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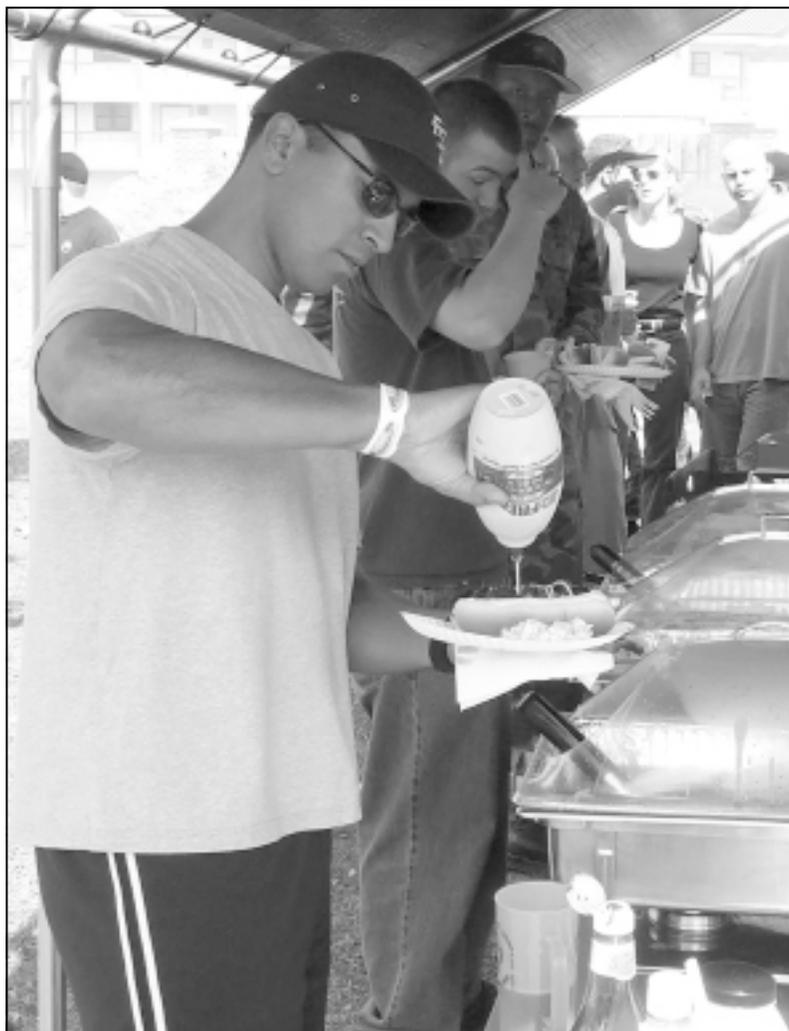
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Hot Dog!

Senior Airman Jeff Martinez, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron, prepares a hot dog during Oktoberfest Oct. 20. The event, an alternate duty location for E-6s and below, offered free food and drinks to all junior enlisted members. Sporting events, prizes and the band, Big Black Building, were among the attractions.

Photo by Senior Airman Jason Smith

CAFB, AMC respond to USS Cole tragedy

Charleston AFB personnel responded quickly with airlift support in the aftermath of the USS Cole tragedy that killed 17 sailors.

The Navy destroyer sustained a large gash in its side after the Oct. 12 suspected suicide bombing in Yemen, and it remains in Aden harbor where divers are searching for bodies still trapped inside the wreckage.

On Oct. 13, a reserve C-17 aircrew from the 315th Airlift Wing flew the bodies of five of the 17 sailors killed in the attack on the Navy destroyer from the Middle East to Ramstein AB, Germany. The aircrew was on temporary duty at Ramstein as part of the European Strategic Intra-theater Deployment operation when it got the request for assistance. The next day another C-17 crew from the 315 AW airlifted the remains of the five sailors to Dover AFB, Del., for post-mortuary processing.

Brig. Gen. Jerry Black, 315 AW commander said, "When something like this happens, we go that extra mile to provide support. Our hearts go out to the families of the USS Cole for their terrible loss."

Six members of the 315th Mission Support Squadron Services Flight reported to Dover Oct. 14 as part of a 35-member, reserve mortuary affairs team.

One member of the team returned here Oct. 17. "It felt rewarding to know that you were taking care of these sailors for their loved ones," said Capt. Connie Alge, 315th Services officer. Five of the members were scheduled to return here Wednesday.

On the active duty side, members from the 437th Airlift Wing launched a C-17 flight Oct. 13 from Andrews to Yemen carrying FBI members. Another crew left Oct. 14 and brought a Navy repair team from Norfolk, Va., to the scene.

There were three active duty crews on alert at Charleston and two at Andrews AFB, Md., in the aftermath, said Capt. Kurt Johnson, 437th Current Operations mission bookie.

"It took some tricky manipulation to try to get everything so it would work properly, so we didn't have to take any of the aircraft or the aircrews from the airshow," said Johnson. "We had a backup plan with those crews who were flying in the airshow, that they would have been augmented with another crew member on the ground. So if the Tanker Airlift Control Center or higher directors called us and said we need to get these aircrews and airplanes over there, they would have gone on crew rest and would be ready to fly the next day."

(AMC News Service and Capt Tracy Velino, 437 AW Public Affairs, contributed to this article.)

CAFB adds entertainment to exercise with new Cardio Theater

By Capt. Tracy Velino
437 AW Public Affairs

The wall between Fitness Center Racquetball Courts One and Two will come down this month to make way for Charleston Air Force Base's new Cardio Theater.

