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Photo by Master Sgt. Dan Murphy

A sharper image

Airman 1st Class Jonathan Howard, 437th Security Forces Squadron, waves a car through the Dorchester Gate. In coming weeks, entry controllers will add patent leather web gear, ascots and white gloves to their service uniform.

ATWIND base race heats up; picnic slated for today, Saturday

The Yankees and the Mets, the Simpsons and the Flanders, the Jets and the Sharks, never has a battle been so heated as Charleston AFB vs. McGuire AFB, N.J., in the Around The World In Ninety Days Base Race.

After leading the pack for nearly two months, Charleston has fallen victim to a McGuire sneak attack in the final weeks of play. This terrifying takeover could cost the base roughly \$15,000 in prize money.

But never fear, according to Brian Rish, 437th Services publicist, there is still time to turn the tables on McGuire and make them regret the day they ever challenged Charleston AFB to a battle of team pride. After all, that's what ATWIND is really all about, Rish said.

"Sure, you can win fantastic prizes like a new Ford Vehicle or a trip for two plus \$3,000 spending money, but the real reason CAFB plays ATWIND is to boost team pride, and no one does it better than Team Charleston," said Rish.

To put it all in perspective, look at how far pride has taken CAFB so far, Rish said.

"Last year at this time, Charleston was near the back of the Base Race pack, but this year the base turned up the heat and a first place finish is still very easily within reach thanks to the thousands of people on CAFB who are already playing ATWIND," he said.

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Command chief looking for SNCOs with the right stuff

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
437 AW Public Affairs

The 437th Airlift Wing command chief master sergeant is looking for a few great senior NCOs.

Command Chief Master Sgt. Harvey Hampton said the wing, and the Air Force in general,

needs senior NCOs willing to commit to the first sergeant career field.

To become a first sergeant, Hampton said, "It takes a willingness to care, a willingness to go above and beyond, a willingness to see people through their troubles when you may have troubles of your own; it takes a general desire to be

involved with people."

While many senior NCOs may possess these characteristics, they have to battle through misconceptions to get to the heart of what a first sergeant really is.

"I think the biggest misconception about first shirts is that they are mainly disciplinarians," Hampton said. "They

get a bad wrap, but that is something they sometimes have to do. Sometimes, the negative work first sergeants do overshadows all the positive work they do every day."

When all is said and done, though, first sergeants influence almost every airman during the course of his or her career, Hampton said.

"Whether they were behind the scenes working for you or in your face, there isn't anyone who can't attribute at least some of their success to a first sergeant."

To be eligible for first sergeant duty, master sergeants must complete Course 5,

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IN THE NEWS

Army's 82nd Airborne to jump at CAFB Thursday

By Master Sgt.
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The skies over Charleston AFB will fill with parachutes Thursday, as 300 members of the 82nd Airborne Division drop in at approximately 10 a.m.

The event is taking place in conjunction with the 82nd Airborne Division Association's annual convention in downtown Charleston Aug. 8-12.

The convention is held every year at a different location and this year will feature troops dropping out of three Charleston-based C-17s.

"I have attended the convention in the past," said Army Maj. Ralph Standbrook, ground liaison officer, 437th Operations Support Squadron. "This is a big esprit de corps thing. It lets the young guys

meet the older guys that served in Vietnam and World War II. I was a former trooper and served with the 82nd Airborne Division in Desert Storm.

"I am the liaison between the Army and the Air Force. It is an oddity to hold an Army event on an Air Force base," said Standbrook.

"The jump is the keystone event," said Army Capt. Terrance McGraw, event coordinator and commander, Headquarters Company, 82nd Airborne Division Support Command, Fort Bragg, N.C. "It is part nostalgia and here is how we do it today. We have the utmost respect for the World War II veterans who did this on D-Day, those who jumped in Korea, Vietnam and to this day. We do this to honor them."

The airborne troops will

be exiting from C-17s that will make a total of six passes over the airfield. On each pass, a total of 50 troops will jump until all 300 descend upon the CAFB airfield.

After landing, all the jumpers will form up and march to the viewing area, and the audience will be treated to songs from an Army choral group.

"The 25 members of the 82nd Airborne Chorus will march in a separate formation," said McGraw. "They represent every unit in the division. They will entertain the audience while the others are forming up and marching over."

The viewing area will be located in front of building 162, base operations, and is open to 82nd Airborne Division Association members

attending the convention and military ID card holders. The event is not open to the general public. A crowd of over 500 people is expected.

The crowd will be able to tour some aircraft while waiting for the jump to begin.

"There will be two static aircraft (C-17s) for conventioners to look at," said McGraw. "There will also be a C-130 (Hercules) static and a demonstration of parachute deployment to the crowd."

The event will conclude after the jump with a few words from the chairman of the 82nd Airborne Association.

