associated with your activities, whether it's fatigue during a long drive to see your family or the potential for injury during a boat outing.

Eliminate or mitigate these risks to acceptable levels - plan on frequent stops when driving, and wear flotation devices when you're on the water. Continuously monitor risk factors and make responsible decisions.

Have a great week!

### Safety emphasis item

Taking a shortcut on the job can be deadly! Don't fall into the trap that a shortcut is trivial and doesn't have the capability to kill someone. You should never bypass a step to make the job easier. The potential benefits of a shortcut never justify the risks. A professional always follows applicable guidance to the letter.

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# AMC commander reminds all to think safety first

By **Gen. John Handy**  
Commander, USTC and AMC

Labor Day marks the end of the vacation season and this year's 101 Critical Days of summer safety campaign. Sadly, this summer we experienced the worst safety record for fatalities in Air Mobility Command history: six military and one civilian.

After reviewing each AMC fatal mishap, alcohol and excessive speed were the major contributing factors. Although individuals must be accountable and responsible for their actions, supervisors and co-workers could have influenced the Airmen's individual actions in each case.

Leadership at all levels must work together

## worth repeating

**"We must ensure our Airmen understand safety, both theirs and that of their co-workers ..."**



**General John Handy**  
U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command, commander

to help make safety an integral part of the unit's mission and the team's approach to on- and off-duty activities.

Building this safety culture is based on three leadership principles: commitment, courage

and integrity. I encourage you to exhibit a solid commitment to communicating safety policies and creating an environment that encourages open and frank dialogue. Next, you must set and enforce tough standards and hold individuals accountable when they deviate from your standards.

We must ensure our Airmen understand safety, both theirs and that of their co-workers, is of paramount importance to the mission.

Not many of the AMC team will have the opportunity to enjoy time off over Labor Day due to our commitment to the Global War on Terrorism.

Those that do deserve to come back healthy and ready to work. Enjoy this Labor Day weekend — safely.

# The meaning of the maintenance badge

By **Col. Michael Riddle**  
437MXG commander

In the early 1980s, the first discussion papers were passed around the Headquarters staff about a badge for aircraft maintenance people. There was real debate as to how to capture the essence of what a maintainer does.

I have been working with maintainers for more than 20 years and now my view of the badge is much different.

I would have to find a way to show the weather, because the weather affects everything about maintenance. Since the flightline is their workplace, the heat of the day at Charleston and in the Middle East broils them as they wrestle with heavy parts while lying at odd angles. I have seen maintainers changing parts when the metal around them was too hot to touch with their bare hands. Frequently, they are in a cockpit where there isn't any breeze.

Speaking of breeze, it doesn't take much for the inspection walk on the wings to become dangerous. It also prevents jacking aircraft, which is frustrating when trying to troubleshoot them and exciting when the wind comes up without warning and the aircraft is already up on jacks, making it a dangerous situation.

The other side is the cold. I remember at Grand Forks AFB, when it got 30 to 40 degrees below zero, the security forces would take the canine patrol in, but maintainers were still out there working. Yet, in this intense cold, I have seen maintainers take off their gloves and grab freezing cold metal with their bare hands because the screw or wire was too small to work on with gloves.

The heat, the wind, the cold — all as much a part of the maintenance person's day as the aircraft they work on. And of course, there is the rain. What pilot hasn't seen a maintainer soaked to the skin, standing in a downpour, waiting patiently to marshal out a mission? Or what maintainer hasn't expressed the frustration of having to quit half way through a job when a thunderstorm rolled into the area because there was lightning within five miles and the flightline had to be cleared. It is a dangerous part of the job maintainers take very serious. Maybe there should be clouds on the maintenance badge to show weather is a major part of the job.

Of course, if I was designing the badge now, I would try to put a book on it as well. Today's aircraft are so complex, a maintainer's training never ends and the knowledge maintainers have stand between life and death for the aircrew



**Col. Michael Riddle**

and passengers. "Follow the book" isn't just an expression. They literally must have a job guide or technical order open and be reading it even to install a part they have installed many times over 15 years. Why? Because the knowledge they have and the job they do is so critical to the aircrews who trust them.

Come to think of it, a book just doesn't represent it enough. The life and death aspect of it would require a much more glorious and somber symbol.

Additionally the badge would have to have a child on it or some symbol of the family. Over the last 20 plus years, I've noticed maintainers usually are working 12-hour shifts (or at least stay until the job is done) on weekends, holidays, nights, graduations, birthdays and anniversaries, and that is when they are home.

Maintainers are usually deployed. I have noticed, there is always something going on somewhere in the world requiring our aircraft, which means requiring our maintainers to make it happen. The result of a career in aircraft maintenance is a lot of time away from family. However, I have also noticed the maintainer's family is pretty tough too. They are self-reliant and find ways of making things happen when the maintainer is gone. Maybe we should give the family the badge. We could give them the star and wreath after so many days on their own as the maintainer continues through their career.

