

# County to provide ambulance service

By Senior Airman Jason Smith  
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The Charleston County Emergency Medical Service will be responsible for all on-base ambulance responses starting Monday.

According to a fact sheet on ambulance outsourcing for Charleston AFB, the Air Force Audit Agency recommended the active duty ambulance service here be converted to a civilian service.

Calling 911 will still be the appropriate way to call for an ambulance, according to Senior Airman Geoffrey Gunn, 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron, fire alarm communications. "The procedure for an ambulance won't change," said Gunn. "For instance, if I get an ambulance call, I'll take all the information and call Charleston County EMS instead of the base ambulance service. The fire department will respond also, just like we've done in the past."

The change in service will afford base Emergency Medical Technicians the opportunity to transfer to clinic positions, according to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Greg Chapman, 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group TRICARE operations officer. "This change will allow the reallocation of EMTs

to optimize our primary care service. Basically, we will be able to provide even better service to our customers."

The new service does come with a small price tag for military family members.

TRICARE Prime enrollees will have an out-of-pocket expense of \$10 for E-1 through E-4 family members, \$15 for E-5 and above family members and \$20 for retirees and their family members. Active duty members will still pay nothing.

The clinic, the fire department and the 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron are in agreement the change should go very smoothly.

"They have answered all of our questions, and it will not affect our day-to-day services," said Tech. Sgt. Pamela Tobin, 437 SFS police service.

Chapman said many people don't know that Charleston County EMS already provides support to the base.

"In the past, if we've had someone in the clinic with symptoms of a heart attack, we call Charleston County," said Chapman. "They already have the equipment in their ambulances and the training to deal with cardiac arrest."

For more information, call the Health Benefits Advisor at 963-6706.

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Airlift Squadron airdrop instructor aircraft commander, will then lead three aircraft to land on the airfield. Loadmasters Senior Airman Troy Firzlaff, 14 AS, Staff Sgt. Gary Ferguson, 15 AS, and Staff Sgt Kevin Collette, 17<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, will perform engine running offloads of Army M1A1 Abram tanks and M2A2 Bradley fighting vehicles, and the C-17 will take off again.

All seven C-17s will join overhead again at the end of the airfield seizure demonstration. "We'll land in sequence, with minimum spacing," Meyers said.

"It is a great opportunity for us to show how we integrate with the Army to provide for the defense of this nation," said Capt. Jeff Pierce, Air Expo airboss and 15 AS instructor aircraft commander.

Later in the day, Richoux and crew will take off one more time to airdrop the Wings of Blue, and Meyers and crew will take off and perform a second C-17 demonstration to conclude the airshow.

Other highlights of this year's show include A-10 Thunderbolt II and Navy F-18 Hornet demonstrations,

OH-58 Kiowa Warrior and UH-60 Blackhawk attack helicopters in action, and aerobatics demonstrations by the Korean War-era T-33 "Vintage Thunderbird," Red Eagle bi-plane and Marchetti fighter trainer.

Also in the skies, the A-10 will join a World War II-era P-51 Mustang for a heritage flight, and there will be performances by vintage aircraft such as the T-34 Mentor warbird, the B-25 bomber and UC-78 trainer. The Tora 101 Japanese A6M Zero and P-51 Mustang team will put on a dogfight show including "Hollywood style" pyrotechnic explosions.

On the ground, there will be many aircraft on display for visitors to tour, including the AC-130 Gunship, F-15 Eagle, F-117 Nighthawk, KC-135 Stratotanker, B-1B Lancer and the star of the show, the C-17.

The Air Expo will feature many exhibits and demonstrations geared toward children, from miniature aircraft simulators that allow children to experience the sensation of flight, to an Explosive Ordnance Disposal robot teaching about the dangers of unexploded ordnances, and more. Sparky the Fire Dog, McGruff the

Crime Dog, Andy the robot ambulance, and mascots from all of the local sports teams will also be on hand.