Col. Rusty Findley, 437th Airlift

Wing commander, made the first break in the wall Oct. 20, marking the beginning of what he calls a "world class" renovation project. "This project is for you," Findley said.

Findley awarded \$125,000 of Fiscal Year 2000 funds to the fitness center for the Cardio Theater, according to Maj. Patrice Solorzano,

437 AW Comptroller. "At the end of the year Findley asked for inputs from all the organizations as to what they considered projects that would touch the base as a whole, the farthest reaching, similar to when they did the lighting around the running track through the housing area the year before."

The Cardio Theater project really fit what he was looking for, Solorzano said. "He wanted something that the majority of the members of this base could come in, could use, could benefit from. So this was the perfect project for that, and it won the com-

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IN THE NEWS

Caveat Emptor - 'Let the buyer beware'

Military members could be the target of scams and bad deals. Prevention and education are the necessary keys to avoiding financial problems.

By Senior Airman Jason Smith
437 AW Public Affairs

Air Force members are now the targets of money lending scams operating out of Canada, according to Federal Trade Commission Officials in an Air Force Print News release.

Unfortunately, falling for the Canadian scams isn't the only way airmen can find themselves in a financial bind. High interest rates, high payments or misleading contracts can also cause problems.

The first step for Charleston AFB personnel to avoid bad financial decisions is to seek assistance from the Personal Financial Management Program at the Family Support Center, according to Barbara Lang, PFMP manager. The PFMP offers free courses and one-on-one counseling, and is required for first-term airmen.

Lang said she spends the majority of her time educating people about financial planning.

"The initial PFMP training is just the beginning," said Lang. "There

are a lot more workshops that enlisted, officers, reservist, retirees, family members and civilians can attend free of charge to educate themselves about financial responsibility."

Counseling is also available for those already in a bad situation, Lang said. While she said she hopes to work for prevention, she will gladly help those already having problems.

"Unfortunately, some people are already in trouble," said Lang. "Sometimes they think there's a quick fix. That's not the case."

"I'm an objective bystander. I look at the whole situation and point out ways they can cut costs. If someone is spending more than they make, they're headed for trouble. I tell my clients to always call their creditor and let them know they're behind. People would be surprised by the negotiating power they have with a creditor."

Even with PFMP, Master Sgt. Winston Moses, 437th Civil Engineer first sergeant, said some people have and will get taken by bad deals.

"Don't fall victim," said Moses. "There are people just waiting to

prey on you."

Check-posting operations and car dealerships are two places where Moses said airmen should be careful.

"I'll do whatever I can to prevent someone from getting ripped off," said Moses. "There are people out there who go against advice from me and their supervisors and make bad decisions anyway, and I can't prevent that. I can however advise airmen before they enter into a deal. I tell all my airmen, or anyone for that matter, come to me or your supervisor before you sign a contract. I'll even go to the car dealership with you to make sure no one tries to trick you."

Once a military member enters into a contract, is there a way out? Master Sgt. Kenneth King, 437th Airlift Wing Legal Office manager, stresses prevention instead of correction.

"Most contracts are legally binding," said King. "We're here to help CAFB military members, so checking with us before signing a contract or entering a business deal is always a good idea."

Lt. Col. Jeffrey Watson, 437th Staff Judge Advocate, supports "preven-

tive law." "Preventive law is the term I use to describe legal advice given to CAFB military members before they enter into a deal," he said. "We will review a contract for a CAFB military member before or after they sign it. Interpreting the contract before the servicemember signs may help keep them out of trouble. Of course, if they find themselves in trouble after signing the contract, they are still encouraged to come in the legal office for assistance from one of our attorneys."

Watson said the legal office offers a walk-in service on Wednesdays, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. The service is available to active duty, their family members and retirees.

CAFB has many financial services available, but airmen have to choose to use these services in order to be helped.

For more information about PFMP, call Barbara Lang at 963-548



Drug Education for Youth big hit with CAFB kids, parents

By Senior Airman Jason Smith
437 AW Public Affairs

The 437th Medical Group Demand Reduction Office sponsors the Drug Education for Youth program at Charleston AFB.

The program emphasizes the positive development of the mind, body and spirit for youth between 9 and 12 years of age.

Debbie Wheeler, 437 MDG demand reduction program manager, has been voluntarily running the program since its January induction, and said she thinks it has been and will continue to be successful.

"Some of the things kids take from the program are inner strength, support from their peers and guidance from mentors to make the right choices," said Wheeler. "The overall goal of DEFY is to challenge the kid's minds,

bodies and spirits while in a drug free environment."

As with any youth program, Wheeler said parents can make or break DEFY. "Parents are the key to our success. Everyone pitches in where they can."

DEFY holds many activities, most of them outdoors. Recently, the group has gone horseback riding in Francis Marion National Forrest, S.C., canoeing on the Edisto River and camping and fishing at Hunting State Park.

They also hold indoor activities, but Wheeler said she keeps them to a minimum in order to keep things exciting.

Adults are always needed to help mentor the children and assist with the group's activities. To ease parent's minds about who their kids are with, every adult who volunteers is interviewed and receives a thorough background check.

"I like the idea because it

is associated with the military," said Staff Sgt. Cindy Wright, 437th Comptroller Squadron and mother of twin 10-year-old boys. "It's a safe environment, the kids love the activities, and the mentors really care about the kids."

