

## NEWS BRIEFS



**Charleston AFB**  
**2000 CFC**

*35 Days Remaining....*

**Q: "Does it really matter if I give or not? My contribution won't make a difference."**

**A: CFC is a way for Federal employees to participate in a local, community-wide effort to help meet health and human care needs through local, national and international charities. By joining so many others in this one unified campaign, each contributor is assured that he or she is doing the most good for the greatest number of people. (Submitted by Capt. Chuck Neeseimer, 2000 CFC base coordinator.)**

**Spotlight**

**Retirement ceremony:** All base personnel are invited to attend a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Sadina Gibbs today, 10 a.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call 963-3553.

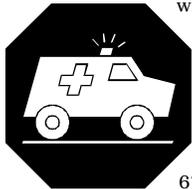
**Retirement ceremony:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing is hosting a retirement ceremony for Lt. Col. Jeffrey Armstrong and his wife, Doris, today, 3 p.m., at the Charleston Club. All base personnel are invited to attend. For more information, call 963-5498.

**Around the base**

**Claim notice:** Col. Rusty Findley, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, regretfully announces the death of Senior Airman Christopher White, 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron. Anyone having claims against, or indebtedness to the estate of White should contact 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Clint Fisher, 437 MXS section commander, at 963-4657.

**Emergency response:** Effective Oct. 16, the Charleston County Emergency Medical Service will be utilized for base emergency transportation. The process of requesting an ambulance, calling 911, will remain the same.

A limited out-of-pocket expense will occur based on rank, beneficiary category and choice of TRICARE benefit coverage. For information, call 963-6706.



**Trident College:** Second Session Fast Forward registration is being held until Wednesday. Classes for this program start Thursday and end Dec. 11. Registration for Weekend College II, which runs Nov. 4-Dec. 9, is being held now through Nov. 1.

Early enrollment for the spring semester will start Monday and run through Nov. 28. Classes for the semester begin Jan. 8. For more

information, call 963-4581.

**Commissary closing:** The Commissary will be closed Tuesday in observance of Columbus Day. It will reopen Wednesday.

**NDTA luncheon:** The Charleston Chapter of the National Defense Transportation Association will meet for a luncheon Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Charleston Club. Dr. Kent Gourdin, director of the Intermodal Transportation Program at the College of Charleston will be the guest speaker. RSVP by Tuesday by calling Dale Cozart at 963-3058.

**Special needs:** A support group for active duty and retired military families with special needs family members is being formed at Charleston AFB. A planning meeting will be held Thursday, 7 p.m., at the base clinic annex. For more information, call Jim Hernandez at 963-6504.

**Air Expo 2000 party:** There will be a party after Air Expo 2000, Oct. 14, 5-9 p.m., in the nose dock hangar. The event is free and open to all base personnel. There will be live entertainment and Frogmore Stew. No tickets are necessary. For more information, call 963-3809.

**Honor Guard:** The base Honor Guard has immediate openings for the NCOIC and assistant positions. The Honor Guard is also looking for members. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Phil Johnson at 963-3398.

**Pay information:**

Retirees are now able to use a four-digit personal identification number to access and make changes to their pay information. To access the new Employee/Member Self Service system, call 1-877-393-3677.

**LES:** Civilian employees are now able to access their leave and earnings statements electronically. LESs will still be sent in the mail as usual. Personal identification numbers can be selected now through the end of October by calling 1-800-390-2348.

**Phone-in deli:** The Commissary now has a phone-in deli line. Deli orders should be placed one hour prior to the requested pick-up time. For more information, or to call in an order, call 963-5715.

**High Year of Tenure:** A High Year of Tenure extension program is being offered to certain senior airmen through senior master sergeants with HYT in Fiscal Year 2001 and 2002. Eligible personnel may request their HYT dates for a period of two years. This extension program may close or change anytime without notice. For more information, call 963-4563.

**AECOP:** The next Airman Education and Commissioning program cutoff date is Dec. 15. The program is open to airmen who wish to pursue a bachelor's in meteorology, computer engineering, electrical engineering, foreign languages or foreign area studies. For more information,

call the base education office at 963-4575.

**Military widows:** The Trident Area Military Widows Association meets for an informal buffet luncheon on the fourth Wednesday of each month (holiday meetings vary) at the Charleston Club. All military widows are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 552-2726 or 875-7913.

**Family Support Center**

**How to Develop a Spending Plan,** Wednesday, 9-11 a.m.

**Time Management,** Wednesday, 10-11:30 a.m.

**Checkbook Management,** Wednesday, 1-3 p.m.

**TAP three-day,** Oct. 17-19, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Marketing Yourself for a Second Career,** Oct. 20, 9-11:30 a.m.

**Resume II,** Oct. 24, 9-10:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.-noon.

**Kids-n-Kash,** Oct. 24, noon-2 p.m.

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

**Editor's Note: The Public Affairs office recently sent out a newspaper survey to randomly selected members of the base, both active duty and civilian.**

**The 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Group was left off the list, and we apologize.**

**Charleston Profile****Master Sgt. Gregory (Alex) Scruggs**  
437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron

Master Sgt. Gregory (Alex) Scruggs arrived at Charleston AFB Aug. 30 and is the Functional Area Chief for the Contract Quality Assurance office. His primary responsibilities are preparing and tailoring standardized statements of work and alternate surveillance plans in Central and South America, and overseeing and evaluating the job performance of contractor employees down there.

"My goal is to ensure the quality assurance evaluator office operates at peak efficiency," Scruggs said.

Prior to assignment here, Scruggs has been stationed at Travis AFB, Calif., Andrews AFB, Md., Osan AB, Korea, McGuire AFB, N.J., and Yokota AB, Japan.

"I've enjoyed seeing the world at someone else's expense," he said. "The Air Force has also offered me the opportunity to meet people from different countries and learn about different cultures."

Scruggs, a native of Niota, Tenn., has been in the Air Force almost 22 years and hopes to make Senior Master Sergeant during the next cycle. Scruggs is also the AMC winner for the Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award in the Senior NCO category and is currently competing at Air Force level.

Away from work, he is pursuing his Bachelor's Degree in Sociology. To relax, Scruggs likes to fish, read, write and ride his motorcycle.

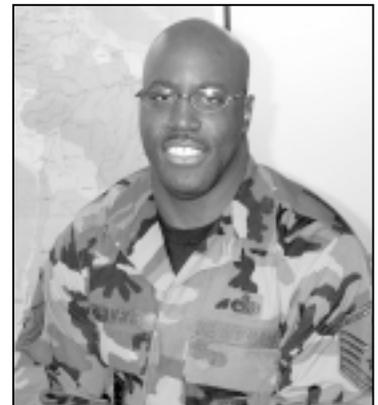


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