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60K placed in storage, reactivated for testing

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The 437th Transportation Squadron began testing a process May 15 to put a 60K Tunner in storage, then reactivate it.

The test idea originated at Air Mobility Command headquarters at Scott AFB, Ill.

The 60K Tunner is the top of the line for the Air Force as far as aircraft cargo transporters go. It can interface with all military and commercial cargo airlift. It weighs 66,000 pounds and can carry 60,000 pounds of cargo. Its deck elevates from 38 inches to 18 feet, 6 inches. Average life expectancy of the loaders is 10 to 15 years, Master Sgt. Adonis Stone of the 437th Transportation Squadron Stone said.

Two representatives from Robins AFB, Ga., came to Charleston to observe and evaluate the process. One of the representatives, John Duval, is the senior hardware designer for the Tunner. Duval said, "This is a very good test for us to check the initial procedures we already have on the books for doing this storage."

Duval said he is pleased with his observations, "AMC and Charleston really picked up the ball and ran with it when we asked them to."

Although Charleston is the first base to test this process, Dave Jarrett, the senior field representative for Systems & Electronics Incorporated for the Southeast Region, said that eventually other bases will be using this process. Select bases are going to start getting what is called "war reserves" and they will be put into storage.

Stone and Jarrett explained that the only time the "war reserves" would be taken out of storage is whenever the need would arise for military

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Gary Wood (left) and Senior Airman Robert Cummings, a materials handling equipment mechanic with the 437th Transportation Squadron, work on an engine manifold while reconfiguring a 60K Tunner during recent testing.

Remembering the Holocaust

Charleston AFB will observe a Day of Remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the base chapel.

Joe Engel and Pinchus Kolander, both survivors of the Auschwitz death camp, will talk about their experiences.

There will be prayers, music and a lighting of candles in honor of all who lost their lives during the Holocaust. All are invited to attend.

437th Services earns AMC awards

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The 437th Services Squadron has again received Air Mobility Command-level awards for the Charleston Club, Youth Programs and the Fitness and Sports program.

The Air Force Services Program awards were based on criteria in four areas - leadership, management, operational impact and customer focus and satisfaction.

The Charleston Club was named best in AMC for the second consecutive year. Some of the accomplishments and activities listed on the club's nomination package included:

- The club draws a large crowd every Friday night for the weekly membership drawing, which rolls over by another \$100 when the win-

ner isn't present to claim the prize. Friday night is membership night and includes a free buffet, "cook your own steak" and bonanza bingo.

- By catering formal wing commander receptions for distinguished visitors and community leaders, the club is also a hub for military and civilian activities.

- Many programs have excelled in the new club, including bingo, entertainment, special holiday programs, buffets, family dinners, special functions and membership-only socials.

- Monthly coupons offered to members total more than \$30 in savings.

- The club supported 450 squadron/wing events last year.

- The club offers incentive awards and training for employees, and continues to seek ways to improve cus-

tomers service.

A rise in membership is also another positive for the club. Enlisted membership has grown by 22 percent over the past year, while officer membership has increased by 9.6 percent. Those numbers are tops in AMC. Since 1997, membership has grown by 75 percent.

The club also excelled in meeting "the bottom line" for the year - it was number one in AMC with a 4.8 percent (or \$110,400) profit. Also, sales increased 9.1 percent for the year.

The club offers bingo and Retiree Buffet Night every Wednesday, with a \$5 all-you-eat meal. Approximately 75 retirees and their family members attend each week, which also helps with bingo night.

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