Tech. Sgt. Admiral Lee, Reserve Officer Training Corps, Detachment 772, also appreciates the opportunities DEFY affords.

"It's a good opportunity for active duty members to mentor the younger kids," said Lee. "Kids learn leadership responsibility and decision-making skills that will help them the rest of their lives."

While it appears as if adults really appreciate the program, do children?

"It's too cool," said Vash'ti Walker, 9. "We get out and do things. You don't sit around."

Lisa Carter, 10, also said she likes participating in DEFY events. "The adults treat me

like a real person and not just another kid that doesn't know anything," she said.

Family members, between 9 and 12 years of age, of active duty, reserve, retired, Civil Service and Non-appro-

riated-fund DOD personnel are eligible to participate in the program.

For more information, or to volunteer or enroll a child in the program, call Wheeler at 963-6849.



Photo by Debbie Wheeler

(Left to right) Josh and Tyler Wright, 10, and Chris, 10, and Matt West, 9, keep an eye on the campfire with Staff Sgt. Jake Rogers, 437th Supply Squadron and Drug Education for Youth mentor, during recent a camping trip.

CAFB gets early crack at NGSL

By Senior Airman
Melanie Streeter
437LSS

The 437th Aerial Port Squadron caught a sneak peak at a new era of small aircraft loaders here Oct. 18.

Representatives of FMC Corporation, manufacturer of the Next Generation Small Loader, visited Charleston AFB to acquire video of their product at work for presentation at the Airlift Tanker Association convention, scheduled for the first week of November.

Capt. Jeffrey Babinski, 437 APS combat readiness

and resources commander, said this opportunity was mutually beneficial, with FMC getting their footage and APS personnel having a chance to try out the new product.

The NGSL is used to load, unload and transport palletized cargo. It is lightweight and quickly reconfigures for shipment by aircraft ranging from the C-130 to the C-17. According to Rick Miller, lead system engineer for the System Program Office at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, two people can ready the NGSL for shipment in 15 to 30 min-

utes. The small loader in use now takes about two to three hours to reconfigure.

Senior Airman Mark Anderson, 437 APS, had a chance to operate the NGSL. "I think it will cut mobility time and the time it takes to get ready. The machine is really user friendly and should help all around. It has an auto-center option for the deck, which the older models don't have. That definitely makes it simple and saves a lot of time."

In addition to replacing the Air Force's current fleet of aging small loaders, some manufactured in 1964, the



Air Force photo

FMC Corporation, manufacturer of the Next Generation Small Loader, will deliver the first model in March 2001.

NGSL will also replace wide body loaders.

FMC was awarded the five-year contract for 264 loaders Air Force wide June 22, and

will deliver the first production model to the Air Force in March. Charleston is currently scheduled to receive its first model in March 2002.

Cardio

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petition between many different projects to be able to reach out and touch Team Charleston."

The Cardio Theater here will use an exercise entertainment system provided by the company, Cardio Theater, that enables people, using a regular set of headphones, to listen to a multiple of different audio components while exercising on cardiovascular equipment

The theater will hold about 50 cardiovascular machines, from treadmills to elliptical crosstrainers, according to Steve Parrish, Fitness and Sports Center director. "It will hold the nearly 40 machines now in the racquetball lobby and the warm-up room; plus four new treadmills, one new elliptical trainer and a new up-

right bike that are on order; and some machines that are now being refurbished."

The room will be 40 ft. by 40 ft. There will be raised-stage flooring with four tiers of machines. "The back row will be treadmills, and the next row will be elliptical trainers," Parrish said. "The front row will hold stationary bicycles."

All of the machines will face toward the entrances, which will remain the same as the current racquetball court entrances. The television sets will be built into the front wall just above the entrances.

"There will be eight TVs, a CD player, and an FM radio tuner," Parrish said. "Each exercise machine will have a remote control box on it so you can push the radio station you want, TV station you want, or the music you want to listen to. The stations and the CDs will be selected based on customer surveys and feedback."

Users will need to bring their own headphones or headphones will be provided at the fitness center.

The project is currently in the demolition phase. "That includes taking down that wall and taking down the glass parts of the former racquetball courts, opening passages for electrical conduits and things that are going to support the new work," said Joe Rackley, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron project manager. The target completion date is March 4.

"S.W. Day, Incorporated is the SABER contractor," said Rackley. "SABER is a civil engineering program of Simplified Acquisition Base Engineering Requirements. It's a contract-

ing tool that the base civil engineer uses to do minor construction and repair projects. This project will be handled under the SABER program.

"The contractor is working with the 437 CES and the 437th Services Squadron to develop the design of the theater. This includes equipment layout, architectural features and special acoustical treatments," Rackley said. "We have to really work on acoustical treatments because being a racquetball court it's real noisy in there, so we're planning on carpeting, installing acoustical ceilings and acoustical wall coverings that match the décor of the base gymnasium."

"The Cardio Theater is just like anything else that has evolved in fitness in the last ten years," Parrish said. "This facility opened up in 1995. The study that we did was in 1985. At the time of the study, there was not enough documentation to support the purchase of treadmills for the fitness center. In the final design stages, in 1993, we decided to put cardio equipment in the racquetball lobby. We determined it could hold 25 pieces of equipment."