It is probably a good thing the badge was designed 20 years ago. I would have a real tough time designing one now since I've seen all that it is supposed to represent. However, might I suggest just one little change? Despite all I've mentioned, most maintainers truly love their job and their direct connection to the mission of the greatest Air Force in the world. They take great pride in being tough enough for the conditions a maintainer endures. They don't look

for a lot of recognition -- maybe the occasional "thanks" or "good job." When they finish a career in maintenance, there is a feeling of true accomplishment of having worked hard and made a real difference in the world. So, maybe the badge needs just one addition, a heart ... a great big heart.

The "official" explanation of the maintenance badge is below and maintainers everywhere are proud to wear it.

*The design of the falcon is a replica of the maintenance falcon located in the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. The falcon symbolizes the airborne strength by the Air Force and made possible by the maintenance of aircraft, munitions, and communications-electronics equipment. In its talons, the falcon is holding a bomb and a generic 21<sup>st</sup> century aircraft. They are crossed to show the interrelationship of the career fields.*

*The three levels of the award are signified by the addition of a star centered above the falcon for the senior level and the star surrounded by an olive wreath for the master level.*



# Armed Forces Voters Week starts today

By Airman Sam Hymas  
437 AW Public Affairs

The deadline for military members to apply for an absentee voting form to vote in the upcoming Nov. 2 general elections, which is only 60 days away, is rapidly approaching.

Servicemembers and their dependents must submit a Federal Post Card Application for registration or absentee ballot before Sept. 11 if they want to vote.

An absentee ballot is required when servicemembers and their families live in a state other than their legal residence. The easy-to-complete form is available online at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) or by contacting a unit voting representative.

Armed Forces Voters Week, held today through Sept. 11, is designed to get the word out about the importance of voting for military members and their families.

Voting representatives will be at the commissary helping people with voter registration and answering questions from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Sept. 11.

All 50 states and U.S. territories allow citizens to register and request an absentee ballot by submitting a FPCA. The FPCA used to request a ballot should be received by election officials at least 45 days before Election Day. If applying for both registration and an absentee ballot, the FPCA should be mailed earlier. Contact your unit voting representative for more details.

"The time required to process an FPCA can take several weeks, and with the November presidential elections just around the corner, now is the time to act. Make your mark and

ensure your voice is heard," said Maj. Ed Parker, 437th Medical Group optometrist and installation voting assistance officer.

The VAO is responsible for carrying out the FVAP mission, which consists of three distinct goals: to inform and educate U.S. citizens of their right to vote, to foster voting participation and to protect the integrity of voting, and enhance the electoral process.

Completing an FPCA takes only about five minutes with a little help from a voting representative. The extent and manner of its use, however, is determined by state and territorial law and local procedures. Because of varying state laws, military members should refer to the appropriate section of the 2004-05 Voting Assistance Guide to determine how they must complete the FPCA. Unit voting representatives have a copy of this guide and are trained to provide assistance.

"Even if you're registered to vote and sent in a FPCA last year, there's no guarantee you'll receive an absentee ballot this year," Major Parker said. "Most states recommend you send one in every year."

Generally, all U.S. citizens 18 years or older who are or will be residing outside the United States during an election period are eligible to vote absentee in any election for federal office. In addition, all members of the armed forces, and their family members who are U.S. citizens may vote as absentees in state and local elections.

"We want to encourage everyone to exercise their right to vote," Major Parker said. "As members of the Air Force, it's part of our civic obligation."



## Unit voting assistance counselors

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**437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Darren Moore

**437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Lisa Ryan

**14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Brandon Dillon

**15<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron:** 1st Lt. Jon Zito

**16<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron:** Capt. Victor Aguilar

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**315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing:** Capt. Maureen Allen

**437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Staff:** Capt. Michael King

## Air Force Ball myths exposed

By Master Sgt. Angel Newman  
437 AW Public Affairs

This year's Air Force Ball, Sept. 11, is shaping up to be one of the best ever, according to Senior Master Sgt. Janet Osborne, Air Force Ball committee chairman.

Yet many falsehoods continue to plague this annual event.

To set the record straight, the committee is providing answers to some of the most perpetuated myths.

**Myth:** "I'm only an airman. I can't go to the Air Force Ball. It's for officers."

**Truth:** The ball, sponsored by

the Air Force Association Chapter 297, is an opportunity to for all Team Charleston members, officers, enlisted, civilian employees and supporters throughout the community, to come together and celebrate the great tradition of our Air Force. The camaraderie is meant to be shared by everyone.