"Retired Command Sgt. Major Manuel DeJesus will make a few remarks and present some plaques to key attendees," said McGraw.

Even though this is an Army operation, the Air

Force has been involved from the beginning.

"The Air Force has gone out of their way to make this a great event," said McGraw. "From the wing commander, Col. (Rusty) Findley and operations group commander, Col. (Robert) Allardice and everyone else, we have been given great support."

A special thanks was also given to Standbrook and the Air Force project officer, Maj. Donald Shaffer, chief of tactics, 437th Operations Support Squadron. Standbrook's last day at Charleston will be the day of the jump.

The Rivers Gate and Arthur Extension up to Aviation Avenue will be closed from 9:30-11 a.m. for the event. Motorists are asked to use the Dorchester Gate during this time.

TRICARE Plus to provide access to military primary care for some

A new TRICARE enrollment option called TRICARE Plus will allow some Military Health System beneficiaries to enroll with a military primary care provider.

Enrollees will be provided access to primary care on the same basis as beneficiaries enrolled in TRICARE Prime.

The program will begin on or after Oct. 1. TRICARE Plus is open to persons eligible for care in military facilities and not enrolled in TRICARE Prime or a commercial health maintenance organization. There is no annual enrollment fee.

Persons enrolled in TRICARE Plus will be identified in Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, and will use the military treatment facility as their source of primary care.

The new program differs from TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Senior Prime in several ways.

■ TRICARE Plus is not a comprehensive health plan. TRICARE Plus is a primary care enrollment program ONLY, and has no effect on the enrollees' use or payment of civilian health care benefits. Thus, TRICARE Standard or TRICARE Extra or Medicare may pay for civilian health care services obtained by a TRICARE Plus enrollee

■ TRICARE Plus does not lock beneficiaries in to "managed care." They may seek care from a civilian provider, but are discouraged from obtaining non-emergency primary care from sources outside the military treatment facility where they are en-

rolled. In addition to providing access to primary care, this plan enables their physician to coordinate health care more effectively

■ TRICARE Plus does not guarantee enrollees access to specialty providers at the military treatment facility where they are enrolled

■ TRICARE Plus is not portable. TRICARE Plus beneficiaries cannot use their enrollment at another facility

■ The availability of TRICARE Plus in a location, and the number of enrollees, will be based on the local military treatment facility commander's determination of enrollment capacity. Should the number of applicants exceed the space available for TRICARE Plus enrollment, enrollees will be selected by a fair process.

■ Military treatment facilities will review continued enrollment in TRICARE Plus annually. If capacity is no longer available at the military treatment facility, beneficiaries may be disenrolled. This will not affect their TRICARE or Medicare benefits.

The 437th Medical Group will be accepting applications until Sep. 1 for TRICARE Plus. On Sept. 7, 100 beneficiaries will be selected for enrollment into TRICARE Plus at the 437 MDG.

For more information about TRICARE Plus, visit the 437 MDG TRICARE office, check the TRICARE Web site at: www.tricare.osd.mil/ndaa/, or call 1-888-DOD-LIFE. **(This article was submitted by the 437 MDG.)**

Shirts

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shadow an already existing first sergeant for a minimum of 30 days and meet a board, which is run by Hampton, a commander and three first sergeants. During the board Hampton said he looks for several traits in an individual to assess fitness for being a first sergeant.

"We look for the ability to rationalize in a situation to come up with the best solution for both the individual and the Air Force," Hampton said.

Board members also ensure applicants are compassionate and fair, and know when to act or when to wait and see, said Hampton. "It's a delicate balance. A good first sergeant is the epitome of good leadership."

Two CAFB master sergeants recently returned from the First Sergeant Academy at Maxwell AFB, Ala. Master Sergeants Tim Lomas, 14th Airlift Squadron first sergeant, and Brendan Ryan, 437th Services Squadron first sergeant, answered the command chief's call and followed their dreams.

"I always wanted to be a shirt," said Lomas. "My father retired from the Air Force as a chief, and he'd been a shirt two times throughout his career. When Chief Hampton made a pitch for first sergeants at a Top 3 meeting, I reflected on the timing and decided I was going to follow my heart. As a master sergeant I have five years left and I figured I'd spend them doing what my heart was calling me to do. I can't think of a better way to thank my country, the Air Force and my father for everything that has been so willingly given to me."

Because Lomas' father was a first sergeant, and because he'd worked

closely with first sergeants throughout his career and as a supervisor, Lomas said he's never viewed shirts as 'bad guys.'

"As a supervisor, I always worked hand-in-hand with the shirt to correct or to praise people or just to get advice," Lomas said. "We worked with the troops as a team. That's what a first sergeant should be - a team builder and a leader who makes and plans decisions."

For Ryan, selection as a first sergeant has been the high point of his career.

