



# News Advisory

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### TOP GENERAL IN AIR MOBILITY COMMAND TO SPEAK ON 9/11, CAFB

**What:** **Media availability** with Gen. John Handy, commander of U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command. Handy is the senior uniformed officer for all airlift and tanker aircraft in the Air Force and is the single manager for global air, land and sea transportation assets for the Department of Defense. (A biography is attached.) Handy will make remarks about 9/11 and Charleston AFB's contributions to the war on terrorism to about 800 Air Force airmen as part of the annual Air Force Ball, which commemorates the 55th anniversary of the creation of an independent Air Force. (See the related news release no. 09-03, titled AMC answers Global War on Terrorism, for more information.)

**Date and Time:** Saturday, Sept. 7 at 8 p.m.

**Location:** North Charleston Convention Center ballroom. (News media are asked to be at the **ballroom at 8 p.m.**)

**Why:** Handy is the senior airlift/tanker expert in the Air Force and has a unique perspective the military's contribution to the Global War on Terrorism. This is a rare opportunity to interview one of the senior generals directly involved in the war in Afghanistan. Handy has previously commanded the 437th Airlift Wing at CAFB.

**Visuals:** More than 800 airmen will be dressed in formal military attire. The youngest and oldest airmen will cut the Air Force birthday cake, which will be followed by remarks by Handy to the crowd. Immediately following his remarks and a short presentation to Handy, Handy will be available for reporters to ask him questions.

**Contact:** For more information, or to indicate intent to attend, please contact Lt Col Ed Memi at 963-3888. On Saturday, contact Memi on his cell phone at 412-3210 or the on-call PA representative at 412-5871.