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AW C-17 pilot, said his most memorable moment was the elation of the maintenance guys winning the C-17 maintenance trophy. They swept the best C-17 preflight and postflight trophies on the way.

"The same stuff our guys do day in and day out, these guys did in spades up at Pope and brought home the gold," said Col. Ed Stickler, 315 AW commander.

Both wings brought back aerial refueling trophies. Active duty won the best C-141 and tied with Pease Air National Guard Base, N.H., for the first place overall best aerial refueling team. The reserve won the C-17 competition.

The 437th Aerial Port Teams were in top form, scooping both the C-17 and the C-141 ERO categories, plus the Intransit Visibility award. "Aerial port was determined to win the trophy," said Lt. Col. Henry Steenken, the 437th C-141 team chief.

The final trophy went to the 315th Aeromedical team, who won the medical emergency competition.

"It was an exceptional experience to lead the 437th as team chief at Rodeo 2000," Heuer said. "General



Staff Sgt. Andrew Rodier

Terron Macko and daughter Allie anticipate the arrival of Master Sgt. James Macko, chief of the 315 AW C-17 maintenance team, at the welcome home celebration.

Robertson, the Air Mobility Commander, gave us four general orders during the opening ceremony: Learn something new, teach something, be safe, and have fun. We did all that."

"I am proud of these young men and women," Findley said. "They did a great job. All of the team members were in the forefront, charging."

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Rachel. Starr added that he has enjoyed a number of the activities arranged by the chapel for single parents.

The base chapel pays for most of the lunches when the group meets. The Enlisted Spouses Club also pays for three lunches in the spring and fall and during the Thanksgiving period.

"Commanders and supervisors have been very supportive in letting airmen take time to attend the luncheons," Bertagnolli added.

"The single parents are very appreciative because they get great support from one another," said Capt. Dan Morey, a base chaplain who has responsibility for managing these programs for single airmen and single parents. "It offers them an opportunity to network with one another, discuss common problems that they face and learn about the different resources that are available."

The base chapel has programs for people who are single and without children, too.

"A singles group meets the first and third Friday of every month at 7 p.m. at my home on 1258 Batson Drive," he said. In addition, the chapel established an office in a dormitory to meet with more airmen and also gives away free home-cooked foods every Tuesday evening.

"People seem to prefer the brownies. I have a lay leader who has about 25 volunteers who regularly contribute food items for those Tuesday nights," Morey said. "The airmen really seem to appreciate the gesture."

The AMC award package noted that another program called "Lunch with the Chaplain" has had similar success with single airmen. The chaplain joins airmen for lunch in the base dining hall. The program has allowed the chaplain to increase contact with about 2,300 airmen and allows for many impromptu opportunities for counseling.

Morey said the chapel is looking to make further improvement to these programs and are open to any feedback.

For more information, call Morey at 963-2536.

Aerial Port, Trans observe Nat'l Transportation Day

Today is National Defense Transportation Day. The 437th Transportation and Aerial Port squadrons are observing the event at a National Defense Transportation Association meeting scheduled for Wednesday, with 437 AW commander Col. Rusty Findley as guest speaker.

National Defense Transportation Day has been observed since 1957, when the Congress of the United States requested the President proclaim the third Friday in May of each year as National Defense Transportation Day. In 1962, the President was requested by Congressional Joint Resolution to proclaim the week in which that Friday falls as National Transportation Week.

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Master Sgt. Charlie Hall

Tech Sgt. Walter O'Brien, 38th Aerial Port Squadron, loads a heavy airdrop pallet.



Staff Sgt. Michael Duhe

Airman 1st Class Jason Andrews operates a vehicle on the flightline.



Staff Sgt. Michael Duhe

Senior Airman Donald Gworek, a general purpose mechanic with the 437th Transportation Squadron, fixes a vehicle.