"To me, it's the ultimate job for a senior NCO," Ryan said. "When I say ultimate job, I mean it encompasses the highest level of responsibility and leadership."

Ryan said he began preparing for the board and academy when he learned he had a line number for master sergeant.

"I shadowed and observed first sergeants as much as I could," Ryan said.

Because he asked a lot of questions before deciding to become a first sergeant, and because of the time he spent as acting first sergeant for the 437th Logistics Support Squadron, Ryan said he knew exactly what he was getting into.

"I didn't think there was some magic book with all of the answers in it," Ryan said. "I think the career field is one of the best kept secrets in the Air Force, maybe because of the misconceptions."

"Once you're in the career field, you realize the level of responsibility and influence you have. It's great to get to spend your day helping people. In what other job do you get to solely concentrate on people?" Ryan continued. "It's very gratifying and very rewarding."

Both Ryan and Lomas said those interested in becoming a first sergeant should spend time shadowing a seasoned shirt.

315 CES personnel practice war time skills during Silver Flag

By Staff Sgt. Faith Kassan
315 AW Public Affairs

Approximately 150 Air Force members, including 57 reservists from the 315th Civil Engineer Squadron, recently took part in the operational readiness exercise Silver Flag July 15-20 at Tyndall AFB, Fla.

Silver Flag provided combat support training for active duty, Reserve and Guard personnel.

Civil engineers' peacetime duties differ greatly from their wartime and contingency operations. The exercise offered challenging training scenarios under realistic field conditions to ensure proficiency during real-world operations.

The exercise mirrored what civil engineer personnel may encounter when deploying, said Senior Master Sgt. Frank Tennant, chief of mission support for the 823rd Red Horse Squadron, which oversaw Silver Flag.

"The goal of participants is to get an airfield set up and operational under a contingency situation," said Tennant.

The exercise began with extensive classroom training on many of the 160-180 tasks participants were required to perform during the field-training portion of the exercise. Tasks included repairing several runway craters, responding to in-flight emer-

gencies, crash rescues, fire suppression, water purification, chemical weapon detection and explosive ordnance disposal.

"Everybody came together to form one team," said Senior Airman Joseph Weisz, an HVAC technician from the 315 CES. "It was a great experience to work with people from other units."

The Silver Flag program also enabled participants to perform tasks and utilize equipment they may not have at their home station.

"This exercise is a great way to refresh and refine my expertise and skills on equipment I don't get to use on a regular basis," said Tech. Sgt. Larry Craven, 315 CES readiness technician, as he performed a functional check on an M-22, a piece of equipment used to detect hazardous chemicals. "I would not be able to get this kind of hands-on training at home."

Because of the high number of tasks needing completion, many participants received training in areas outside their assigned CE specialty.

"Silver Flag helped us see the 'big picture' of what would happen if we deployed," said Lt. Col. Joseph Roy, 315 CES commander. "When you understand the big picture you realize that just because you've completed your

job, it doesn't mean there's no more work to be done. There's always someone who can use your help in a contingency situation like this."

Critical CE personnel are required to participate in a Silver Flag exercise about every 45 months to maintain job proficiency and receive training on new equipment.

"This is the most realistic training

available to Civil Engineer personnel without deploying out of the country," said Maj. Jani McCreary, Silver Flag site commander. "Our claim to fame is the realism of the training."

More than 30 members from the 75 CES, Hill AFB, Utah, also deployed, as well as personnel from Langley AFB, Va., Barksdale AFB, La., Eglin AFB, Fla., and Whiteman AFB, Mo.



Courtesy photo

Members of the 315th Civil Engineer Squadron build a berm during the Silver Flag exercise. The exercise was held at Tyndall AFB, Fla., July 15-20.

Former Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force visits CAFB *Gaylor speaks at SNCO induction, dining facility named in his honor*

By Master Sgt. Dan Murphy
437 AW Public Affairs

Retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Robert (Bob) Gaylor and his wife, Selma, were on hand July 27 for the dedication of the new dining facility in his name.

Gaylor spent the previous day touring the base and was the guest speaker at the annual senior noncommissioned officer induction ceremony July 26.

Gaylor, an eloquent speaker who always has a laugh and a story for every situation, had the crowd on the edge of their seats when he spoke at the annual SNCO induction ceremony.

His words really hit home with some of Charleston's newest SNCOs.

"The chief was very inspiring and a great speaker," said Tech. Sgt. Arthur Cormier, 437th Aerial Port Squadron and a recent selectee. "He has really good stories and analogies to go with not only military but civilian life."

"He told us about taking responsibility for not only you,

but your people," continued Cormier. "Be proud to put your name on things and take care of each other. The best advice he gave was that people like their French fries hot. In other words give your customer what they want."