**Myth:** "I don't have \$500 for a mess dress uniform. I can't go to the Air Force Ball."

**Truth:** For starters, a mess dress uniform usually costs under \$300. However, enlisted members can wear the semi-formal combination, which consists of the service dress uniform with a white

shirt, under \$20 at clothing sales, and a tie or tab, with no hat. That's how easy it is to dress for the ball. Officers are required to wear the mess dress uniform.

**Myth:** "I'm a Reservist. I can't go to the Air Force Ball."

**Truth:** See first response. Team Charleston means everyone. Operation Iraqi Freedom and the continued war on terrorism have been a true team effort and the Air Force ball is a bit of a reward for everyone's hard work this year. It's a chance to get dressed up and enjoy a night out.

**Myth:** "My spouse is deployed. I can't go to the Air Force Ball."

**Truth:** Again, refer to the first myth. Families are part of the team, and the job couldn't get done

without the support of our families. Home-alone spouses are highly encouraged to come to the ball. Holding down the home front can be taxing. A night out, with childcare and valet parking available, might help. Get a group of friends and make it a girls, or guys, night out.

**Myth:** "I won't have any fun."

**Truth:** Every situation is what you make of it. Take a few hundred of your friends, have a great meal, good conversation, and then dance the night away with a top local band. Sounds like fun in there somewhere.

Tickets are now on sale for \$25 on the globemaster Web site. For more information, contact Sergeant Osborne at 963-4888.

# 817<sup>th</sup> helps with OEF/OIF

By Airman Sam Hymas  
437 AW Public Affairs

The 15<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron is halfway through their 90-day deployment to Rhein-Main AB, Germany, where they continue to support Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Since taking over airlift operations from the 10<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash., in mid-July, the 15 AS has flown more than 288 missions. They have also transported more than 2,450 passengers and delivered more than 8,400 tons of cargo to Afghanistan, Iraq and other regions in Southwest Asia.

"The men and women of the 15AS, together with other outstanding Airmen from our wing, are making a significant contribution to America's security," said Lt. Col. Manson Morris, 817<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Airlift Squadron commander, who deployed with his squadron three days after taking command of the 15 AS. "Their efforts, at three forward-deployed locations, are directly responsible for moving the vast majority of C-17 missions bound for Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom."

Airmen do more than just fly missions while deployed to Rhein-Main AB.

"We match up the aircrews with the planes," said Capt. Larry Gabe, 817 EAS scheduler.

Captain Gabe manages the scheduling at Rhein-Main, making sure the cargo arrives at it's destination on time. He also makes sure crews receive adequate rest before flying a mission.

Many other Airmen from the 15 AS work at the operations center at Rhein-Main AB, helping the aircrews fulfill their mission.

A majority of the deployed 15 AS personnel came home this week and have been replaced by other Airmen from the squadron. The 15 AS will be replaced in October by the 4<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, McChord AFB.

## Blotter

# Drunken driver, shoplifting shoppers caught by cops

The following are some of the responses by the 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron from Aug. 23 to Sunday and are printed to raise awareness of resource protection and safety.

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

### Vehicle Accidents

■ While pulling away from the gas pumps at the base shopette, an Airman hit another Airman's vehicle. Both cars were damaged and the Airman was cited for inattentive driving.

### Traffic stats

■ Security forces cited 12 drivers for speeding and three for failure to stop at a posted stop sign or traffic light.

■ Security forces stopped a civilian at the commissary gate for failure to provide a license. A check showed the person did not have a license.

Charleston County Sheriff's Office responded and issued the driver a \$232 summons for driving without a license and a \$440 summons for failure to provide current insurance. CCSO scheduled a court date.

■ Security forces stopped a driver at the Rivers Avenue Gate for possession of an open alcoholic container. CCSO responded and issued a \$154 summons for possession of an open container and scheduled a court date.

■ Security forces stopped a civilian at the Commissary Gate for failure to provide a current license. A check showed the driver's license was suspended, and the driver had an active warrant for careless operation of a motor vehicle and providing false information to a police officer. North Charleston Police Department responded and issued a \$2,100 summons for driving under suspension/third offense and \$232 summons and scheduled a court date. His base driving privileges were suspended.

■ Security forces stopped a family member's vehicle which was stalled on Arthur Drive adjacent to Range Road. CCSO responded and issued the family member a \$992 summons for driving under the influence and a \$232 summons for leaving the scene of an accident

## Promotion list

Team Charleston salutes the following Airmen being promoted in September.

