

NEWS BRIEFS

Spotlight

Retirement ceremony: The 437th Logistics Support Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Andre Woods today at 3 p.m. in the Charleston Club. For more information, call 963-2342.

Retirement ceremony: The 437th Civil Engineer Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Chief Master Sgt. John Solomon Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Charleston Club. Anyone wishing to make a presentation can contact Master Sgt. JoAnne Miller at 963-4275. To RSVP, call 963-4955.

Around the base

Toys for Tots: Military families who need assistance for the holidays should contact the Family Support Center. The Toys for Tots program supplies families in need with toys for their children. For more information, or to volunteer, call the Toys for Tots hotline at 743-4947.



Drill judges: Officers and NCOs are needed to be judges at Charleston Southern University for a drill competition Saturday. The competition is sponsored by the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Detachment 772. No experience is needed. For more information, leave a message at 853-7026.

Semi-annual FOD walk: As part of our continuing Foreign Object Damage Prevention program, we will conduct our semiannual FOD walk Nov. 29. All base personnel are encouraged to attend. The walk begins at 9 a.m., but participants are asked to arrive 15 minutes early.

The walk starts on the south end of Hangar 700 and sweeps the entire length of the flightline. Line badges are not required to participate and transportation will be provided to return individuals to Hangar 700. Three "golden bolts" will be hidden

and the participants who discover them will be awarded prizes for attention to detail. One winner will walk away with a free turkey. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Robert Blake at 963-4705.

Recruiters: The "Recruit the Recruiter" Team will visit Charleston AFB Dec. 5, 10 a.m., at the base theater. They will give a one-hour briefing followed by application processing.

Staff sergeants through master sergeants with less than 16 years total service are eligible to apply. Senior airmen with three to six years total service are also eligible to apply. For more information, visit www.rs.af.mil/RTR.htm.

Public notice: The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of the 437th Medical Group Dec. 6, to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards.

Anyone who wishes to discuss quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided may send a letter no later than Nov. 29 to Ambulatory Care Service Team, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, 1 Renaissance Blvd., Oakbrook Terrace, Ill. 60181.

GOV license: Effective Jan. 1, all personnel assigned to Charleston AFB must have an AF Form 2293, Government Driver's License, to operate a government vehicle.

Squadron vehicle NCOs are responsible for ensuring their person-

Charleston Profile

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Ramirez
437th Dental Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Ramirez is the NCOIC for the Red Cross Dental Assistant Training Program and Dental Radiology for the 437th Dental Squadron. She is responsible for the six-month training of students learning to be dental assistants.

"I supervise their training," said Ramirez. "We have graduated more than 60 students since we started the program. It's a good feeling when the students come back and tell you thanks."

Ramirez has been in the Air Force for over 10 years, spending the last five here at Charleston.

"I love the southern hospitality," said Ramirez. "I was born in Lafayette, Louisiana and find Charleston very family oriented."

Ramirez was a dental assistant before joining the Air Force and has been able to pursue her education while enjoying her time in the military.

"I have been able to finish my associates degree," said Ramirez. "I will definitely stay in and work on my education."

Ramirez is very active in sports by playing softball, coaching the squadron volleyball team and refereeing intramural volleyball.

"Where else can you play sports and fell like part of a family," said Ramirez. "The dental clinic is really close."

When Ramirez isn't playing sports she is working toward her goal of one day becoming a first sergeant. "I like to help people and guide them in their career choices."



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Dan Murphy

nel acquire the licenses. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Jason Hodges at 963-4076.

Christmas Trees: The Charleston Square and Compass Club will not be selling Christmas trees on Charleston AFB this year due to manpower shortages. The club has been selling the trees here since 1968 and has donated trees and some proceeds to base organizations as well as off-base charities.

For more information, or to assist the club for tree sales in 2001, call I.V. Butler at 552-1856.

Medical records: The 437th Medical Group Records Section will be conducting annual inventory in January. The records of military family members and retirees who have not been seen since December 1998 will be forwarded to the National Personnel Records Center.

Records of retirees using TRICARE Prime and active duty members and dependents using TRICARE standard will not be forwarded.

Leave request: Patricia Wright, DFAS Charleston, is experiencing a medical emergency and has been approved for the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program.

Anyone wishing to donate annual leave can do so by completing Optional Form 630-B and forwarding it to 437 MSS/DPCE.

Education

Trident Technical College: Trident Technical College is holding early enrollment for the spring semester until Nov. 28. Classes begin Jan. 8 and end April 30.

TTC has also created a new certificate program "Transportation and Logistics." The certificate program is taken from the Associate's Degree in Transportation and Logistics. For more information, call 963-4581.

Planning for the future: The Base Education Center is offering the Strong Interest Inventory and Discover to assist in identifying career objectives, educational goals and job titles that reflect your interests.

Preferences and can be completed at your own pace, and a detailed report consistent with information provided will be generated. Anyone interested can call 963-4575 or stop by Bldg. 221.

Family Support Center

Pre-Deployment Briefing: Thursday and Nov. 30, 4 p.m., and Monday and Nov. 27, 8 a.m.

Resume II: Monday, 9-10:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.-noon.

Troops-to-Teachers: Nov. 27, 10-11 a.m.

Smooth Move: Nov. 30, 8:30 a.m.-noon.

Workshops are held at the FSC unless otherwise noted. For information or to register, call 963-4406.

Red Cross Dental Assisting Program being offered

The 437th Dental Flight is accepting applications for the next Red Cross Dental Assisting Program, which begins Jan. 8. The program includes an academic phase as well as hands on dental assisting training.

Some duties include preparing a dental treatment room; taking and recording vital signs; preparing dental materials for use; and some administrative tasks. The program lasts six to seven months, with 40-hour class weeks. Benefits include certificate of training and obtaining a marketable skill.

Anyone interested in applying, should pick up an application at the dental clinic reception desk. Deadline to submit an application is Dec. 8. For information, call Staff Sgt. Jennifer Ramirez at 963-6841.

