

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Spotlight

**Award selectee:** Congratulations to Capt. Charles Nesemeier, 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Generation Squadron, for being selected as one of the 12 finalists for the Airlift/Tanker Association Young Leadership Award. The award is given to an individual who demonstrates superior leadership, makes outstanding contributions to Airlift/Tanker missions and provides service to their local community.

## Around the base

**Enlisted Dining-Out:** The Enlisted Dining-Out will be held Sept. 16 for all Charleston AFB active and reserve enlisted personnel. Volunteers of all enlisted ranks are welcome to participate in all preparation efforts. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tracy Brewster at 963-6318 or Master Sgt. James Scanlan at 963-2798.

**Dining-Out coin design:** The Enlisted Dining-Out committee is looking for volunteers to design a commemorative coin. The theme "GI person of the century," pride, professionalism and passion should be incorporated in the design. The deadline for designs is Wednesday. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tonya Harris at 963-6211 or Tech. Sgt. Teresa Ware at 963-3037.

**"Operation Frivolous Frivolity":** The Company Grade Officer Council will be holding a Combat Dining-In on Aug. 12 at 6 p.m., in Nose Dock 1. The event is open to all 437<sup>th</sup> and 315<sup>th</sup>

airlift wing officers. For information, contact 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Zabrina Robinson at 963-4239, or purchase tickets on Fridays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Charleston Club.

**Dining hall:** The Magnolia Dining Facility will be closed for the mid-night meal on Wednesday, for monthly spraying. The In-flight kitchen will be open for duty personnel. If there are any questions, call 963-3595.

**Instructor's positions:** The 373 TRS/DET 5 has three instructor positions available in the following AFSCs: 2A452, 2A655 and 2A656. Please contact Master Sgt. Lee Woody at 963-2948 for details.

**Committee formation:** Parents of Lambs Elementary, Hunley Park Elementary, Morningside Middle School and North Charleston High School students are encouraged to join a new committee which will represent the educational needs of base children. The committee will address issues relating to the schools that support Charleston AFB members. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Terrie Powell at 963-2202.

**Chiefs' Group:** The CAFB Chiefs' Group will be holding a meeting on Aug. 17 at 11 a.m. at the Charleston Club. Representatives from Heritage Trust Credit Union will address the group, and lunch will be provided. All chiefs are encouraged to attend.

**Commissioning briefing:** There

**Commissary tips for fresh food**

- Head home immediately after buying frozen foods
- Use all food before the expiration date
- Avoid food in poor or damaged condition
- Stay away from dented cans and ripped boxes
- Make sure frozen foods are frozen solid
- Bring a cooler with ice to get frozen foods home
- Buy meats and frozen foods last, before leaving the commissary

will be an officer commissioning briefing at the base education center on Aug. 16 at 10 a.m. The briefing will provide information about how enlisted personnel can obtain commissions as officers in the Air Force. Call 963-4575 for more information.

**City of Chicago College:** The City of Chicago College will be holding registration for Term I, Sunday through Sep. 30. Tuition is \$75 per semester hour. Active-duty military members will pay \$56.25 for a three semester-hour course. For more information, call 552-5959 or 963-4575.

**Family Fun Fest:** Earn ATWIND game pieces during the base picnic today, near the base pool and Davis Drive, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be live music, and games and activities for children and adults. Adult games include a Velcro wall, a bungee run



and much more. There will be a watermelon eating contest at 1 p.m. The cost to enter is \$1, and winners will receive family fun packs. Both active duty and reserve personnel and families are invited to celebrate during this free event. Call 963-3809 for more information.

**Jazz performance:** A jazz concert will be held at the Charleston Club Aug. 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. Charr, a local jazz singer, will be performing with the group Gumbo.

**Military night:** The Charleston Riverdogs are hosting a military night at Joe Riley Stadium Aug. 15. The game begins at 7:05 p.m. Free tickets are available at the 437<sup>th</sup> and 315<sup>th</sup> public affairs offices, or the Outdoor Recreation Center.

## Family Support Center

**Hearts Apart, Hearts Apart** is an on-going program for spouses of deployed service members. The program offers such services as email, morale calls, video phone calls and free oil changes. For information, contact Tech. Sgt. Ken Fisher at 963-5630.

**Pre-Deployment briefings,** 8 a.m., Monday, Aug. 14, 21 and 28; 4 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 17, 24 and 31.

**Educational Opportunities Specialist,** 10 a.m., Tuesday.

**Building Self-Esteem in Children,** 10 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday. This workshop teaches how to accurately assess your child's level of self-esteem and how to build or reinforce positive qualities.

**Stress Management and Interpersonal Communications,** 1 p.m., Tuesday.

**Job Search Process III and IV,** 5:30 to 9 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday.

**How to Develop a Spending Plan Workshop,** 9 to 11 a.m., Wednesday. **Checkbook Management,** 1 to 2:30 p.m., Wednesday.

**TAP three-day Workshop,** 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Aug. 15-17.

**Mini Job Fair,** 3 to 5 p.m., Aug. 17. **Troops to Teachers,** 10 to 11 a.m., Aug. 21.

**Securing Your Financial Future,** 2 to 4 p.m., Aug. 22.

**Car Buying Workshop,** 1 to 3 p.m., Aug. 23.

All workshops are held at the FSC unless otherwise noted. For more information or to register, call the Family Support Center at 963-4406.

## Charleston Profile

### Senior Airman Matthew Luetkemeyer 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron

Luetkemeyer, a staff sergeant-select, is a driver-operator/crew chief with the base fire department. When responding to emergency calls, he drives firefighting trucks to the scene and ensures water pumps on the truck are in working order.

Luetkemeyer is also one of three fire department volunteers who recently completed three weeks of Emergency Medical Technician training held on base. "Firefighters receive additional certification to improve the quality of the fire department and to have better-trained people on the job," Luetkemeyer explained.

Luetkemeyer is originally from Warrenton, Mo. He joined the Air Force in June 1992. He got out in 1996 and served with both the Reserve and Air National Guard, but found civilian life not as enjoyable as military life.

"I realized what I had in the Air Force that the civilian world doesn't offer, like the benefits," he said. "Benefits like housing make it worth it to me, plus the opportunity to travel.

"My advice to first-term airmen about to separate is to think about what they have in the Air Force before they get out," Luetkemeyer advised.

Luetkemeyer's goals include making rank quickly and to make a career in the Air Force. "I'd like to put more than 20 years in," he said.

Luetkemeyer and his wife, Elizabeth, have a five-year-old son, Wesley.

In his spare time, Luetkemeyer enjoys hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation, such as camping and boating.

Luetkemeyer said he likes his work schedule (24 hours on duty, 24 hours off) because it allows him time to spend with his family.

"I really like being a firefighter," he commented. "I like helping people and doing what I can for people."



Staff Sergeant Michael Duhe