"Today we don't have enough treadmills, bicycles or elliptical trainers to meet the Air Force standard, even though there are almost 50 pieces of equipment in there. It's loud and crowded throughout most of the day," he added. "So now we're behind the power curve because of how the industry has changed in the last five years. The norm is that people want to come into a room that's full of cardio equipment with earphones and televisions and radios, where they're in a theater-type setting, exercising and watching television. That's the norm now."

Parrish said the location for the Cardio Theater was selected to minimize impact on the facility and Fitness Center customers. "Racquetball and handball were very popular sports back in 1985, and over the years have developed a smaller but loyal customer participation," he said. "By taking two of the eight courts

available, we're not really impacting the racquetball folks. The warm-up room will be turned back into a racquetball court, so we're taking two courts and giving back one."

The Cardio Theater site receives the heaviest flow of air conditioning in the facility, Parrish said. "So nothing should need to be changed with regard to airflow structure."

During construction, cardio machines will remain in their current locations, Parrish said. Cardio and racquetball customers will be re-routed through the weight room.

The Cardio Theater company claims their product makes your workout a lot better, said Rackley. "They claim it's great for health club business because they retain membership and people stay with the program."

Rackley said he has a special interest in the project because he uses the gym. "I think it's going to be a really good addition." He said the cardio equipment will be in more organized groups, instead of placed around the hallways like they are now. "The way it's set up now they have either CNN blaring or some stock report you might not want to watch. You'll have a choice this way."

Parrish said the cardio theater will bring the Fitness Center a step closer to the high standard the Air Force has set for its gymnasiums. "Even though we've won best in Air Mobility Command for the last three years, we still have work to do." Parrish is currently researching the possibility of a health snack bar.

Other plans in the works, according to Parrish, are a women's locker room expansion, a new aerobics room built behind the racquetball courts, and a resistance training room separate from the free weight room. "We're just waiting for funding, which we hope to get by Fiscal Year 2004."

Parrish added, "Every dollar spent on the fitness center reaps tenfold back to airmen. Findley chose the cardio room first because more people are impacted by cardio than any other thing we can do."



Photo by Senior Airman Jason Smith
Col. Dennis Kaan, 437th Support Group commander, takes a hammer to the wall at a racquetball court where a Cardio Theater is being built.

NEWS BRIEFS

Spotlight

Retirement: The 437th Maintenance Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Senior Master Sgt. Alan McClellan today, 10 a.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Oliver Gregory at 963-6427.

Retirement: The 437th Aerial Port Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Kerry Daugherty today, 2 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call 963-3178.

Retirement: The 437th Maintenance Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. John Tormanen Nov. 3, 10 a.m., at the base education center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Travis Ellis at 963-5310.

Around the base

Leave needed: Otha "Jack" Bunce, 437th Communications Squadron, requires surgery due to a medical emergency. He has exhausted all available leave, and it is estimated he will need a few weeks to recover from his surgery. Anyone wishing to donate annual leave to Bunce should complete an Optional Form 630A and fax it to 963-4462. For more information, call 963-4473.

School Web page: The 437th Support Group, in coordination with the Base School Committee, has developed a Charleston AFB Web page that highlights local school information. Information about school registration, class schedules, curriculum, graduation requirements, school calendars and lists of needed school supplies is available on the site. There are also links to other helpful sites. To view the new page, go to www.charleston.af.mil and click the "Newcomers" button.

Seven Habits: Stephen Covey's "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Families" seminar will be held Nov. 28-29, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Family Support Center. Class size is limited, so RSVP as soon as possible by calling 963-4406.

NCOIC needed: The base Honor Guard is looking to fill an NCOIC and assistant NCOIC position. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Phil Johnson at 963-3398.

Red Ribbon Week: Red Ribbon Week started Oct. 24 and will end Tuesday. It originated to honor the work and memory of Drug Enforcement Agent Enrique Camarena, who was murdered by drug traffickers in 1985. Charleston AFB members are holding several assembly programs in local schools to include Lambs Elementary and Hunley Park

Charleston Profile



Photo by Senior Airman Jason Smith

Senior Airman April Mister 437th Mission Support Squadron

Senior Airman April Mister is an outbound assignment specialist for the 437th Mission Support Squadron. Her job is to process assignments for personnel preparing to leave Charleston AFB. She also works as an alternate base passport agent.

"From start to finish, processing an outbound assignment can take a few months," said Mister. "I usually work on about 10 per week."

Mister has been in the Air Force for about six years and she said she has really enjoyed her time so far.

"I love to travel," said Mister. "I think the traveling and the training in the Air Force is exceptional. I also really enjoy meeting new people. So far, I've really enjoyed my time in the Air Force."

Mister plans on enrolling in college for the Spring 2001 semester. She said she hopes to earn a degree as a radiology technician.

"I think everyone should take advantage of the opportunities the Air Force has to offer," she said. "Get as much education as you can, and travel as much as you can."

When Mister isn't working, she spends her time with her son, Anthony, 4. She is a single mom, and said it's a worth-while challenge.

"It's a big responsibility," Mister said. "You manage to get by. While it seems tough, I enjoy every second I spend with my son."

Elementary. For more information, call Debbie Wheeler at 963-6849.

Haunted house: The 437th Logistics Group is sponsoring a haunted house at the old pool house today-Tuesday. Hours are 7-11 p.m., today and Saturday, and 7-9 p.m., Sunday-Tuesday. The Cost is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and under.