The chief's ability to speak left his mark not only on the future SNCOs, but also on some civilians attending the ceremony.

"He is probably the best speaker I've ever heard," said Tech. Sgt. Steven Lovette, a 17th Airlift Squadron loadmaster. "This was my parents first military function they ever attended and my father said, 'the chief made me want go back home and do a better job.' They were pleasantly surprised and felt it an honor to participate in this ceremony."

The culminating event took place in a short ceremony in the hot, muggy heat of July in Charleston in front of the new dining facility.

"It's a big, big, day for us," said Col. Rusty Findley, 437th Airlift Wing commander. "We have been anticipating this

day for a long time. It is our honor to dedicate this to you. You are a real hero to our Air Force."

Findley continued, "That's why it is so special to name a critical and key facility that makes the mission go after an Air Force hero. You are a hero of mine personally and of many that wear our uniform. The many, many accomplishments this man has done for our Air Force. He has done them in the past and is continuing to do them."

"Chief Gaylor you have earned this," said Findley. "This is just a small testament, a small honor we can pay to you for the things you have done for our Air Force. This is a small tribute, but we hope, one that is heartfelt to you."

A fellow chief echoed those words to the audience.

"What a great day for Charleston Air Force Base and what a great day for former Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Bob Gaylor," said Chief Master Sgt. Harvey Hampton, 437 AW command chief master sergeant. "He has done so

much for our Air Force while he was on active duty and he has continued to do so much for our Air Force since he retired from active duty. The things we take for granted today, the fine building, the fine dormitories, things like that started years ago with people like Chief Gaylor. That is one of the reasons we are out here honoring Chief Gaylor. If it weren't for people like you, most of us would still be eating c-rations and living in Quonset huts."

After he was introduced and the applause died down, Gaylor shared a few of his thoughts with the audience.

"If there was ever a time to say wow, now is the time to say wow," said Gaylor. "I am so proud. The only thing that would make me a bit prouder would be if the sign read Robert D. and Selma Gaylor."

The chief spoke of his wife and the 48 years they have been married and the many obstacles in the Air Force they turned into positive experiences.

"I stand before you with great pride in my achieve-

ment and my career, great pride having this facility named in my honor, great pride. But I'd like to think I still have the appropriate humility to keep it in check and balance to where I can still enjoy your talent, your achievement your accomplishment as I enjoy mine and you enjoy mine."

The chief explained how humility is a good virtue to have but was obviously excited about this special day.

"As I stand before you I am a very proud man, but I am also a very humble man, where I can appreciate this great honor that shall forever reflect on this special day."

"Thank you so much, I will not forget this day. You have made an old chief feel very, very special."

Gaylor was also given a unique gift, an engraved silver spatula from the dining facility.

The audience then joined Gaylor, his wife and Findley for refreshments and a tour of the dining facility.

See page 11 for more about Gaylor.

NEWS BRIEFS

Charleston Profile



Photo by Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter

Airman 1st Class Sharika Lee 14th Airlift Squadron

Airman 1st Class Sharika Lee is an operation resource management apprentice in the 14th Airlift Squadron's Unit Control Center.

Her duties include auditing and inputting flying time forms, assembling trip kits and upgrading crew positions for the pilots and loadmasters who fly with the 14 AS.

Lee has been at Charleston, her first base, for two years. The Statesboro, Ga., native joined the Air Force April 7, 1999.

"I joined the Air Force to do something new," she said. "I didn't want to go to college yet, and it offered stability. Plus, I always wanted to join the Air Force anyway."

The best part of her job is her coworkers Lee said. "I work with some great people."

While there isn't anything she really dislikes about her job, Lee said early morning alerts can be tough.

"If there's an early morning alert at 1-2 a.m., we have to be here 30 minutes prior," she said. "That can be pretty rough."

Lee plans to start college in the next year, with her sights set on physical therapy. She recently applied to volunteer at the Medical University of South Carolina's Children's Hospital.

In her off-duty hours, Lee spends time with her husband, Gene, and her son, Christian, who celebrated his first birthday July 27.

Stress management: A skill-based, comprehensive stress management program is now available on the Internet. Titled "Take Charge of Your Life," the program has four lessons and three levels of learning available. To use the program, go to www.charleston.af.mil/437MDG_BS/TakeChargeOfYourLife_files/frame.htm.

Customer service: The 437th Comptroller Squadron would like to encourage all customers to use their customer service mailbox, 437cptscustomerservice@charleston.af.mil, for any military, civilian or travel pay inquiries. All e-mails will receive a response within 24 hours during the duty week, or by Monday for messages received on the weekend.

Teachers: Active duty servicemembers planning to retire in the next few years who hold a degree in a subject taught in high school may qualify for the South Carolina Troops-to-Teachers Alternative Certification Program. For more information, call 864-656-8883.