### To Airman:

437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron;

Patrick Troumbley

437<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Squadron;

Jordan Brown and Peter Kellen

437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron;

Aaron Baker, Joshua Lepo and Ricardo Tellado

437<sup>th</sup> Logistic Readiness Squadron;

Sara Jurney

437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron;

Todd Beckett, Joshua Harbin, Ryan

Grubaugh, Stephen Lacey, and Casey Norton

437<sup>th</sup> Medical Support Squadron;

Ricardo Mejia

437<sup>th</sup> Operations Group;

Derrick Maloney

### To Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class:

437 AMXS; John Ballif, William Burton,

Jonathan Collins and Brandon Holt

437<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical-Dental Squadron;

Precious Nwairo

437 CPTS; Beserat Belai and Jeffery Schmitz

437 CES; Cory Montgomery

437<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron; Michael

Frunk

437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron; Victor

Pimentel

437 LRS; Nicole Hamer

437<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron; Brandon Kitchens

### BTZ to Senior Airman:

437 CS; Donald Franklin

437 AMXS; Crystal Clay, Anthony Gallagher and Kelly Holliger

437 APS; John Klimczak

437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron; Thomas Hunzinger

14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron; Craig White

15<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron; Daniel Tuller

16<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron; Oz Ashkenazi

### To Senior Airman:

437 AMXS; Michael Bradford, Bob Cenicerros, Nathan Espiritu, Iruobe Ojehomon

437 APS; Paul Sweeney

437 MXS; Andrew Rosenbaum

437 MDSS; Brandi Whitting

437 LRS; Jay Perez and Carmen Garrett

437 CES; Marcus Banks, Michael Shannon and Brandon Waide

437 CS; Steven Galbraith and Winifred Thompson,

437 MXS; John Rancifer

14 AS; Trisha Albright, Steven Fordyce and Marc Safford

15 AS; Crystal Mertz, Jared Smith

16 AS; Gregory Rada, Justin Thompson and Robert Wyman

17<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron; Matthew Johnson and Michael Seaton

437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron; Rodil Medina

with property damage. CCSO scheduled a court date. During the investigation, it was discovered the driver struck the fence surrounding the construction area of the Rivers Ave. gate with her vehicle and departed the scene.

### Crime Watch

■ A civilian reported that her wallet containing cash, check book, insurance card, social security card, a debit card and some gift certificates was stolen from the base education center.

■ A family member reported that a necklace valued at \$1,100 was stolen from her residence in base housing.

■ Security forces reported that an unknown driver got gas for \$26.80 from the base shopette and left without paying for the gas.

■ A civilian was detained for shoplifting \$210.40 worth of perfume, clothes and DVDs from the base exchange.

## DUI/DWI Statistics

**Last incident: 24 days**

**2004 total: 15**

**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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53  
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free, confidential rides home.**

# Base cleans up after Gaston

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Arredondo  
437 AW Public Affairs

Neither rain, nor wind, nor lack of power Sunday could keep Charleston AFB from delivering its mission around the world.

Charleston AFB experienced the 55 mph winds during Tropical Storm Gaston Sunday and most of the debris left in the aftermath was cleaned up by base Airman Monday.

"To get ready for Tropical Storm Gaston, we went through the standard quick response checklist, which the wing has put together," said Maj. Brian Murphy, 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron operation flight commander.

Not only was the base itself ready for the storm, but C-17's were dispersed Saturday so they would be safe from the winds of the storm.

According to 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing current operations, 20 aircraft were sent to MacDill AFB, Fla.

One aircraft was sent early for a follow-on mission to New Orleans, La. and one to Navy North Island, Calif.

"We manned our Unit Control Center 24 hours starting at 6 p.m. Saturday," Major Murphy said. "We had civil engineer troops come in anticipation of the storm, and facility managers to take care of the items at their building that could be thrown around in winds."

Once the winds died down, base

personnel were able to go and assess the damage left by Gaston.

"We received reports from base housing, which mostly were fallen or damaged trees," Major Murphy said.

The base experienced a power outage from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, which was caused by 10 power lines being damaged, said Senior Airman Alicia Mildren, 437 CES operations apprentice.

"Recovery started as soon as the winds subsided and electricity was restored," Major Murphy said. "Our focus was on maintaining power to base housing. Once it was lost, we wanted to restore it quickly.

"Key locations on base were running on generators," he said. "The airfield didn't sustain any real damage, so we were able to focus on the rest of the base."

Aircraft that were dispersed returned Sunday according to 437 AW current operations.

"There was a tremendous amount of work done Monday to clean up debris," Major Murphy said. "Individual units supplied augmentees to help pick up areas and bring those items to the pick-up area for Joppa ground maintenance contracting to pick up."