OSA Arts and Crafts Show: An arts and crafts show, sponsored by the Charleston AFB Officer's Spouses Association, will be held Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in the Aero Club hangar. Admission to the show is free and open to the public. The OSA will have around 50 local crafters participating in the show. Food and refreshments will be available for sale. Proceeds from table fees benefit local OSA charities. For more information, call Christine Memi at 871-8604.

Armed Forces Night: The South Carolina Stingrays hockey team is hosting an Armed Forces Night Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m., at the North Charleston Coliseum. Military personnel will receive tickets for \$7 each. The first 3,000 people through the doors will also receive a free game puck.

Health fair: Charleston AFB is sponsoring an Open Season Health Benefits Fair for all civilian employ-

ees Nov. 7, 9 a.m., at the base education office. Representatives from various health benefit plans will be on hand to answer questions. For more information, call 963-4476.

Parenting classes: The clinic is offering a Common Sense Parenting class beginning Nov. 6 and running for six consecutive Mondays. The class is from 10 a.m.-noon. An evening class will start Nov. 7 and run six consecutive Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, call Jim Hernandez at 963-6504.

Awards breakfast: The 437th Airlift Wing will recognize quarterly award winners at the Quarterly Awards Breakfast Nov. 8, 7:30 a.m., at the Charleston Club. The cost for club members is \$8 and \$10 for non-members. For more information, or for tickets, call your first sergeant.

Gift Wrapping: There is a meeting Nov. 8, 9 a.m., in the 437th Support Group conference room for representatives from units that are interested in working the BX gift wrapping booth. Gift wrapping starts Nov. 24 and ends Dec. 24. Gift wrapping will be done for donations only. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Terrie Powell at 963-2202.



Car shipping: The required docu-

mentation for shipping a privately owned vehicle overseas has changed. Along with orders, shippers must now have a letter from the lien holder or lease company before shipping a vehicle. U.S. Customs requires a particular format for the letter. For information, call 963-2255 or visit www.globemaster/437og/tmo.

Career discovery: The base education office now offers the Strong Interest Inventory and Discover programs. These two inventories can assist in identifying career objectives, educational goals and job titles that reflect an individual's interests and preferences. Both inventories will generate a detailed report consistent with the information provided. For more information, call 963-4575.

Family Support Center

Sponsorship Training, Wednesday, 8:30-9:30 a.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Newcomer's Tour, Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pre-Deployment Briefing, Thursday, Nov. 9, 16 and 30, 4 p.m. and Nov. 6, 13, 20 and 27, 8 a.m.

Resume I, Nov. 7, 9 a.m.-noon.
Debt Proof Your Holidays, Nov. 7, 9 a.m.-noon.

Educational Opportunities Assistant, Nov. 7, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

How to Develop a Spending Plan, Nov. 8, 9-11 a.m.

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

COMMENTARY

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15th Airlift Squadron hosts World War II aviators

By Col. Karl Young
437AW vice commander

Col. Findley is at Scott AFB, Ill., this week to attend Phoenix Rally, a meeting of all the commanders in Air Mobility Command. I'm sure he'll have plenty of information from the conference to share with us next week.

Col. Findley and I got a chance to help tear down the walls of one of the racket ball courts as we begin expansion plans for our new Cardio Theater in the base sports and fitness center. Col. Findley wanted this project to get underway as our final Year of the Family undertaking for the base. The cardio-theater should be the single best overall project that will serve the most people. The theater will feature stationary bikes and treadmills set amongst televisions, radios and CD players that patrons can use while exercising. See the article on page 1.

Former 16th Airlift Squadron aircrew and support staff and deployed members of the 437th Air Expeditionary Group were recently awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for their accomplishments in 1999. Members assigned to those units during that period are authorized to wear the ribbon. Check with Military Personnel Flight customer service to determine eligibility to wear the ribbon.

A lot of base people attended the base appearance team out-briefing Oct. 20. We enjoyed all the spirit they displayed. The best thing about the inspection was the pride displayed as people went around cleaning up their yards and their respective buildings. The base always looks good, but you deserve special thanks too for the final push to make the best look better than usual. The base displays a lot of pride, professionalism and passion everyday. We should know today how well we did. We're proud of everyone on the base and the effort they made. Let's continue to work together to keep Charleston the finest place on the

face of the planet.

It was my honor, along with 437th deputy support group commander Lt. Col. Connie Davis to represent the base as part of the kick-off ceremonies Wednesday for the 44th annual Coastal Carolina Fair at Exchange Park in Ladson. The fair runs from Oct. 26 to Nov. 4th and features daily carnival rides and entertainment, everything from the Marshall Tucker Band to the cartoon character Scooby-Doo. Discount tickets are available at the base Outdoor Recreation Center.

Col. Findley and I will be heading to a football game at the University of South Carolina, in Columbia, on Saturday to represent the base as part of their special salute to the armed forces for military appreciation day. USC will be playing Tennessee. If you plan to attend the game, we'll be easy to spot in our uniforms as we "show the flag," so please stop by and say hello if you spot us.

About 22 members of the 15th Troop Carrier Squadron along with their families toured the base Sunday through Wednesday. The 15th Airlift Squadron made the arrangements for these distinguished World War II glider and C-47 pilots and their families to tour a C-17 static, fly in the Boeing simulators, visit the dormitories and eat in

the dining facility. There was also an excellent banquet held in the Charleston Club Tuesday to honor this distinguished group of aviators for their sacrifices. Not many squadrons can trace their heritage back to World War II, and it was a very special event for the 15th AS to play a part in this reunion. A special thanks to the 15th AS project officers: Capt Mitch Richardson, 1st Lt. Jeff Sparrow and 1st Lt. Paul Skipworth for their outstanding efforts in honoring, as veteran news reporter Tom Brokaw called in his book, "America's Greatest Generation." See the article in next week's *Airlift Dispatch* for more details.

