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The military community is 68 percent more likely to use computers at work than the general public.

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Charleston facts

Last month, the Inns of Charleston provided quarters for 650 families.

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Charleston hosts bomb investigators course

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Charleston AFB sounded like it was under attack Wednesday as a series of military and commercial munitions were detonated as part of an explosive ordnance course held on base.

The munitions demonstration was part of a course called the Post Blast Investigators Course.

The course included lectures on introduction to explosives, recent trends in domestic terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, bomb threat response, improvised explosive device recognition and processing the post blast crime scene.

The 437th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight detonated approximately 42 different explosives to show various law enforcement agencies the effects and characteristics of each device.

"We didn't expect the noise to be any louder than what we currently train with or safely explode on our range," said Master Sgt. John P. Ford, 437th EOD flight chief. The EOD range is located by the base's firing range. "However, we let the surrounding communities know about this training and that they could hear more noise than usual."

The maximum amount of explosives that were detonated was two and a half pounds of C-4 explosive, which produced a small mushroom shaped cloud over the range. "We didn't want anyone to think an airplane crashed or give anyone cause to be alarmed," said Ford. "We use the range for detonating explosives all the time, sometime several times a month, depending upon our operations tempo."

He added traffic routes in and out of the Rivers Gate was not affected by the demonstrations.



photos by Staff Sgt. Andrew Rodier

Wednesday's demonstration included explosives and incendiary devices. Above, a truck is blown up with explosives. EOD sponsored the demonstration for local law enforcement agencies.

The Columbia Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Charleston County Sheriffs office, Charleston City police department and the 437th EOD flight sponsored the course for approximately 42 federal, state and local law enforcement officials.

According Staff Sgt. Mike Newbern from the 437th EOD, this is not the first time they have conducted such a course. "We've conducted several courses in the past, but it has been several years since we conducted the last one. We set the munitions off in a very controlled environment."



Humanitarian aid

Staff Sgt. Walton McMillan, a loadmaster with the 300th Airlift Squadron, uses a strap to secure a load of humanitarian aid headed for Mozambique, Africa. An C-17 aircrew from the 315th Airlift Wing delivered 36,000 pounds of humanitarian aid to the flood-ravaged region. Relief supplies included containers of drinking water, wool blankets and plastic sheeting. The US has provided approximately \$1.7 million in response to the flooding in Mozambique, according to the State Department.

photo courtesy of U.S. Air Forces in Europe

CES flight chief represents AMC for engineer award

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One of Charleston's engineers was recently selected as the Air Mobility Command nominee for the Federal Engineer of the Year award, sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Jay Hundley, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron Engineering Flight chief, was nominated for the top honors. A panel of judges established by the NSPE Professional Engineers in Government will select the overall award winner.

"Jay Hundley is well deserving of this recognition. Jay's influence on the base is evidenced every time a visiting dignitary compliments the wing commander on the consistency of the beautiful brick

"It is really a reflection of the hard work of everyone...in the engineering flight over the past few years."

Jay Hundley
437th CES

construction and the impressive Hill Blvd promenade," said Tom Smith, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron deputy commander.

"Jay is an exceptional person, and I am very proud of him as well. He continues do whatever he can do, within the budget to see that CE gets its fair share," said James Myers, 437th CES construction management. "I am

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