Volunteers: The Retiree Activities Office has a variety of volunteer opportunities available to assist in enhancing and expanding the program serving military retirees in the greater Charleston area. Military personnel, spouses and widows from all branches of the service are welcome. The program seeks imaginative and motivated retirees who are self-starters and available to spend three hours a week at the base or help out at home. For more information, call retired Col. Raymond Borelli at 963-2228.

Family Support Center

Pre-Deployment Briefing: Monday, Aug. 13, 20 and 27, 8 a.m. and Thursday, Aug. 16, 23 and 30, 4 p.m.

Investing A-Z Part I: Monday, noon-2:30 p.m.

Jr. SMOOTH Move: Tuesday, 6-7 p.m.

Resume I: Tuesday, 9 a.m.-noon.

Women and Self Esteem: Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.-noon.

Investing A-Z Part II: Aug. 13, 9-11:30 a.m.

Educational Opportunities Assistance: Aug. 14, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

TAP 3-Day Workshop: Aug. 14-16, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sponsorship Training: Aug. 15, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Employers Panel and Mini Job Fair: Aug. 16, 2-4 p.m.

Troops-To-Teachers: Aug. 20, 10-11 a.m.

Job Search Basics: Aug. 21, 9 a.m.-

Spotlight

Change of command: The 437th Communications Squadron is holding a change of command today, 9:30 a.m., at the Charleston Club. Maj. Jeffrey Schwefler will assume command from Maj. Douglas Taylor. For more information, call 963-3505.

Around the base

Closure: South Davis Drive, from Hill Boulevard to the base theater, will close from 6 a.m. today to 5 p.m. Saturday for the base picnic.

Closure: The right turn lane from Dorchester Road onto the base will be closed Saturday, 8 a.m., and will re-open Sunday, 5 p.m. A sewer main is being replaced. It is recommended vehicles traveling toward Summerville turn at the Commissary Gate instead. The Commissary Gate will be open throughout the lane closure.

Closure: Arthur Extension, from the Rivers Gate to Aviation Avenue, will be closed 9:30-11 a.m. Thursday during the 82nd Airborne jump. Traffic coming to base from Aviation Avenue and Midland Park Road will not be able to access the Rivers Gate during this time.

Physicals: The Flight Medicine Clinic and Family Practice Clinic will be conducting school and sports physicals on Tuesday and Thursday. All interested beneficiaries need to sign in at the Family Practice Clinic win-

dow between 4-5 p.m. on those days. Please bring pertinent school forms that need to be filled out and shot records. These dates are set aside for school and sports physicals only. A separate appointment will have to be made if there are other issues involved.

Shoppette: Due to work requirements in replacing the main canopy over the gas pumps, the Shoppette Gas Station will have a temporary gas pump closure, with no gas available Monday-Wednesday. Limited gas pumps will be available Thursday-Aug. 10 and Aug. 13-17. The Shoppette expects all pumps to be available the weekend of Aug. 11-12, and anticipate work to be completed by Aug. 18.

Consignment shop: The Consignment Shop has reopened after being closed during July for summer break. Starting Tuesday, the shop will be open Tuesday nights, 6-8 p.m. Consigning will be available from 6-7:30 p.m. Also, the shop will allow consignment of 24 items on Tuesday night instead of the standard 12 items during the month of August only. The Consignment Shop is located in Bldg. 203, Graves Avenue and can be reached at 963-3294.

Sergeants Association: The Charleston Chapter of the Air Force Sergeants Association meets on the second Tuesday of every month, 4:30 p.m. at the Charleston Club. The groups mission is to advocate improved quality of life and economic

fairness for Air Force enlisted members and their families. All Team Charleston members are welcomed to attend the meetings. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Tundra Gatewood at 963-6901.

Parenting class: The clinic will offer a free, six-session "Common Sense Parenting" class beginning Aug. 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m. The class will meet for six consecutive Tuesdays. For more information and to register, call Jim Hernandez at 963-6504.

Load shedding: Due to high temperatures and humidity experienced on Charleston AFB July 11-12, the Energy Management Control System initiated its load shedding function. Load shedding is a systematic shut down of electrical loads, such as air conditioners, for short periods of time to reduce electric power usage. The system activated, and will continue to activate, to keep CAFB electric usage below a set maximum point. All Military Family Housing air conditioning units and some industrial facilities on base are connected to the EMCS. Housing air conditioning units are set to shutdown for a period of seven minutes and then restart. This should not occur more than once an hour. However, depending on base-wide electric usage, it could happen twice in an hour or not at all. The 437th Civil Engineer Squadron is working to add more industrial buildings to the system to reduce the burden on family housing. For more information, call Darrell Guidry at 963-5029.