The Junior Enlisted Oktoberfest was a complete success Oct. 20. Let's do it again! We had a great turnout, and from all the feedback that I've heard, it was a great way to say thanks to our junior enlisted workforce. A special thanks to Master Sgt. Matt Harless and members of the Oktoberfest Committee, especially Master Sgt. Diane Chancey, Senior Master Sgt. Carl Hunsinger from the Top-3 Association, 2nd Lt. Zabrina Robinson from the Company Grade Officer Council and all the first sergeants for doing all the cooking. I'm sure I left out a number of people who worked behind the

scenes to make this a success. You also have my thanks.

Air Force Basketball Team tryouts start this week in preparation for the Armed Forces Basketball Championships. The tryouts will run from Oct. 26 to Nov. 12. The Armed Forces tournament runs from Nov. 14-17. There will be a social, a three-point shootout and a slam-dunk contest for Armed Forces players on Nov. 14. In preparing for the tournament, the Starlifter basketball courts were recently refinished. The first tournament game starts Nov. 15 at 10 a.m. in the fitness center. All games are open to base members to watch. For a complete schedule of games, please visit the 437th Services Squadron web site at www.437Services.com.

Let's all rally behind our team of 437th Contracting and Comptroller Squadron members who are scheduled to compete in the Air Force Top Dollar competition Dec. 6-13 at Gulfport, Miss. The annual competition tests our base members ability to do their jobs in a deployed situation under some very physically challenging conditions.

As many of you may remember, our Charleston team received top honors at the AMC competition June 24-29 in Alpena, Mich., and therefore won the right to represent AMC in the Air Force competition. Representing Charleston will be 2nd Lt. Andy Grab, Master Sgt. Scott Hollabaugh, Staff Sgt. Julie Buie, Staff Sgt. Frank Alfaro, Senior Airman Jacqueline Dent, Senior Airman Jeannine McGuire, and Senior Airman Robert Florio. We wish them the best of luck as they prepare for the competition!

Finally, congratulations to Team Charleston as the 21st Air Force nominee for the 2000 Daedalian Trophy for Aircraft Maintenance. We wish our maintainers good luck in the AMC and Air Force competitions. More to follow.

It's been a great week, and you're all doing a fantastic Air Force job. Thanks for all you do every day.



Photo by Senior Airman Jason Smith

Col. Rusty Findley, 437th Airlift Wing commander, helps prepare some sausages during Oktoberfest.

FEATURE

Air Freight Flight moves more cargo by 10 a.m. than...



The elevated transfer vehicle at the Air Freight Terminal makes moving cargo easier.

Story and photos by
Senior Airman Melanie
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437 LSS

When asked to describe the mission of his flight, Capt. Larry Earick, 437th Aerial Port Squadron Air Freight Flight commander said, "Like UPS, Emery or FedEx

we move cargo virtually anywhere in the world."

According to Earick, as part of the second largest aerial port on the east coast, the air freight flight moves 2,500 tons of cargo a month to locations in South America, the Caribbean and Africa, supplying embassies, commissaries and other constitu-

ents of the Department of Defense and the State Department in 30 different countries. There are currently 93 active duty and civilian members assigned to the flight. Operations continue around the clock, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"When a lot of the folks around base have a down day, we're still here working because mission requirements still need to be met," Earick said.

At present, the flight has worked 510 days without causing an aircraft delay. The flight also supports the Aerospace Expeditionary Force. Four members are currently deployed.

"All of our transporters are set against AEFs," said Earick, "Because all aerial porters have the same Air Force Specialty Code, the squadron can send personnel from all of the flights, so individual areas don't get hit as hard as they do in squadrons whose members have multiple AFSCs."

The key functions of the flight are packing, palletizing, loading and shipping different types of cargo from mail and munitions to household goods and hold baggage. The flight also ships cargo to provide the comforts of home to remotely located personnel.

"The BX and commissaries are our major customers," said Earick.

In August, members of the flight, in conjunction with the chaplain's office, public health and the legal office, turned a negative event into a positive humanitarian gesture.

When the Tanker Airlift Control Center cancelled an Aug. 23 C-5 mission carrying rations from Charleston to the commissary and dining facility at Soto Cano, Honduras, members of the flight realized some of the rations would spoil before the next available airlift.

Earick, 2nd Lt. Thomas Lessmann Master Sergeants Kenneth Glover and Frank Moore, Tech. Sgt. James Pride, Senior Airmen Andrew Harkleroad and Scott Wallis, Airman 1st Class Robert Wright and Joe Mosier from the APS, Chaplain (Capt.) Phillip Guin, 437th Airlift Wing senior protestant chaplain, Capt. Robert

Sonnenberg, 437 AW claims officer, and Staff Sgt. Albert Rhodes, Jr., 437th Medical Group public health inspector, inspected and repacked 15 large boxes of refrigerated rations.

Rhodes identified 3,200 pounds of milk, yogurt and kiwi fruit that would not stay fresh long enough for the next mission. The Chaplain's office contacted the local Food Bank who took possession of the food.

