

# Charleston Profile

**Staff Sgt. James McCall**  
437<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. James McCall is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the Outbound Assignments Section. His job includes a wide variety of assignment-related processing duties.

McCall, a Williamston, S.C. native, joined the Air Force seven years ago. "I joined because, being from a small town, it means something to be a part of the military."

McCall and his wife, Staff Sgt. Belinda McCall of the 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Generation Squadron, have been stationed at Charleston AFB for five years. They're scheduled to PCS to Dyess AFB, Texas, in March.

"It'll be a good change," he said. "We've been here for five years. It's time to move on."

McCall was recently awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal for his efforts during Operation Allied Force. With little notice, he processed 517 deploying members and generated 82 sets of contingency orders. He also coordinated with 32 base agencies to ensure deploying personnel arrived in place and on time.

McCall also received the 437 MSS "Good Samaritan Award" for helping fellow airmen in need. While a 437 MSS member was deployed, he helped maintain her base housing unit by mowing her lawn. He also helped another airman install a car window regulator, saving a costly trip to the auto dealership.

Future plans include earning a degree in industrial mechanics, he said. McCall's wife is working toward a Community College of the Air Force associate's degree in applied science and he said he'll begin working on his degree when she graduates.

His hobbies include hunting, working on cars and spending time with his family.

"My office is a great place with great people," he said. "Everything I've done is because of others in my office."



Senior Airman Michael Duhe

## Spotlight

**Retirement:** The 16<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for its first sergeant, Master Sgt. Louis Argus, Jr.

The ceremony is Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Bldg. 54 in the Yonkie Auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be a reception following the event. For information, call Master Sgt. Thomas Duley at 963-5869 or Master Sgt. David Allen at 963-2107.

## Around the base

**CGOC meeting:** The next Company Grade Officer Council meeting is today at 4 p.m. at the Charleston Club. The guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Gordon Hammock, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Judge Advocate, who will discuss the ramifications of refusing the anthrax vaccination.

The council is also looking for volunteers to help with the Holiday Cheer booth Dec. 18. For information, call 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Catherine Barker at 963-5202.

**AFSA meeting:** The Charleston AFB chapter of the Air Force Sergeants Association will hold a meeting Tuesday at the Charleston Club in the Daedalion Room.

The event kicks off with a social at 4:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 5 p.m.

**Blood drive:** The Red Cross will hold a blood drive Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Education Center (Bldg. 221). For information, call 963-5502.

**VA visit:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing and First Six are sponsoring a trip to the Ralph Johnson Veteran's Hospital Thursday. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Those wishing to go to the VA hospital should meet in the 437<sup>th</sup> Military Personnel Flight parking lot (Bldg. 503) no later than 1:15 p.m.

During the visit, a party is planned for the patients so everyone is encouraged to bring baked goods, candy canes, etc. Not all of the patients will be able to attend the party, so members will be going to different rooms throughout the hospital. The group should return at 4 p.m.

A head count of everyone going is needed by Monday. For information, e-mail Staff Sgt. Lisa Barkman at [lisa.barkaman@charleston.af.mil](mailto:lisa.barkaman@charleston.af.mil).

**Christmas visit:** Santa Claus is going to visit base housing (to include Hunley Park) Dec. 18, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Santa and his helpers will be riding on a fire truck and sharing good cheer. Bring the little ones to see Santa and get some candy. The Enlisted Support Club will sponsor the event.

**Christmas trees:** Christmas trees are on sale every day from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Commissary parking lot. The sale will