"Base residents were helpful by staying in their homes. We were able to get done what we needed to get done," Major Murphy said.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Rich Kaminsky

**Airman 1st Class Daniel Huffstickler, a precision measurement equipment laboratory apprentice assigned to the 437th Maintenance Squadron picks up fallen tree branches near the golf course.**



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Rich Kaminsky

**One of 30 trees reported struck down by Tropical Storm Gaston, on West Jackson Ave.**



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Rich Kaminsky

**Victoria Richardson, 4 (Left), helps with clean-up efforts, as her sister Samantha, 2 looks on, following Tropical Storm Gaston. Both are daughters of Master Sgt. Paul Richardson, 437th Communication Squadron.**

U.S. Air Force Academy superintendent talks about ...

# Molding tomorrow's AF leaders

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Arredondo

437 AW Public Affairs

The United States Air Force Academy has seen its share of hard times over the past year, but it is now ready to meet the challenges of a new school year while recruiting new applicants.

Lt. Gen. John Rosa, USAFA superintendent since July 2003, gave advice to individuals on how to be accepted into the academy.

"I have been at the academy for one year and I came in amidst the sexual assault scandal that surfaced in January 2003," said General Rosa, a 1973 graduate of The Citadel. "During this year we have had seven independent reviews of the academy, and from the results we have received, we have restructured and refocused our education program from the day the cadets arrive to the day they graduate."

"We have based the program on the importance of what it means to be a member in the profession of arms," General Rosa said.

The general led the academy through the past year by staying focused on the cadets.

"The biggest challenge in my current position is leading young people through four years of character development and preparing them to become second lieutenants," he said.

According to General Rosa, a command pilot with more than 3,600 flight hours, "Another challenge is making sure we uphold Air Force standards and core values; the same ones we all operate under in the Air Force."

Along with learning the beliefs and values of the Air Force, cadets are taught to further their understanding of life in the Air Force by participating in practical classes and exercises that will help them during the global war on terror.

"Cadets receive a four-year degree by taking academic and military courses that are more relevant to the WOT," General Rosa said.

"The cadets attend a summer camp, 'Global Engagement,' which introduces them to life in an expeditionary force. During this three-week program, the cadets spent 10 days in a tent city they defended," General Rosa explained.

The chance to be a part of "Global Engagement," and more importantly to be a cadet at the academy, is not just for recent high school graduates.

For young enlisted Airmen wanting to become officers, General Rosa offered some advice in achieving this goal.

"First, you must work through your chain of command," General Rosa said. "Also, the academy has a program to help enlisted folks become officers."

"The academy has a preparatory school that accepts 230 students, which includes 50 to 60 students who are prior enlisted," the general said. "We give them a year of training, with the hopes of offering them an appointment to the academy. Experienced prior-enlisted Airmen are great cadets and officers."

Upon completion of the program, they also have to meet all the standard requirements to be accepted into the cademy as a cadet, he said.

Family members can also help young adults in their pursuit of an the appointment to the academy.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Rich Kaminski

Lt. Gen. John Rosa, the U.S. Air Force Academy superintendent visited Charleston from Aug. 19 to 25 to speak to today's young officers, who were graduates of the academy, and to encourage tomorrow's leaders.

"You must start when they are in junior high," General Rosa said. "You must instill in them values, ones we try to live by every day in our Air Force: honor, integrity, service."

Young people can help themselves better their chances of being accepted into the academy as a cadet by becoming involved in different activities.

"We look for young people with impeccable character. They must also be well-rounded individuals. They should be involved in athletics, community service, extracurricular activities and prepare academically by working with their guidance counselors to ensure they are taking the right college preparatory courses," General Rosa said.

For the general, the academy is a place to mold and produce the future leaders of the Air Force, by leading them in the traditions and exemplifying the core values of the Air Force.

## worth repeating

*"We look for young people with impeccable character"*



Lt. Gen. John Rosa

United States Air Force Academy superintendent

## Elmendorf Airman on convoy killed in Iraq

**SAN ANTONIO** — An Airman was killed while on a supply convoy near Mosul, Iraq, on Saturday, defense officials announced Tuesday.

Airman 1st Class Carl Anderson Jr., 21, of Georgetown, S.C., was deployed with the 732nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group and died after his convoy hit a roadside bomb.

He was a transportation operator assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, where he had been stationed since April 2002, base officials said.

Airman Anderson entered the Air Force in December 2001. **(AFPN)**

## Airmen save Alaskan aircraft crash victim

**KULIS AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Alaska** — For Alaska Air National Guard's pararescuemen, it was a "pretty vanilla" rescue, but to one man, it was his life.

The 49-year-old pilot of a Kolb Fire Star II Ultra Light aircraft apparently hit a large boulder when attempting to take off from his refueling point in Lake Clark Pass Aug. 26, officials said.

When he failed to reach his destination, officials notified the Alaska Rescue Coordination at Camp Denali of an overturned aircraft. They also reported they had an overdue aircraft that had departed a camp near Naknek with the intention of flying through Lake Clark Pass.

