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The United Servicemen's Organization was founded.

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Charleston facts

The CAFB Child Development Center is one of three in Charleston accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Source: CAFB CDC



Charleston, MacDill become sister wings

The 437th Airlift Wing has a new sister wing, resulting from a memorandum of agreement between wing commanders here and at MacDill AFB, Fla.

The memorandum officially seals a long-term friendship between the respective wing commanders and sets the stage for greater cooperation between the wings, say officials at both bases.

The program is designed to reach far greater depths than command-level, according to Maj. Chad Manske, 437 AW sister wing project officer.

"The object is to encourage a 'quality buy-in' at the lowest level, which would foster enthusiasm and initiative from airmen and lieutenants on up the rank structure," he said.

The first phase of the partnership occurred at MacDill Jan. 20 when Brig. Gen. Robert D. Bishop, Jr., 437 AW commander, hosted a breakfast for Tampa-area civic leaders aboard a Charleston C-17 Globemaster III aircraft.

The breakfast was just one of the many ways the commanders feel the partnership can help their wings' standing in their respective communities. "The C-17 breakfast was a great opportunity to show our civilian neighbors the Air Force's premiere airlifter," said Col. Chip Diehl, MacDill's 6th Air Refueling Wing commander. "Partnering with our new sister wing and getting both the Tampa and Charleston communities involved in the program will

be beneficial for everyone involved."

Other objectives of the program are to:

- Promote increased mobility mission and mission support effectiveness and efficiency through personnel exchanges, combining training, and combined exercises.

- Promote teamwork and integration of airlift and air refueling missions.

- Increase inter-unit cooperation and coordination through operational and social exchanges.

- Enhance community partnerships to strengthen base and civic support and promote goodwill.

In addition to improving community relations programs, the sister wings also plan to work together in finding different and more effective ways of doing business.

"Having an airlift unit as our sister wing makes perfect sense," said Diehl. "The strength of today's mobility missions provides a seamless blend of airlift and tanker operations to the war fighters," Diehl said. "Teaming with a great wing like Charleston will allow our MacDill units to learn, appreciate and interface together providing unparalleled benefits for the future."

Operational interface between the two wings include practicing for and working together during Air Mobility Rodeo 2000, Air Mobility Command's bi-annual mobility competition.

"We will work closely with our sister wing during the Rodeo when

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Downpour

Col. James Norris, 437th Airlift Wing vice commander, gets soaked after his final flight aboard a C-17 Globemaster Jan. 28. Norris is retiring Feb. 18. Manning the fire hose is Chief Michael Stallings, 437th Civil Engineer Fire Prevention Flight.

Senior Airman Jerome Suson

Base library receives YOFAM money Civilian appraisal program changes

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The Charleston AFB Library has received \$20,000 in special funds to be used towards Year of the Family 2 programs.

The money has been des-

ignated for a children's "Young Explorer" multimedia workstation and three adult multimedia stations complete with a new scanner and a printer. Other monies will go toward improving library furniture and expanding the children's books section and music CD collection.

"We're excited about this money and hope it'll benefit our customers," said Ann Moore, Base Librarian. "We're purchasing items that customers have been asking for."

The CD collection will in-

clude music from all genres from current top 40 to classic rock, jazz, country and classical. The new items should begin to arrive in mid-March.

"The multimedia stations will replace the aging equipment we currently have and will provide better research capability," Moore said.

In addition to the YOFAM money, the library has put aside funds to subscribe to the McNaughton books-on-tape rental collection to expand their already large collection.

Civilian appraisal program changes

Base civilians are now being evaluated under a new appraisal program that began Jan. 1 which promises meaningful feedback, less paperwork for supervisors and a better understanding of their true performance.

The change is in response to feedback from supervisors, commanders and employees for a simpler and less

time-consuming system.

"The job of appraising Air Force civilian employees is a very important responsibility," said Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel Lt. Gen. Donald L. Peterson.

"While our old appraisal system served us well in the past, the new appraisal system is in direct response to

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