COMMENTARY

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Team Charleston shines for base appearance evaluation

By Col. Karl Young
437 AW vice commander

We received our outbrief on Wednesday from Col. Brian Lally, team chief of the Air Mobility Command Base Appearance Evaluation Team. The evaluators had a lot of good things to say about Team Charleston and noted the obvious pride, professionalism and passion of our people.

It is too soon to tell if we won the competition, since we are only the second base to have been evaluated so far (McChord AFB, Wash., was the first), but we should be in the running, and I feel our chances are very good after the outbrief. We will know in a couple of months how well we fared overall. A special thanks to everyone who pitched in to spruce up the base and to our project officer, **Capt. Madison Morris**, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron. I appreciate all the hard work.

We dedicated our new dining facility in honor of the fifth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Robert Gaylor, July 27. You could tell from the chief's remarks that he felt truly honored by the recognition and he made a special point of recognizing the importance of his wife, Selma, in helping him throughout his career.

His inspiring words during the Senior NCO induction ceremony July 26 were equally well received by everyone. He relayed a story about how he and his neighbor had struggled to make their yard look good, and when he asked his neighbor "why do we do this," he was told because

"our name is on the mailbox." His point being if you give people ownership, they will have the pride to do their best. For everyone that was at the induction ceremony, it was a real honor to hear the chief's inspiring message. A special thanks to **Staff Sgt. Julie Buie**, executive assistant to the command chief master sergeant, for her outstanding efforts to organize the visit. For more information about the chief's visit, see the articles on pages three and 11 of the *Airlift Dispatch*.

A special thanks to the folks who helped organize the senior NCO induction banquet. **Master Sgt. Josephine Miller**, 437 CES, and her committee did a superb job in organizing this well-attended event. It is always important to recognize our people when they reach a milestone like this, and everyone felt truly honored.

Continuing in our efforts to recognize our people, we hosted a ceremony Wednesday at 3 p.m. to honor our promotees for August. Congratulations on your achievement. Promotion is a great incentive for our people to keep working hard. Making the grade is a great way for the Air Force to show its appreciation to those who make us the premier airlift wing on the face of the planet.

The visit by 21st Air Force commander, Maj. Gen. Nick Williams, went very well and he was very impressed by the many people that he had met during his visit. He was happy with the performance of Charleston AFB overall and was thrilled

to fly a Special Operations Low Level Mission with the crews to see how they perform this difficult mission. He gave **Steve Parrish**, from the Fitness and Sports Center, \$20,000 to put towards a project that he desires. One idea under consideration is to use the money to build a children's play area in the fitness center for our parents' convenience while they work out. General Williams was particularly impressed with the cardio-theater and was pleased to learn that the fitness center touches everyone on base. This is a great example of how these visits pay off when we put our best foot forward.

The base practiced its procedures during a Hurricane Exercise Thursday. The all-day exercise tested our readiness at wing and unit-level in response to a number of inputs from the 437th Airlift Wing Inspector General's office and Exercise Evaluation Team members. The base's Crisis Action Team activated in response to a Hurricane Floyd type scenario where the governor had ordered an evacuation. The exercise tested our procedures to evacuate our people and aircraft safely. A special thanks to the IG and the EET members for their hard work in planning and executing another successful test of our disaster response procedures.

I hope to see a great turnout for the ATWIND picnic today and Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., between the base pool and theater. The 437th Services Squadron will provide free food and re-

freshments to everyone, and a number of squadrons will have games and other activities. We will have an opportunity to enjoy an outstanding band called "Summer Soul," and a DJ will also play songs. It will be a great activity for everyone. I hope to see you out there.

The picnic will also offer a great chance for everyone to play ATWIND game pieces and finally beat McGuire AFB, N.J., which recently took first place and is ahead of us in the standings, but not by much. We can still beat them, and everyone needs to play at least two game pieces. Remember that family members, retirees and reservists can play. There will be computers on the premises for those who have not yet registered in the program. So far, we have had more than 400 instant winners, with one person winning \$500 cash on the spot. We will also have membership applications available for the "the best club in the Air Force." Please join, you won't regret it.

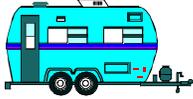
We will host an airdrop of more than 300 paratroopers from the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division for a jump onto our airfield Thursday at 10 a.m. The airdrop demonstration is part of the annual national 82nd Airborne Division convention and we expect to have several hundred former and present members of the 82nd Airborne Division to watch the demonstration. If you have the time, you might want to watch the demonstration too. For more information, see the article on page two of the *Airlift Dispatch*.

