

NEWS BRIEFS

Spotlight

Retirement ceremony: The 437th Transportation Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Tech. Sgt. David Simms today, 2 p.m. at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Ken Dean at 963-6280.

Retirement ceremony: The 437th Supply Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Tech. Sgt. Barry Mattison Sept. 8, 10 a.m. at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Curtis Perz at 963-4860 or Tech. Sgt. Barry Mattison at 963-4864.

Around the base

City of Chicago College: The City of Chicago College will be holding registration for Term I until Sep. 30 at the base education office. 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.

Trident Technical College: Trident Technical College is now accepting enrollment applications. Late fees are being waived until the first day of class. For more information, call 963-4575.

Parents committee: Parents of Lambs Elementary, Hunley Park Elementary, Morningside Middle School and North Charleston High School students are encouraged to join a

committee that will represent the educational needs of base children. The committee will address issues relating to the schools that support Charleston AFB members. A meeting will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Family Support Center. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Terrie Powell at 963-2202.

Healthcare Consumers Council: The 437th Medical Group is hosting a Healthcare Consumers Council Wednesday, 7 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Steven Cook at 963-6900.

Gas pumps closed: Beginning Sept. 5, the gas pumps at the Shoppette will be closed for 30-55 days while new "pay at pump" units are installed. The Shoppette will remain open and hours of operation won't be affected.

Traffic light repairs: The base traffic light at Hill Blvd. and O'Neal Ave. will be turned off Sept. 1-4 for repairs. Stop signs will be placed at the intersection during the maintenance. For more information, call Master Sgt. Hector Mojica at 963-4295.

Commissary: The Commissary will be closed Sept. 4 in observance of Labor Day. It will re-open Sept. 5, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Florida trip: The Outdoor Recreation Center is sponsoring a trip to St. Augustine, Fla., Sept. 15-17. Cost is \$150 per person and two kids can go

for free when their parents pay. For more information, call 963-5271.

Enlisted Dining-Out: An 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.

Marriage Enrichment class: The medical clinic is offering a Marriage Enrichment class starting Sept. 26 and meeting for six consecutive Tuesdays, 6-8:30 p.m. The class is free for CAFB members and spouses. For more information, call Jim Hernandez at 963-6504.

OSA Arts and Crafts Sale: An arts and crafts show, sponsored by the CAFB Officer's Spouses Association, will be held Oct. 28, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Aero Club hangar. Admission to the show is free and open to the public. The OSA is looking for crafters who are interested in selling their items during the show. Show spaces cost \$25. For more information, call Christine Memi at 871-8604.

Military spouse scholarship: The Aerospace Education Foundation, through the Air Force Association, is offering \$1,000 scholarships to spouses of Air Force active, reserve and guard members. Applications are available at the base education office and the Family Support Center.

All applications have to be received by the AEF by Nov. 1. For more information, call 963-4575.

Pool hours: The base swimming pool's hours have changed. The new pool hours are: Tuesdays-Fridays, 2-7 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and closed on Mondays. Call 963-5271 for more information.

Survivor Benefit Plan: The Survivor Benefit Plan was created to protect widowed spouses and family members from financial hardships after the death of their military sponsor. Standard retirement pay stops on the day the retiree dies. With SBP, the retiree's family will continue to receive part of the deceased member's pay. For more information, call Senior Airman Angela Hawkins at 963-4521.

Orthodontics: Special provisions are needed for patients who are undergoing or considering orthodontic treatment. Certain written approval is required for military members and their families. Contact the Daily Dental Clinic at 963-6842 before treatment is obtained.

Passports: Military members and family members who require official military passports should contact their unit passport monitor or base passport agent. Only critical mission requests will be expedited.

For more information, call 963-4553.

PCS preparations: The peak season for moving personal property is here. During this busy time, the 437th Traffic Management Office is asking for help. Members are asked to stop by Bldg. 330 to set up your move as soon as you have orders. TMO will make every effort to accommodate requests, if given enough time. Because of volume, it takes anywhere from three to four weeks to confirm the requested dates. For more information, call 963-2255.

Family Support Center

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

SMOOTH Move, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Thursday.

Pre-Deployment Briefing, 8-9 a.m., Sept. 1, 11, 18 and 25, and 4-5 p.m., Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Educational Opportunities Assistance, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sept. 5.

Sponsorship training, 8:30-9:30 a.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m., Sept. 6.

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

2nd Lt. Zabrina Robinson 437th Transportation Squadron

Second Lt. Zabrina Robinson is the vehicle operations officer for the 437th Transportation Squadron. She has been in the Air Force for almost a year and a half, and she said she loves her job.

"It wasn't my first choice, but I really love it," said Robinson. "I have a greater respect for it now that I see how important transportation is, not only to the wing, but to the entire Air Force mission."

Robinson hopes to complete her master's degree in the future, but her immediate plan is to become more proficient at her job.

"I want to learn as much as possible about ground transportation and then start working with air transportation," she said. "One of my mentors told me 'perform like a captain, then when it's your time you'll already have what it takes to succeed.' That's what I try to do everyday."

As an active member of the Company Grade Officers' Council, Robinson recently served as their arrangements officer for the combat dining in.

"I think it was unlike any other event I've done," said Robinson. "I'm proud of myself for making it a success, but I couldn't have done it without the support of everyone from the wing commander to the newest second lieutenant."

Robinson said she knew she wanted to be an officer in the Air Force long before she finished college. Her mother is a retired AF major, and she said she was up for the challenge.

"There are some difficulties involved with being a young, female lieutenant," she said. "I've run into some minor issues, but I don't let it affect me."



Senior Airman Jason Smith