

## Charleston Profile

### Maj. (Dr.) Craig Castillo 437<sup>th</sup> Flight Surgeons Office

Dr. Castillo is chief of aeromedical services. His unit's mission is "to keep the fliers flying," Castillo said, providing medical care for aircrew members on base. Flight medicine also provides care for aircrew family members and non-flying military members, such as medical group, security forces and flying squadron support personnel.

Flight medicine also acts as a consultant to Bioenvironmental Engineering and Public Health.

Castillo has taken the officers' oath three times during his career. First, he graduated from Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of California at Berkeley. From there, he went directly into medical school at George Washington and was commissioned into the Medical Services Corps. Upon completing medical school, he again took an oath to be commissioned into the Medical Corps and eventually earned a master's degree from Harvard University. His degrees include a bachelor of arts in biochemistry, a master's degree in public health and a doctorate of medicine.

"I got to raise my hand and take the oath three times before I went on active duty - that's pretty neat," he said.

Originally from Honolulu, Hawaii, his father retired from the Air Force after 22 years of service. He's been stationed at Charleston AFB for almost two years. "I've always been a part of the Air Force family. I love to travel and go to new places. I've enjoyed my time here at Charleston. Also, I had an ROTC and medical school scholarship - that was an enticement."

Castillo and his wife, Ayano, have two daughters - Trisha, seven years old; and Merrysha, who is five.

In his spare time, Castillo enjoys playing golf, volleyball and most sports, traveling and dining out at restaurants in the area. His goals are to live a good life and continue to enjoy what he is doing. He expects to stay in the Air Force for 20 years and hopes to make O-6 one day.

The best thing about Charleston AFB, he said, is its mission. "We do a lot of good for a lot of different people." His favorite things about the area are its many golf courses and the weather.

Castillo said he would be more than happy to discuss medicine, flight medicine or Air Force medicine with anyone who's interested in the field. He can be reached at 963-6923.



Staff Sgt. Michael Duhe

## News briefs

### Spotlight

**As luck would have it:** Say Goodbye to Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Bishop during an Irish dinner Thursday at the Charleston Club. Cocktails are at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$18 (\$12 for E-6 and below, and GS-07 and below). Dress is Charleston Casual.

Contact group reps to sign-up by today:

Support Group: 963-3809

Operations Group: 963-2648

Logistics Group: 963-4857

Medical Group: 063-6892

Wing Staff: 963-5580

315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing: 963-3338

**Chiefs' Group:** The CAFB Chiefs' Group will hold their monthly meeting Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Charleston Club. A representative from Heritage Trust Federal Credit Union will address the group and lunch will be provided. All chiefs (active duty, Reserve, retired) are invited and encouraged to attend.

**Retirement ceremony:** A retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Veronica Robles is today at 3:30 p.m. at the Community Education Center. Dress is uniform of the day for military members, casual for civilians.

**Ecumenical Lenten series:** The Base Chapel has begun a six-week ecumenical luncheon series, "The History, Traditions, and Beliefs of Lent," on Wednesdays. Each of the chaplains will conduct a 10-15 minute session on a specific Lenten theme, beginning with a general overview then moving through events surrounding the passion, death,