A spokesman for the Food Bank said, "Local organizations were already standing by and took delivery of the food to move it to the needy." For their efforts, Col. Robert Allardice, 437th Operations Group commander, recognized the air freight flight as the Operations Group Team of the Month.

The Aerial Freight Flight also serves as a Denton Program cargo center. The Denton Amendment, named in honor of retired admiral and former U.S. Senator to Alabama Jeremiah Denton, was established in 1985 as an amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

The amendment allows donors to use space available on U.S. military cargo aircraft to transport humanitarian goods and equipment free of charge. The Denton Program Office was moved from Pope AFB, N.C. to Charleston in November 1999. Joint Relief International, the organization contracted by the U.S. Transportation Command, manages the Denton program.

Ken Hundemer of the Denton Program Office said, "Air Freight does a great job." Charleston's APS has moved 639,000 pounds of cargo so far this year, which is equivalent to 221 pallets and also includes vehicles.



Fred Gregston, 437th Aerial Port Squadron, guides a "tunner" into position to onload a C-17.



Staff Sgt. Randolph Scott, 437th Aerial Port Squadron, moves cargo from a truck to a pallet with a forklift.



MAGNOLIA PLACE DINING FACILITY

On the Menu



Today

Lunch - lasagna, roast veal, breaded pork steak, rice, potatoes, fried okra, peas with mushrooms, carrots

Dinner - swedish meatballs, chicken, macaroni and cheese, rice, greens, pinto beans, southern-style squash

Saturday

Lunch - yakisoba, baked chicken, grilled bratwurst, rice, mashed potatoes, cabbage, lyonnaise green beans, succotash

Dinner - hamburger stroganoff, chicken vega, paprika butter potatoes, rice pilaf, calico corn, cauliflower, brussels sprouts polonaise

Sunday

Lunch - pepper steak, baked turkey and noodles, stuffed fish, parsley-buttered potatoes, rice, broccoli, mixed vegetables, carrots

Dinner - jaegerschnitzel, chicken, rice, mashed potatoes, asparagus, peas, tempura vegetables

Monday

Lunch - shepherd's pie, fish, ham steak, macaroni and cheese, rice, cauliflower, spinach, baked beans

Dinner - veal steaks, herbed-baked

chicken, spaghetti and meat sauce, quick-baked potato halves, rice, stewed tomatoes with croutons, lima beans, corn-on-the-cob

Tuesday

Lunch - country style steak, tacos, enchiladas, rice, mashed potatoes, pinto beans, corn, lyonnaise carrots

Dinner - tomato meatloaf, chicken cacciatore, rice, mashed potatoes, squash, bean combo, cauliflower

Wednesday

Lunch - apple-glazed corned beef, fried fish, creole spaghetti, rice, rissole potatoes, broccoli, steamed cabbage, peas and carrots

Dinner - roast beef, chicken, macaroni and cheese, potatoes, cauliflower au gratin, mixed vegetables, lemon sesame green beans

Thursday

Lunch - beef stew, lime cilantro sole, pork chops, noodles jefferson, rice, corn, spinach, okra

Dinner - swiss steak with gravy, italian sausage, rice pilaf, crispy potatoes wedges, lima beans, carrots and celery, black-eyed peas

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Healthy cooking demonstration with food tasting

Nov. 8, 5:30 p.m., at the Family Support Center. Families are welcome. To register, call 963-4007.

Healthy peach-raisin stuffing (6) 1-cup servings

- 1 cup diced onion
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- 2 tablespoons chicken broth or water
- 3 cups whole-wheat or whole-grain bread, crumbled
- 1-1/2 cups drained, canned peaches, diced
- 1/3 cup raisins
- 1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon



In saucepan over medium-high heat, cook onions and celery in broth or water until tender. Coat 2-quart ovenproof casserole dish with nonstick cooking spray. Combine remaining 5 ingredients plus onions and celery in casserole. Cover and bake at 350 F for 20 minutes. Remove cover and bake an additional 10 minutes. This stuffing also can be made with two fresh peaches or 1-1/2 cups of diced fresh papaya instead of canned peaches.

150 calories per cup: Five grams protein, two grams fat, less than one gram saturated fat, 32 grams carbohydrate, 250 milligrams sodium, no cholesterol and four grams dietary fiber.

Fitness & Sports

AF basketball candidates endure camp for elite slots

By 2nd Lt. Celeste Rodriguez
437 CS

With top basketball talent arriving from Air Force installations worldwide, Charleston AFB will take center stage as the host for the Air Force Men's Basketball Training Camp culminating with the Armed Forces Basketball Tournament to be held Nov. 15-17.

Before the Air Force team competes in the annual showdown, which on the military's court is comparable to the NCAA's Final Four, Air Force coaching staff must fine tune a group of 27 prospective candidates to an elite roster of 12.

The coaching staff, led by head coach Donald Fellers, a 20-year veteran of both the men's and women's Air Force Basketball programs, will evaluate the candidates throughout the camp's 18 days of intense training. A typical day on the court will comprise both morning and afternoon practices, each averaging three hours, an intra-squad scrimmage game, in addition to fulfilling a sizable game schedule slated against seven collegiate and semi-professional teams.

"Our biggest strategy is to put a lot of pressure on our kids early to see who can and can't perform," said Fellers. "It's just as grueling mentally as it is physically."