An Air National Guard HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter and an HC-130 Rescue Tanker flew the search pattern that led them to the man.

"The Pave Hawk helicopter crew located the overturned aircraft, which turned out to be the same as the overdue aircraft," said Maj. Mike Haller, an Alaska National Guard spokesman. "After spending the night under a bush in cold rainy weather, he was one happy 'camper' when he spotted the Air Guard's pararescuemen coming to his aid." **(AFPN)**

## Cadets punished for inappropriate behavior

**U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.** — Administrative punishment was given to six of the seven cadet candi-

dates who were disenrolled following the inappropriate exotic dancing incident at the academy preparatory school July 31.

They have also been separated from the Air Force Disciplinary Action is pending on the seventh cadet candidate.

The total number of cadet candidates involved has risen to 32, as eight more cadet candidates have voluntarily come forward and admitted they attended the incident, which occurred in a dayroom of a dormitory.

The cases of the remaining cadet candidates are being reviewed to determine appropriate action. **(AFPN)**

## Airman Competes for 'American Idol' slot

**SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — Making it big in the music industry has been a dream of Airman 1st Class Derrick Williams since he began singing at church when he was 12 years old.

His sister, Cassandra, would laugh and kid with him a few years ago when he said he could go on "American Idol" and make it. But, Airman Williams got the last laugh when he won an "American Idol" competition Aug. 22 at Castaway Cove Water Park in Wichita Falls and earned a trip to New Orleans.

"Whether I win or not, it's a good experience," he said.

Airman Williams said he knows he has the support of his classmates, instructors and commander.

Airman Williams will audition in front of producers and censors Aug. 31 and, if selected, could perform Sept. 1 for Paula Abdul, Randy Jackson and Simon Cowell. **(AFPN)**

## Airmen to get national security medals

**WASHINGTON** — Air Force leaders want to ensure Airmen get the recognition they deserve for fighting the war on terrorism at home

and abroad, and for many more operations critical to national security.

That is why Air Force personnel officials are looking at better ways to apply modern air and space mission criteria to existing awards and decorations to give appropriate credit to outstanding Airmen.

The traditional rule followed by other services, that awards are given to troops who put their feet down on the ground, does not necessarily apply to modern air and space professionals, according to Barbara Murray, chief of Air Force personnel policy's force sustainment division.

This new thinking is being applied to the recently created Department of Defense Global War on Terrorism medals. There are two versions, expeditionary for people deployed abroad, and service for those in the continental United States.

Airmen should contact their local military personnel flight for more details on these awards. **(AFPN)**



Photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Gallahan

## Pulling out the big guns

Senior Airman Phillip Dyer, 40th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Flight explosive ordnance disposal technician, sets up a .50-caliber rifle for a live-fire training operation at a forward-deployed location.

## Around the base

**Summary court officer:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Kyle Ingebritson, 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, is detailed as summary court officer to secure and make proper disposition of the personal effects of Tech. Sgt. Randy Way Westervelt Jr.

Anyone with knowledge of money or property due to the deceased or claims against his estate can call Lieutenant Ingebritson at 963-4589.

**Wing training day:** The wing training and liberal leave day is today. Base agencies will be closed for business except the following:

- Fitness & Sports Center: 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Education Center: 7:30 a.m. to noon
- Childhood Development Center: 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Outdoor Recreation Center: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Youth Center: 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Dining Facility: normal hours
- Flight kitchen: normal hours
- Lodging: normal hours
- Wrenwoods Golf Course: normal hours
- Bowling Center: normal hours
- Aero Club: normal hours
- Skill Center: normal hours.

**Resume class:** The Family Support Center hosts a class on how to write a dynamite resume 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday. For more information, contact Barbara Lang at 963-5448.

**Commissary:** The commissary will hold a case lot sale Wednesday and Thursday.

Also, the commissary will now be accepting Internet coupons with bar codes. For more information, contact the commissary at 963-5694.

**Triathlon:** The Fitness Center hosts CAFB's annual triathlon starting at 7 a.m. Sept. 11. Register by today by contacting the fitness center at 963-3347.

**Education fair:** The Education Services Center hosts an educa-

# Charleston Warrior of the Week

## Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Tobey Housey 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron

Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Tobey Housey is a unit personnel manager for the 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron.

His primary duties include running squadron level commander's programs and providing personnel assistance to squadron members through career enhancement programs, health care monitoring, promotions and separation assistance.

"I love being a personnel manager within my squadron," Airman Housey said. "I like working with people and assisting them in going to higher levels within their careers."

"I contribute to Team Charleston's mission by ensuring all of my responsibilities are accomplished flawlessly," said Airman Housey.