Action line caller asks for guidance about soliciting on base

Q: My husband is active duty, and we live in base housing. We were going door-to-door asking for donations for our 2-year-old daughter to achieve her goals for a beauty pageant. I called the security forces desk and spoke with a master sergeant there. He told me since I was asking for donations it was not solicitation. So we proceeded. As we were going door-to-door a security policeman came and told us it was solicitation and we needed to stop. My question is if what I was doing is considered solicitation, even after I called the desk and getting permission to go, then isn't Girl Scouts going door-to-door selling cookies and sport teams going door-to-door asking for donations for uniforms solicitation also? What about squadrons going to their personnel asking for donations for retirements, ceremonies, and dinners and gifts for the retiree? Is that not solicitation also? I feel that if I have to have a permit to do this for my daughter, then I feel they all have to have a permit also. Was it really solicitation? And should the others

have to abide by the same rules also?

A: I appreciate your concern regarding solicitation in base housing. Per CAFBPAM 32-301, paragraph 7.5, "solicitation on an Air Force base is a privilege, not a right. Residents of military housing who desire to solicit their neighbors for fund-raising activities, scout activities, school sales, etc., require prior approval from the support group commander. The requests will be submitted through the housing flight to the support group commander." This policy is designed to safeguard and promote the welfare and interests of military personnel as consumers and is a force protection measure as well. Unfortunately, it is possible some housing residents solicit on base without approval. The security forces patrolman did the right thing by requesting to see your authorization to solicit. If anyone notices individuals soliciting on base without approval, please contact security forces at 963-3600.



Off duty--Around town



Sports:

Riverdogs: Tonight and Saturday, 7:05 p.m., and Sunday, 5:05 p.m., vs. Capital City. For more information or for tickets, call 577-DOGS.

Battery: Next home game Aug. 10, 7:30 p.m., vs. Toronto. For more information or for tickets, call 971-GOAL.

Summerville Speedway: Precision Lawn Maintenance 150, NASCAR Late Model event plus 4 NASCAR divisions, bicycle, scooter and Super Mini Truck races Saturday. Gates open at 5 p.m., race starts at 7 p.m. For more information, call 871-8331.

Tickets for sports events, as well as many other attractions in the area, may be available at a discount price for active duty military, reservists, military retirees, Department of Defense civilians and their dependants from the Outdoor Recreation Center. For more information and for prices, call the Information, Tickets and Tours Program at 963-5271.

Entertainment:

Live music: The Joe Clark Big Band performs today at the Alive After Five weekly concert series, 5-9:15 p.m., Maritime Center, 10 Wharfside Dr. The performance costs \$5 at the door. For more information, call 856-9922.

Live music: Charr and Gumbo present a night of jazz at The Renaissance Room next to The End Zone, 5140 Ashley Phosphate Rd., Fridays 8-11 p.m. Charr, a.k.a. Charlene Lowe, is a reservist with the 315th Mission Support Squadron.

Live music: Five Way Friday performs tonight at The Windjammer, 1008 Ocean Blvd., Isle of Palms. Tickets cost \$6. For more information, call 886-8948.

Theater: Crabpot Players perform "Last of the Red Hot Lovers," a comedic

play by Neil Simon tonight and Saturday, 8 p.m., in the G.M. Darby Building, 302 Pitt St., Mount Pleasant. Tickets cost \$5. For more information, call 884-2528.

Comedy: The Have Nots! perform improv comedy tonight and Sunday, 8 p.m., at Theatre 99, 30 Cumberland St. Tickets cost \$10. For more information, call 853-NOTS.

Live music: Bring a chair or blanket and groove to island tunes of Mystic Vibrations Saturday at James Island County Park.. Gates open 7:30 p.m., concert starts at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5, under age 12 get in free. Outside coolers and alcohol prohibited. For more information, call 795-4FUN.

Theater: The Mrudani School of Performing Arts presents "Gangashtakam," a classical Indian ballet on the the mythology of the River Ganges Saturday, 7:15 p.m., at the Garden Theatre, 371 King St. \$15-\$30 donations requested. For more information, call (803) 536-4133.

Events:

Book Signing: Dorothea Benton Frank signs "Plantation" Saturday, 3 p.m., at Barnes & Noble, 7620 Rivers Ave. The event is free. 572-2322.

Night walk: Francis Beidler Forest, 336 Sanctuary Rd., Harleyville, offers a guided night walk along boardwalk through virgin swamps Saturday, 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$6, and reservations are required. For more information, call 462-2150.

Kayaking: Take a guided kayak trip on the Ashley River through tidal creeks, hike or ride horseback through woodlands or rent a bike or kayak for a personalized tour at Middleton Place, 4300 Ashley River Rd. For more information, call 556-0500.

Listings are published on a space-available basis at the discretion of the editor of the *Airlift Dispatch*. Events listed are subject to change without notice. Those interested in attending an event should call ahead to confirm the date and time. To submit an event for *Off duty*, send a fax with all pertinent information and a call-back number to 963-5604.