According to Eddie Goad, program director for the camp's third year at CAFB, training camp invitations are selective. Candidates

apply to participate in the Armed Force's Specialized Sports Program, which requires base sports director endorsement. The backgrounds of this year's candidates span a wide realm of skill including many impressive resumes shining at the collegiate level such as candidates Otis Jones, Jarmica Reese, Miguel Garcia and Tyron Wright, all U.S. Air Force Academy graduates and former teammates. Nevertheless, the coaching staff's limited roster will necessitate tough elimination cuts.

"There's a lot of talented basketball players, but unfortunately someone has to go home," said Goad. "The military has a big recruiting pool to choose from, and you have to earn your spot."

The training camp game schedule includes a list of intense line-ups against several local and Division I schools including the College of Charleston and the Citadel, along with the semi-pro Charleston Flyers. As all of the collegiate exhibition games coincide as season openers, the team anticipates playing in a sizable spotlight of 6,000-7,000 spectators. The coaching staff will also use the games to afford the candidates the opportunity to develop teamwork.

"These players already have the skills, they just have to learn to

play together," said Goad. "The collegiate schools don't expect the talent we bring. We give these guys a good game and it's big-time ball."

In addition to the candidates' grueling practice and game schedule, the training camp will also involve the players in several promotional events including visits to the local VA hospital, Fort Dorchester High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment, as well as the base Youth Center which drew nearly 200 children last year. The promotional events have historically been one of the camp's highlights. With the Air Force's Year of Retention and Recruiting theme, the coaching staff is excited about this year's events.

"A lot of people think they're just good basketball players," said Fellers. "That is the furthest from the truth; we have a group of great Air Force professionals. I want to win the tournament, but when I think back to all the people we've met and lives we've touched, to me, that's what it's all about--making a difference."

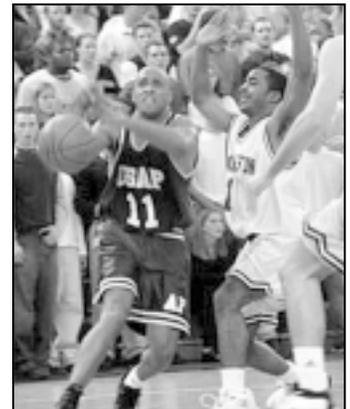
As the candidates and coaching staff prepare for the next 18 days of training, tremendous CAFB support will ensure the team can concentrate on preparing for the Armed Forces Tournament.

According to Fellers, the base's involvement, ranging from provid-

ing personal athletic trainers from the HAWC to numerous support functions from the 437th Services Squadron, makes the camp a world-class athletic program.

"The support we get from Charleston is phenomenal. I don't know if we could find a better base in the United States Air Force to support us than Charleston," said Fellers. "They do a lot for us so that we can just focus on coaching and winning. A lot of bases want to host, but can't do it."

The training camp's first Blue and White scrimmage will take place today, 7 p.m., in the Starlifter Court at the base gym. For more information, visit www.services.com/trainingcamp.



Air Force photo

Darrell Harmon drives the lane during last year's tournament.

Week 8 goes to Palangi

By The Swami
Pigskin Prognosticator

Anthony Palangi is the smartest (other than The Swami) pigskin picker for week 8. Palangi had a nice record of 11-3 beating out 10 others. He was the smartest one, because he picked the Jets to win Monday night. Who else did you think would win? The Jets spotted the Dolphins 27 points and then decided to play football. The Swami called it last week by saying the Jets would eat some "Fish" and the Redskins would scalp the Jaguars. Don't you people listen! Those were easy picks.

The Swami heard through the grapevine the "Jags" and the "Girls" were taking resumes for quarterbacks.

The Swami has heard it again about the "Girls." So what? Big deal! The "Girls" beat some high school team from Arizona. Who are the Cardinals anyway? The Swami heard they fired the Cardinal's coach after losing to the "Girls."

Rightfully so! He deserved it. The "Girls" game this week should be real exciting. Two losers squaring off is always painful for the Swami to watch. The Swami suggests watching the Giants this week instead.

The Swami has concerns about the Rams. Warner is out for five or six weeks. Is Green the quarterback the Rams hoped he would be before they found Warner? The Swami already knows the answer, but he has to make a living, so he'll let his readers try to figure it out by losing a couple games.

The Swami would also like to point out he picked the Steelers to win this weekend. The Swami thought it could have been a fluke, but the "Steel Curtain" is back! With a little bit of offense, the Steelers could climb up the standings. They won't do as well as the New York teams, but they are definitely a team to watch.

The Swami has a "sure thing" tip for the World Series--New York will win.

Week Ten

Name/Phone #: _____
Comments: _____



Sunday, Nov. 5, 2000

Baltimore @ Cincinnati

Buffalo @ New England

Dallas @ **Philadelphia**

Indianapolis @ Chicago

Miami @ Detroit

New York Giants @ Cleveland

Pittsburgh @ **Tennessee**

San Francisco @ **New Orleans**

Tampa Bay @ Atlanta

Washington @ Arizona

Denver @ **New York Jets**

Kansas City @ **Oakland**

San Diego @ **Seattle**

Carolina @ **St. Louis**

Monday, Nov. 6

Minnesota @ Green Bay

Monday night total points: _____

Swami's Monday night points: 49



Swami's picks are in bold and underlined.

The Swami's e-mail address is Swami@charleston.af.mil

Picks can also be dropped at the Public Affairs office in Bldg. 1600.

Picks must be submitted by Friday, Nov. 3, 4 p.m.