The Estill, S.C., native joined the Air Force nearly two years ago to obtain a higher education and to gain discipline and self-control.

Airman Housey volunteers with the First Six Association and with projects sponsored by the Aerial Port Squadron Association.

"Airman Housey is outstanding. He has the total package: work ethic, enthusiasm, initiative, and attention to detail," said Tech. Sgt. Rico Evans, 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron commander's support staff NCOIC. "The senior NCOs in the squadron are constantly telling me what a super troop he is. Our squadron is very fortunate and thankful to have a troop like Airman Housey."



Photo by Airman Sam Hymas

tion fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 15. There will be prizes and refreshments. For more information, contact Bill Kaseman at 963-4578.

**Hat Ladies' luncheon:** The Hat Ladies host a luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Charleston Club. Bring your favorite hat! RSVP by Wednesday to Archie Burkel at 762-6679 or e-mail [hatladies@aol.com](mailto:hatladies@aol.com).

**Armed Forces Inaugural Committee:** The Air Force is seeking high-caliber individuals to support the 55<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inauguration from Jan. 15 to 24.

Selectees will perform unit-funded temporary duty in Wash-

ington, D.C. Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve volunteers must secure their own funding and mandays. To see a complete listing of job openings, contact your commander support staff.

**NCO retraining:** Air Force officials have announced the start of the 2005 noncommissioned officer retraining program. The NCORP will target approximately 1,098 NCOs to retrain from career fields with NCO overages to those with NCO shortages.

The voluntary phase of the program runs through Sept. 30. If necessary, an involuntary phase will begin shortly afterward. Some restrictions apply, depending on grade and Air Force spe-

cialty. Contact the military personnel flight at 963-4567 or 963-4506 for complete details and a list of available careers to retrain into.

**The Olmsted Scholar Program:** The Olmsted Scholar Program provides the opportunity to study abroad, obtain a master's degree in a foreign language and gain an in-depth understanding of a foreign country for junior line officers. For more information, go to [www.olmstedfoundation.org](http://www.olmstedfoundation.org).

**RAO position:** The Retiree Activities Office is looking for a new director. Anyone interested in the position can call Lt. Col. David Peaire at 963-5626.

# BASE HONOR GUARD

**Senior Airman Ronald Bishop**  
437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

**Job title:** Aerospace maintenance journeyman

**Time in the Air Force:** 2 years and 9 months

**Time on the Honor Guard:** 1 year

**Why did you join the Honor Guard?** To feel like I was doing something worthwhile.

**What do you do in the Honor Guard?** I participate in various drills and ceremonies.

**What is your favorite aspect of the Honor Guard?** The fact that we have to maintain our military bearing, no matter what, during ceremonies.

**What is your most memorable moment in Honor Guard?** Representing Charleston AFB by participating in the procession for the Hunley sailors.



Graphic by Airman Sam Hymas

## Chapel schedule



**107 Arthur Drive**  
**Office:** Monday-Friday, 7:30 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 starts at 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

**Protestant Services:** *Sunday* - 8 a.m. Inspirational Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Bldg. 245, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Children's Church.

*Wednesday*- Noon 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.**

**"Thunderbirds" - Bill Paxton**

When dangerous situations exceed the limitations of ordinary military and international security forces, the world calls on the high-tech assistance of International Rescue - a mysterious band of fearless adventurers and their fleet of awesome, imaginatively engineered vehicles known as: Thunderbirds! **(PG) 87 minutes**

**Saturday, 7:30 p.m.**

**"The Bourne Supremacy" - Matt Damon**

In a sequel to the 2002 hit "The Bourne Identity," amnesiac assassin Jason Bourne, and his girlfriend Marie, are living an vulnerable and anonymous life trying to remain ahead of the shadowy figures that are always on their trail. So when a killer hunts them down in their sleepy village. Bourne realizes he must not only return to the world he has tried so hard to leave but also clear his name of a murder he did not commit. **(PG-13) 108 minutes**

**Sept. 10**

**"Harold and Kumar go to White Castle"**

**Sept. 11**

**"I, Robot"**

# SAFETY SENSE



## Personal Lightning Safety

*"If you can see it, flee it; if you can hear it, clear it."*

**Outdoors:** Avoid water, high ground and open spaces

- Crouch down, cover ears and keep distance from others (15 ft.)

**Indoors:** Avoid water, doors, windows; don't use telephones

- Turn off, unplug and stay away from computers, TVs, appliances

**Plan:** Know your evacuation and safety measures.

- Activate the plan after seeing lightning and hearing thunder

**Care for the injured:** Don't carry electrical charge.

- Apply first aid if qualified to do so. Call 911

# Gridiron Guru challenges all who dare in Swami Cup

**By the Gridiron Guru**  
*'Top-notch' pigskin prognosticator*

The Gridiron Guru would like to welcome everybody to another season of Swami Cup football. As the self-proclaimed king of all football prognosticators, I am extremely confident that once again I will easily cruise to victory while totally embarrassing each and every one of you who make the mistake of trying to challenge me this year!

