

IN THE NEWS

Deployed members eligible to wear Kosovo medal

Charleston troops who deployed in support of operations in Kosovo are now eligible to wear a new medal.

President Clinton has approved establishment and award of the Kosovo Campaign Medal and campaign streamers to recognize the accomplishments of Air Force members participating in or in direct support of Kosovo operations within established areas of eligibility.

Military members authorized the medal must have participated in or served in direct support of one or more Kosovo operations within the

Kosovo Air Campaign or Kosovo Defense Campaign area of eligibility:

The Kosovo Air Campaign (March 24, 1999 - June 10, 1999) area of eligibility is the total land area and air space of Serbia (including Kosovo), Montenegro, Albania, Macedonia, Bosnia, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, Greece, Bulgaria, Italy and Slovenia; and the waters and air space of the Adriatic and Ionian Sea north of the 39th north latitude.

The Kosovo Defense Campaign (June 11, 1999 - dtbd) area of eligibility is the total land area and air space of Albania, Serbia (to include Kosovo), Montenegro, Macedonia and the waters and air space of the Adriatic seas within 12 nautical miles of the Montenegro, Albania, and Croatia coastlines south of 42 degrees and 52 minutes north latitude.

Service members must have served, or be currently serving, in a unit participating in or be engaged in direct support of the operation for 30 consecutive days in the area of eligibility or for 60 nonconsecutive days provided this support involves entering the operations area of eligibility or meets one or more of

the following criteria:

- Be engaged in actual combat, or duty that is equally as hazardous as combat duty, during the operation with armed opposition, regardless of time in the area of eligibility;

- While participating in the operation, regardless of time, is wounded or injured and requires medical evacuation from the area of eligibility;

- While participating as regularly assigned aircrew member flying sorties into, out of, within, or over the area of eligibility in direct support of the military operations.

One bronze service star shall be worn on the suspension and service ribbon of the KCM for qualified participation during each campaign period. An individual who participated in one campaign would wear the medal and/or service ribbon with one star. Meeting the qualifications for two campaigns would warrant the

KCM and two bronze service stars. However, if an individual's 30 or 60 days began in one campaign and carried over into the second campaign, they would only qualify for the KCM and one service device.

The KCM shall take precedence immediately after the Southwest Asia Service Medal and before the Armed Forces Services Medal.

The KCM will not be available for issue to service members until after January 2001.

Individuals who believe they are authorized this award under the criteria established should provide documentation such as copies of official orders and travel vouchers that assign them to one of the approved operations listed, to their servicing military personnel flight career enhancement element.

For more information, call Awards and Decorations at 963-3378 or 963-4552.



Staff Sgt. Efrain Gonzalez, 1 CTCS

Tech. Sgt. (now Master Sgt.) David Grieve, a C-17 Globemaster III loadmaster assigned to the 17th Airlift Squadron, uploads a pallet of U.S. Army support equipment in support of Task Force Hawk. Grieve is one of the many Charleston troops eligible to wear the Kosovo Campaign Medal.

Participants of the following campaigns, who meet the criteria, are eligible to wear the KCM:

Allied Force (March 24 - June 10, 1999)
 Joint Guardian (June 11, 1999 - date to be determined)
 Allied Harbour (April 4 - July 10, 1999)
 Sustain Hope/Shining Hope (April 4 - July 10, 1999)
 Noble Anvil (March 24 - July 20, 1999)
 Task Force Hawk (April 5 - June 24, 1999)
 Task Force Saber (March 31 - July 8, 1999)
 Task Force Falcon (June 11, 1999 - dtbd, coincides with Joint Guardian)
 Task Force Hunter (April 1 - Nov. 1, 1999)

More than 116 Charleston AFB college students receive degrees

Charleston AFB held its fifth consolidated graduation ceremony Thursday. More than 116 students graduated, receiving their diplomas from the Community College of the Air Force, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Southern Illinois University and Limestone College.

Guest speaker for the evening was George Bickford, Executive Dean of Military Programs Worldwide at Harold Washington College, City Colleges of Chicago.

"The purpose of education in any society is to maintain the cultural heritage and improve both society and the individual," said Diana Roebuck, base education services officer. "In the Air Force education serves to promote the interrelated goals of self-development, citizenship and career advancement." **(Submitted by the base education office)**