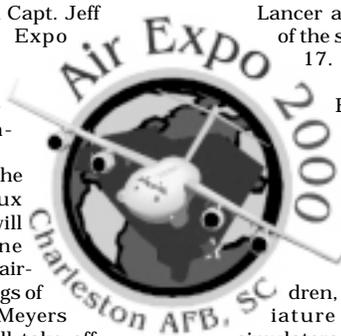
Other ground acts and displays include the Citadel Summerall Guard Elite Precision Drill Team, a military working dog demonstration and military vehicles and equipment including Army tanks, Coast Guard boats, Navy model ships and a C-17 engine display. There will be many television and radio station promotional vehicles on hand to join in the festivities.

"This was a tremendous effort to make this happen," said Maj. Petra Sharrett, Air Expo director and 15 AS aircraft commander. "It was only due to the hard work and efforts of practically everyone on base to pull this off, but particularly the many long hours of the nearly 100 key airshow staff who have been working this hard for at least the past six months."

Food and beverages will be available at the air expo for purchase. Performances and static displays are subject to change without notice.

As a reminder, 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.

For the latest information on Air Expo 2000, the public may call 963-EXPO, or check out Charleston AFB's web site at <http://www.charleston.af.mil>.



## CAFB Master Sgt. to help find MIAs

By Tech Sgt. Dan Murphy  
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A Charleston master sergeant will leave Thursday for Vietnam with the Joint Task Force for Full Accounting to find remains of service members still listed as missing in action.

Master Sgt. Phillip Scott, 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron assistant NCOIC aircrew life support flight, was selected to take this temporary duty for 45 days.

"I volunteered and was chosen to augment the JTF/FA at Hickam AFB, Hawaii," said Scott. "This is a dream come true for me. I am truly honored to be part of this mission."

The mission of the JTF/FA is to open, investigate, analyze and possibly close all cases involving

unaccounted for Americans from the Vietnam War, said Scott. "This may include crash and burial sites and incidental or circumstantial losses."

Scott has an extensive background in survival, search, rescue and aircraft accident investigation. Earlier this year Scott was a member of the accident investigation board for the C-130 crash at Al Jaber, Kuwait, in December 1999.

"I will help with the unearthing of known aircraft crash sites to ensure it was one of ours," said Scott. "I will be there to help identify human remains, aircraft life support systems, and aircraft debris."

Scott added this will be by far the most rewarding TDY during his 19-year career. "I believe we owe this to the MIAs who gave their lives so we can enjoy the freedom and the life style we as Americans enjoy today."



Master Sgt. Phillip Scott

### Air Expo 200 shuttle bus schedule for base residents

Charleston Air Expo 2000 will be held Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Shuttle service for on base residents will be as follows:

Bus Route #1 – Bus will start running at 8:30 a.m. and run every 15 minutes until 11 a.m.

From 11 a.m.-3 p.m. the bus will run every hour. After 3 p.m. there will be three buses running from the flight line back to base housing until the flight line is clear. The bus stops are as follows:

Alaska Avenue and Kansas Avenue (both ends)

Colorado Avenue and Alaska Avenue

Colorado Avenue and Georgia Avenue

Commissary Parking Lot

Batson Drive and Hodge Avenue

Batson Drive and Richardson Drive

Batson Drive and Gross Avenue

Parking lot of Bldg. 164 (Passenger Terminal – drop Off)

Bus Route #2 – Bus will start running at 8:30 a.m. and run every 30 minutes until 11 a.m.

From 11 a.m.-3 p.m. the bus will run every hour. After 3 p.m., there will be two buses running from the flight line to base housing until the flight line is clear. The bus stops are as follows:

West James Avenue and West Jackson Dr.

West Jackson Drive and West Rhodes Avenue

East Jackson Drive and East Frick Avenue

East Jackson Drive and East James Avenue

Parking lot of Bldg. 164 (Passenger Terminal – drop off)

