

NEWS BRIEFS

Around the base

TACC briefing: Tuesday, 10 a.m.-noon, at the base theater. The Tanker Airlift Control Center briefing will focus on implementation of the new flight dispatch system.

Tops in Blue: Tops in Blue 2000 will perform at the North Charleston Performing Arts center Tuesday at 8 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public for the one-time only performance. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. For more details, call the 437th Services Marketing office at 963-3809 or see www.charleston.af.mil

Minimum manning: the 437th AW Wing Staff is holding its annual picnic today at Short Stay Recreation Center in Monck's Corner.

The following agencies will have minimum manning beginning at 10:30 a.m.: Legal (cell phone 412-0291), Chapel, Safety, Command Chief Master Sergeant (cell phone 412-5895), Manpower & Organization (cell phone 412-0392), Military Equal Opportunity, Inspector General, Historian, Public Affairs, Wing Plans, Finance, Wing Admin (cell phone 412-5947), Protocol (cell phone 412-5889/5911), Functional System Admin (cell phone 965-0208).

For required assistance, call the cell phones numbers listed above.

New hours: Beginning June 24, breakfast hours for Magnolia Place Dining Facility will be 5:30-8 a.m.

Dental assisting: The 437th Dental Flight is accepting applications for the Red Cross Dental Assisting class that begins July 17.

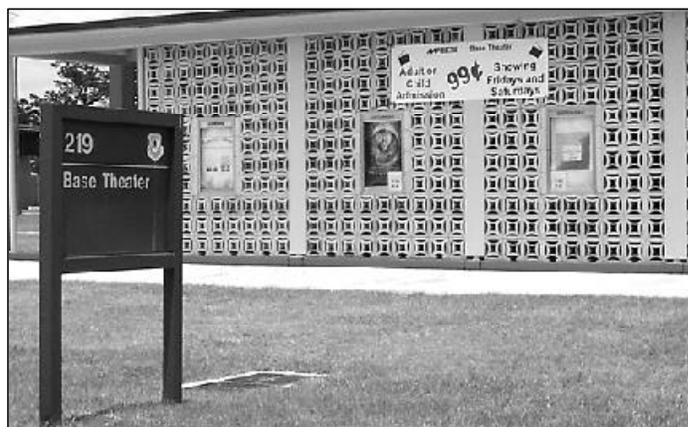
The program includes an academic phase as well as hands-on dental assisting training, in which the students will be taught how to assist in general dentistry procedures. Some duties include: preparing a dental treatment room to treat patients, taking and recording vital signs and preparing dental materials for use.

The program lasts approximately six to seven months, with 40-hour class weeks. Benefits include a certificate of training, obtaining a marketable skill, certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and exposure to a wide variety of dental specialty procedures.

Applications may be picked up at the dental clinic's reception desk or call Staff Sgt. Jennifer Ramirez at 963-6841. The deadline June 29.

Instructor position: An NCO instructor position with Wando High School AFJROTC is available. To get an application for the position, call 1-800-522-0033, extension 7741/7742/7743/5275/5300. Applicants are welcome to drop off a resume at the school. Call 856-2379.

Vacation Bible school: Join the Vacation Bible School "Outback Expedition" June 26-30 from 6-9 p.m. at Bldg. 245 for children ages 3 - 12. Space is limited, so enroll your child



Staff Sgt. Michael Duhe

Endangered species?

During 1999 and through May 2000, the theater has been operating in the red and AAFES has asked to close their operation. The theater is losing money. Col. Dennis Kaan, 437th Support Group commander, has requested that AAFES keep the theater open during the summer to see if support can be rallied from the base. AAFES has agreed to continue to show movies through the summer months at a reduced price of 99 cents, and will evaluate the results in September.

today. To register, call the Base Chapel at 963-2536.

Soda can tops needed: The Ronald McDonald house needs your help — please save soda can tops in your area. The can tops are made in wheel chairs and surgical tools for clinics and low funded hospitals for children. Bring tops to Hydro shop (Bldg. 532) or contact Airman 1st Class Sakii Terrell at 963-4629.

HAZMAT pharmacy: Industries for the Blind, Inc.-Milwaukee will take over operation of the 437th Supply Squadron's Hazardous Materials Pharmacy and Individual Equipment Element sections Thursday. Wednesday will be the last day to purchase items from HAZMAT and IEE while under Supply Squadron operation. Purchasing will be through the use of IMPAC cards.

The HAZMAT Pharmacy and IEE sections will be closed today for a joint inventory between base supply and Industries for the Blind, Inc.-Milwaukee. Emergency issues will be accepted during this time frame.

For more information, call 963-4895.

Hurricane preparations: The Air Force Personnel Center has established a 1-800 number within the personnel readiness center to field questions and provide assistance and guidance when Air Force installations are affected by natural disasters.

The AFPC/PRC serves as a focal point for commanders in the event personnel are evacuated and communications have been damaged or impaired. In these situations, the PFPC/PRC acts as a central point of contact to pass on information from an installation's command authority to its personnel.

The AFPC/PRC creates database files for all personnel assigned to an installation threatened by natural disaster. The files are used to aid in the accountability of AF personnel. When evacuated personnel should contact the AFPC/PRC for information as soon as they've established an evacuation location and provide the contact information above. The number to call is 1-800-435-9941.

Charleston Profile

Staff Sgt. Richard Kaminsky 437th Communications Squadron

Kaminsky is NCO-in-charge of the base photo lab. He supervises photo lab operations, makes sure all photographic requests are taken care of, purchases and maintains equipment, and manages the photo lab's budget.

Kaminsky is originally from Middlesboro, Mass. He joined the Air Force in 1989, two weeks after graduating from high school. "My brother was in the Air Force," he said. "I knew about Air Force life and I wanted in."

Kaminsky, who's been assigned to Charleston AFB since 1993, recently received a "Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal" for his volunteer work with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office. From May 1997 to October 1999, he logged more than 800 service hours. His duties included foot patrol of high crime areas to criminal interdiction. According to a citation, Kaminsky displayed "exemplary professionalism." Kaminsky was presented with several letters of praise by citizens and Charleston County Sheriff J. Cannon. He also received several awards, such as the coveted "running shoe" for foot pursuits involving the apprehension of fleeing subjects. He was also responsible for assisting in medical situations, including one occasion in which he aided in performing CPR on an elderly man who was having a heart attack. The man survived, thanks in part to Kaminsky.

In addition to the volunteer medal, Kaminsky has another uncommon ribbon on his uniform — an Antarctica Service Medal for providing photographic support during Operation Deep Freeze in 1997. He has also logged more than 14 combat missions as an aerial photographer over Bosnia, and is one of few airman who actually deployed into northern Iraq to document a congressional fact-finding mission.

He plans to make a career of the Air Force and, after retiring, work full time in civilian law enforcement in the Charleston area. Kaminsky has a daughter, Abriana, who is five. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his daughter, as well as traveling, fishing and running.



Senior Airman Corey Clements