

NEWS BRIEFS

Charleston Profile

Senior Airman Marlon Pharr 437th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Marlon Pharr is currently a member of Tops in Blue. He has been stationed at Charleston AFB for about a year and was selected for Tops in Blue several months ago.

Tops in Blue performed in Charleston June 20, and Pharr said he was happy to be back in Charleston. "I am looking forward to seeing my friends, since they will be coming out to see the performance," he said before the show.



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Pharr sings and dances for the variety show. In between shows, he takes care of transportation for the other Tops in Blue members when they arrive at another base.

Pharr said he gets along really well with the other team members and is enjoying working with them.

He also said he is pleased with his overall Tops In Blue experience so far. "I did not have a picture of what to expect, but this is above and beyond anything you would ever expect," he commented.

Pharr is originally from Louisiana. His future goal is to earn a college degree in business administration as soon as he can. Until then, he plans to stay in the military.

In his spare time, Pharr enjoys singing and music. He also likes cars and is in the process of buying an old car so that he can restore it himself.

Dental assisting program applications being accepted

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, preparing dental materials for use, passing instruments and medications for restoring teeth, assisting in cleaning and sterilizing dental instruments and some administrative tasks.

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.

Anyone interested in applying can pick up an application at the dental clinic's reception desk or should call Staff Sgt. Jennifer Ramirez at 963-6841. The deadline for applying is Thursday.

Spotlight

Award winners: The 1999 437th Airlift Wing Lance P. Sijan Award winners are: Junior enlisted - **Staff Sgt. Ray VanDyne**, 16th Airlift Squadron; Senior enlisted - **Senior Master Sgt. James Moody**, 437th Operations Group; Junior officer - **Capt. Hugh Verhoef**, 437th Mission Support Squadron; Senior officer - **Maj. Brian Blankenship**, 437th Support Group.

Retirement: The 16th Airlift Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Mark Watkins. The ceremony will be held June 30 at 3 p.m. in the Yonkie Auditorium (Bldg. 54). Everyone is invited to attend.

Performer of the month: The 437th Transportation Squadron Vehicle Maintenance Flight performer of the Month for May was Senior Airman Ron Bertke.



Performer of the month: The 437th Transportation Squadron Vehicle Operations Flight Performer of the Month for May was Staff Sgt. Jason Hodges.



Recycling schedule: The recycling curbside pick-up dates through December 2000 are: July 6 and 20; August 3, 17, and 31; September 14 and 28; October 12 and 26; November 9 and 26; December 7 and 21.

For information, call Tesfa Abraha at 963-2690.

New hours: Beginning Saturday, breakfast hours for the Magnolia Place Dining Facility are 5:30-8 a.m.

Vacation Bible school: Join the Vacation Bible School "Outback Expedition" Monday-Friday from 6-9 p.m. at Bldg. 245 for children ages 3-12. Space is limited, so enroll your child today. To register, call the Base Chapel at 963-2536.

Common Sense Parenting Class: The 437th Medical Group is offering a six-session parenting class that meets once a week for six consecutive weeks.

The daytime class begins July 10 from 10 a.m. to noon. The evening class begins July 11 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. To register, call Jim Hernandez at 963-6504.

Instructor position: A non-commissioned officer instructor position with Wando High School AFJROTC is available.

To get an application for the position, call 1-800-522-0033, extension 7741 or 7742. Applicants can drop off a resume at the school. For more information, call 856-2379.

Sale: The Consignment Shop is

having a 50 percent off sale in June in both the Dollar and Thrift Room. The shop will be closed during July and will re-open Aug. 1.

Fashion show: The African American Heritage Council's Second Annual Juneteenth Fashion Show is tonight at 8 p.m. at the Charleston Club. Tickets for the event are \$10 and can be purchased from any AAHC member. For information, call Staff Sgt. Oretina Howell at 963-4110 or 963-4119.

Education

Study skills: A study skills seminar is Monday-Tuesday, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Community Education Center. Call 963-4575 to schedule a slot for this seminar.

Scholarship: A scholarship opportunity is available for personnel pursuing a non-technical master's degree. The Aerospace Education Foundation, through the Air Force Association, is accepting applications for the Jodi Callahan Memorial Graduate Scholarship. Applications must be postmarked no later than Friday.

This \$1,000 scholarship is being offered to active duty, full-time Air National Guard, or Reserve Air Force personnel (officer and enlisted) pursuing a non-technical master's degree. Applicants must have been an AFA member in good standing for at least 12 months prior to Aug. 1 to be eligible. Call 963-4575 for an application and/or details.

Trident Technical College registration: Early enrollment for TTC'S fall semester will be held Wednesday through July 31. Open registration will be held Aug. 15 (one day only).

Late registration fees will be added after that date. Classes begin Aug. 21 and end Dec. 11. First Fast Forward dates are Aug. 21-Oct. 11. Second Fast Forward dates are Oct. 12 through Dec. 11. There are three weekend terms within the semester.

Students in a program of study or undecided must make an appointment with their assigned academic advisor. Application deadline for the fall semester is July 31. For information, call 963-4581 or visit the TTC Rep in Bldg. 221, Rm 128.

Family Support Center

Pre-Deployment Briefings, 8 a.m., Monday; 4 p.m., Thursday.

How to Develop A Spending Plan Workshop, 9-11 a.m., Wednesday.

Checkbook Management, 1-2:30 p.m., Wednesday.

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

Volunteers needed:

FSC: Volunteers are needed to work in Family Services. Volunteer a few hours per week or an entire day. If interested, call 963-4406.

Pharmacy: The 437th Medical Group Pharmacy is seeking volunteers who can devote at least one-half day per week. Anyone interested should call 963-6809.

Around the base