

# Hurricane Irene ups ops tempo again, but the Reserves help

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437 AW commander

Three Hurricane evacuations in one year – give us a break! This last evacuation was the most pesky since the hurricane was at the time only a category 1 hurricane and the forecast, as late as Saturday morning, did not indicate the winds at Charleston would be anything greater than 50 mph for a sustained period.

The forecast at noon on Saturday, however, had a completely different spin and that forecast was for winds to exceed 50 knots for a period greater than six hours with peak gusts 60 to 70 knots. But fortunately once again, we were spared the wrath of the power of nature and all we experienced was another close call.

Thankfully, the circling of the wagons that we did on Friday and our plan to minimize the impact on the active duty force over the weekend by relying upon the reserves during their training weekend worked. Thankfully, our plan was sound and all of our aircraft were safely evacuated or redirected to bases in Ohio and Georgia. In fact, members of the 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing could be seen flying out all of our C-17 aircraft, with the exception of one. In addition, the reserves could be seen hard at work in the logistical area and helping our civil engineers prepare for the worst.

I think I'm speaking for the entire team when I say,

three is enough for one year. Even though we know the weather forecast will always be conservative and potentially overestimate the severity of the winds, we will never let our guard down to protect our resources and people. A special thanks to members of the 315<sup>th</sup> this past weekend. You really italicized, boldfaced and underscored the word "team" in "Team Charleston."

Speaking of great deeds and events, I would like to thank members of the 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron who organized and orchestrated an absolutely superior ceremony for the city of North, S.C., as we dedicated one of our 60K Tunner loaders. It was a proud event and all those who attended certainly witnessed the tremendous support these fine people up further in our state have for our mission.

As the Combined Federal Campaign begins to wind down, I would like to take a moment to thank everyone that has supported the program. We're at nearly 60 percent of our goal and so far we're reaching that goal with only 20 percent of the base contributors.

If you haven't opened your wallet yet, there is still time for you to be able to make a donation and have an impact either in the local community or in one of the many nationwide charitable programs for which you can designate your dollars. It is your chance to make a difference in the lives of others! Please be generous!

## Action Line



Charlie Wall

**Brig. Gen. Robert D. Bishop, Jr., 437 AW commander, presents Tech. Sgt. Ken Owens, 437<sup>th</sup> Supply Squadron, with the East Coast Softball Championship trophy. Owens is coach of the 437 SUPS softball team, which beat 7 teams to take the title during a tournament Oct. 7-9.**

The Commander's Action line is your direct link to me. It's your opportunity to make Charleston Air Force Base 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**

By Maj. Lisa Turner  
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Advocate

## What goes TDY, does not stay TDY

We've all heard the old saying, "What goes TDY, stays TDY."

With folks rotating out of deployed environments every 30, 90 or 120 days, some think the old saying lets them do things they would never dream of doing at the base they came from.

If you know someone like that, pull them aside and remind them that the deployed base is their home, no matter for how short a period. Encourage them to take pride in the wing and reflect their pride through their behavior. We are all critical parts of the mission. Successful accomplishment of our extraordinary mission is only possible through applying the standards we automatically lived by at our last base.

Fortunately, in the past year,

only a fraction of our comrades in arms have forgotten that their behavior here stays with them for a professional lifetime.

In some of the instances where members of the U.S. Air Force have abandoned the core values of "Integrity, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do," their criminal behavior has resulted in Article 15 punishment. Don't let this happen to you or your team members.

One particularly distressing incident of unprofessional conduct involved a sexual relationship between an officer and an airman.

Not only did the two individuals involved in the relationship demonstrate criminal behavior, but their friends and squadron mates who suspected the behavior acted irresponsibly as

well. Their friends didn't pull either of them aside and tell them to knock it off. Instead, they turned a blind eye to the suspected behavior and their own responsibilities as team members.

As a senior officer eloquently said, The military's rules on fraternization and adultery are neither out-of-date nor unnecessary. The rules are components of the set of values and standards that ensure military readiness and mission accomplishment.

Military personnel are well-trained professionals. They voluntarily hold themselves to high standards because they're entrusted with the vital and demanding mission of defending the nation. They understand and accept the fact special sacrifices are some-

times required of them and their families.

Unprofessional relationships can undermine such critical matters as discipline, trust, and respect for superior officers. Motives of those giving the orders should never be at issue. Subordinates should not have to wonder if a leader's decisions are motivated by personal friendships.

Both officers and enlisted people can be prosecuted for adultery.

Enlisted members are also held accountable for unprofes-

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sional relationships. Unprofessional relationships are not only sexual or dating in nature. They encompass behaviors that detract from the authority of superiors or result in, or reasonably create the appearance of, favoritism, misuse of office or position, or the abandonment of organizational goals for personal interests.

No matter what your individual role as part of the [deployed] team, it is important to maintain the standards of "Excellence," "Integrity" and "Service" that we maintain at other base locations.

Air Force people, both officer and enlisted, must be sensitive to the formation of unprofessional relationships. Don't become involved in a personal relationship at the cost of the organization. And watch out for your team members.

Remember, what goes TDY does not stay TDY.

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