I am anticipating an exciting season ahead with several key questions to be answered. Can the Colts unseat the defending champion Patriots? Will Kurt Warner regain MVP form in the Big Apple? Will the addition of T.O. finally allow the Eagles to reach the Super Bowl? And can Joe Gibbs bring back the glory

days of the Redskins? The Guru knows the answers to all of these questions? Do you?

As you have come to count on me to always be the first to bring you breaking news, I am the first to report Ricky Williams and Quincy Carter have both signed one year contracts to play for the Jamaican Marleys of the World Football League!

Now on to the Swami Cup rules. To be eligible to be named Swami Cup champion, you must play a minimum of 12 weeks. Weekly winners will receive a prize from the 437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron. All weekly ties will be settled by predicting the total points of the Monday night game.

All entries must be e-mailed to swami@charleston.af.mil by 4 p.m. Fridays. Now on to my week one, stone cold, lead pipe lock predictions:

## Gridiron Guru's Week 1 picks

**Thursday, Sept. 9**

Indianapolis @ ***New England***

**Sunday, Sept. 12**

Arizona @ ***St. Louis***  
***Baltimore*** @ Cleveland  
***Cincinnati*** @ N.Y. Jets  
***Detroit*** @ Chicago  
 Jacksonville @ ***Buffalo***  
 Oakland @ ***Pittsburgh***  
 San Diego @ ***Houston***

***Seattle*** @ New Orleans  
 Tampa Bay @ ***Washington***  
***Tennessee*** @ Miami  
***Atlanta*** @ San Francisco  
 Dallas @ ***Minnesota***  
 N.Y. Giants @ ***Philadelphia***  
 Kansas City @ ***Denver***  
**Monday, Sept. 13**  
 Green Bay @ ***Carolina***

**Monday Night total points: \_\_\_\_**

**Guru's Monday night points: 41**

*The Gridiron Guru's picks are in bold and italics.  
 Swami is not affiliated with the 437 Airlift Wing Public Affairs.  
 Send your picks to swami@charleston.af.mil only.  
 Include your name, phone number and any comments in the e-mail.  
 \*\*Picks must be submitted by Wednesday Sept. 8, 4 p.m.\*\**



Photo by Airman Sam Hymas

### Blocked!

Megan Govin and Airman Brian Smith of the 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron team block 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Operations Squadron's Col. Mike Riddle's spike in Tuesday night volleyball action.

### Fitness tip: Prevent Osteoporosis

25 million Americans have osteoporosis. Between ages 11 to 25 our bones grow as strong as they will ever be.

After ages 25, we must concentrate on maintaining healthy bones to prevent osteoporosis. Prevention includes proper diet, adequate Calcium intake, and weight bearing exercises.

Do not smoke or drink excessively. Do what you can do today to preserve your healthy bones for tomorrow. Strong bones are key to a independent, productive life.

## Sports shorts

**Triathlon:** The Charleston AFB Second Annual Swim-Bike-Run For Fun Sprint Triathlon is scheduled to start at 7 a.m. Sept. 11 at the base pool. Men's and women's age groups are 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60 and over. There will be two- and three- person team competition with no age limitations. The race includes swimming 450 meters, biking 9 miles and running 3.1 miles. The cost is \$10 per participant and you need to register by today at the Fitness and Sports Center. For more information, call Frank de Aragon 963-3344 or Staff Sgt. Margo Ham 963-3347.

**Volleyball:** Open play volleyball is scheduled from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturdays at the Fitness and Sports Center's Globemaster Court. The level of play goes from beginner to experienced.

**Intramural golf:** A mandatory coaches' clinic will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Health and Wellness Center's classroom. The 2004 season starts Sept. 15.

**Intramural bowling:** Letters of squadron intent are due to the Sports Office by Wednesday. A mandatory coaches' clinic will be held at 3 p.m. Sept. 14 at the HAWC classroom. The 2004-05 season starts Sept. 21.

**Intramural flag football:** Letters of squadron intent are due to the Sports Office by Sept. 15. A mandatory coaches' clinic will be held at 2 p.m. Sept. 21 at the HAWC classroom. The 2004 season starts Sept. 28.

**Dodge ball (lunch time):** The top 16, five-person teams to sign up will make up the competition. The number of teams entering the competition will determine the format. Sign up by Sept. 29 and games start Oct. 12. For more information, call the Fitness and Sports Center at 963-3347.