CCAF Graduates

Master Sgt. Bedenbaugh, Jonathan M.
 Master Sgt. Bellamy, Samuel
 Senior Master Sgt. Blodgett, Bruce D.
 Staff Sgt. Bouchillon, Robert E.
 Staff Sgt. Boufford, Robert P., II
 Staff Sgt. Bremer, Richard R.
 Master Sgt. Brown, Keith M.
 Staff Sgt. Brown, Will C., Jr.
 Tech. Sgt. Burkett, John H., Jr.
 Staff Sgt. Charpia, George R., Jr.
 Tech. Sgt. Cissell, Robert J.
 Tech. Sgt. Cleator, Michael
 Senior Airman Coley, Carlton L.
 Senior Airman Coomer, Jason S.
 Master Sgt. Corrigan, David W.
 Senior Master Sgt. Dee, John S.
 Senior Airman Dent, Jacqueline
 Senior Airman Dibble, Matthew B.
 Staff Sgt. Dotellis, Gary W.
 Tech. Sgt. Elliott, Lyle F.
 Master Sgt. Ellison, Faye J.
 Tech. Sgt. Ezzell, Dewey M.
 Staff Sgt. Fennessy, John G.
 Master Sgt. Florence, Theron A.
 Master Sgt. Frison, Eddie L.
 Staff Sgt. Gonzaga, Fermin M.
 Senior Airman Gray, Jason I.
 Tech. Sgt. Gregg, Alfred L.
 Master Sgt. Grogan, John T.
 Senior Airman Grunditz, Joseph G.

Senior Airman Hadley, Steven L.
 Senior Airman Hamblin, Selina L.
 Master Sgt. Headd, Vevke A.
 Tech. Sgt. Higdon, Michael O.
 Master Sgt. Hipple, Robert A.
 Staff Sgt. Jones, Ronald B.
 Tech. Sgt. Jones, Sherley L. Jr.
 Master Sgt. Kaminski, Charles T.
 Master Sgt. Lambrecht, Michael R.
 Master Sgt. Lasley, Thomas D.
 Tech. Sgt. Lemon, Thomas F., Jr.
 Tech. Sgt. Lewis, James B.
 Senior Airman Magness, Stacy S.
 Tech. Sgt. Mahon, Milton F., Jr.
 Staff Sgt. Martin, Leo A., Jr. (PCS)
 Master Sgt. Moses, Winston
 Master Sgt. Murray, Clyde F.
 Senior Airman Nelson, Maggie M.
 Senior Airman Nelson-Brown, Lisa L.
 Master Sgt. Oliver, Geoffrey K.
 Master Sgt. Patterson, Peggy S.
 Airman 1st Class Potts, James A.
 Staff Sgt. Prior, James S.
 Master Sgt. Quick, Dorothy J.
 Senior Airman Quigley, Melinda A.
 Staff Sgt. Ramirez, Jennifer M.
 Staff Sgt. Reed, Scott F.
 Senior Airman Robinson, Diane S.
 Staff Sgt. Rogers, Suzanne M.
 Tech. Sgt. Smallsbryant, Vanessa

Master Sgt. Sommerfeldt, Brian K.
 Master Sgt. Stamm, Charles W., Jr.
 Tech. Sgt. Stone, Richard L., II
 Tech. Sgt. Stone, Richard L., II
 Senior Airman Sutton, Renata M.
 Staff Sgt. Tatsch, Michael D.
 Staff Sgt. Threet, Jeffrey W.
 Staff Sgt. Threet, Jeffrey W.
 Staff Sgt. Tinkey, Jeanette L.
 Staff Sgt. Walters, David W.
 Senior Airman Wear, Brian D.
 Tech. Sgt. Wetzel, Scott W.
 Tech. Sgt. Wetzel, Scott W.
 Master Sgt. White, Joseph A.
 Tech. Sgt. Williams, Richard
 Tech. Sgt. Wilson, Jessica L.
 Staff Sgt. Winters, Matthew K.
 Staff Sgt. Wright, Cynthia J.

Embry-Riddle

USN Russell Young
 Capt. Blair English
 Master Sgt. Jeffrey Stuckey
 Master Sgt. David Allen
 Master Sgt. Charles Reinert
 Master Sgt. Robert Tyrrell
 Staff Sgt. Jason Sumner
 Staff Sgt. David Glessner
 Master Sgt. JD Williams
 Maj. Kevin Knecht
 Senior Airman Chris Osborne

Senior Master Sgt. James Moody
 Staff Sgt. Robert Radanof
 USMC Stephen Bussell

Southern Illinois

USN Jayson Calton
 Staff Sgt. Bernadette Campbell
 Staff Sgt. Jason Capps
 Staff Sgt. Nichelle Cunningham
 Staff Sgt. Tabitha Davis
 Master Sgt. Randy DeBerry
 Tech. Sgt. Michael Ferguson
 Tech. Sgt. Richard Gilmore
 Tech. Sgt. Adrian Graves
 Staff Sgt. Jason Gray
 Tech. Sgt. Alfred Gregg
 Tech. Sgt. Tonya Harris
 USMC August Lewis
 Tech. Sgt. Carnel Moses
 USN Annette Patterson
 USN Michael Pierce
 Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Threet
 Staff Sgt. Richard VanSchoor
 Tech. Sgt. Erick Westerhof
 Tech. Sgt. Richard Wood
 Master Sgt. Lee Woody

Limestone

Senior Airman Kourtney Wilson
 Tech. Sgt. Troy Harris