FEATURE

Getting to know the chief

*Former CMSAF reflects on Air Force life***By Master Sgt. Dan Murphy**
437 AW Public Affairs

Retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Robert Gaylor was born in Iowa and spent most of his childhood in Indiana. The lessons he learned in the Midwest have probably guided him throughout his career in the Air Force and into his retirement.

Gaylor said about being CMSAF, "We don't want clones in the job, we are each our own man. We have a tremendous dedication to our mission and purpose, but how we go about doing it is where the uniqueness comes into play."

Gaylor related a story about the great American generals in World War II and a man who studied them to find out what they had in common and what was effective leadership. The only thing they had in common was an absolute dedication to their mission and purpose. How they went about doing it was very different, but the bottom line for anyone is dedication to the mission.

The chief's mission in his retirement seems to be attending functions and talking to many military and civilian groups.

"It's hard to know the impact you have on people, as you don't always get feedback," Gaylor said.

"Some nights I wonder what am I doing 1,300 miles from home and in a strange bed," he said.

Gaylor was told how the father of a military member was moved and motivated by his speech at the SNCO induction ceremony to go home and improve his own workplace.

"That's almost scary," said Gaylor. "To think a person, in this case me, can just say some words to cause a person to react, I say to myself; I can't stop doing it because there may be someone out there I can

help. I think I've really been blessed with the ability to make a point. That's powerful and makes the long TDY nights worthwhile.

"I can't say no," Gaylor said. "I'm going to continue doing this as long as my health holds out, as long as the phone keeps ringing and I don't wear out my welcome."

Gaylor did not have a SNCO induction ceremony like the one at Charleston but brought to light the way he found out he made master sergeant.

"My supervisor told me 'the commander wants to see you and I think you're in trouble. He is waiting for us now,'" said Gaylor. "Then you start to think, what did I do, how did I screw up. Then I think; I called a colonel last week, maybe it was that. I report to the commander, he doesn't put me at ease, and says to me 'Gaylor, I'm a bit disappointed in you. I thought you were a bit better than that', without ever telling you what it is he's talking about. Then he says, 'the main reason I'm disappointed, is your wearing the wrong chevrons.'"

"I wish there would have been one (ceremony)," said Gaylor. "How could they (SNCOs) leave there last night and not have an appreciation at the challenge they face as master sergeants?"

One of the challenges they face is taking care of the airmen entering the Air Force today.

"The airmen of today are more confident, they're more skilled and they're more worldly," said Gaylor. "They've had access to the media, television and the world. My scope in 1948 was my very small world of Mulberry, Indiana, and my upbringing. I was very naïve and a Gomer Pyle from the sticks. I think initially it is o.k. to be a little hesitant



Photos by Staff Sgt. Corey Clements

Former Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Bob Gaylor speaks to guests assembled at the dining facility dedication ceremony July 27.

and a little scared rather than being too brash and cocky."

Gaylor doesn't think the airmen of today are cocky; he wants to make sure they develop all their tools and skills.

"When you don't have a lot of academic knowledge, you have to rely on common sense," said Gaylor. "When you don't have access to knowledge you tend to do what your gut tells you. Now our kids are academically brilliant. They are intellectually mature and some of them are common sensibly immature. I would ask the young people of today to please be aware of their emotional maturity to ensure we don't get a 40-year-old juvenile."

Gaylor continued, "Be able to handle setback. When something smacks you down, you get back up and brush yourself off without whining."

Another question that seems to be on everyone's mind is the operations tempo of the Air Force and whether it has changed or the Air Force has less personnel.

"I think it has changed," said Gaylor. "It is brought on by the way we do things"

We used to have 20 to 30 one-year assignments and we took all those away. Now we have deployments, Gaylor said. You only go for 90 days and that increased the ops-tempo.

"It's hard to tell the

world our troops are tired and don't stir up anything," said Gaylor. "You can't do it. We had Desert Storm, on top of that, Bosnia, a couple floods that required humanitarian relief and you have ops-tempo. We're flying planes that need rest and crews that need rest. That's the nature of the beast. I think now the AEF is going to remedy that. I don't hear as much grumbling now. I think AEF is working."

Gaylor's unique blend of humor and the ability to touch everyone in the audience is a gift. He now has a place that he can always call home, Charleston AFB and the Robert D. Gaylor Dining Facility.



A charismatic public speaker, former Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Bob Gaylor gets the crowd going at the annual senior NCO induction ceremony.



Former Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Bob Gaylor and his wife, Selma, have plenty of help from the 437th Airlift Wing leadership in unveiling the plaque that will be displayed in the Robert D. Gaylor Dining Facility.

ATWIND

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Rish continued, "Solidifying a Team Charleston victory is surprisingly simple, and here is how to go about doing it.

"First of all, if you are not yet playing ATWIND, find inspiration from the more than 350 people who have already won prizes at Charleston, and register your two game pieces," he said. "We are not asking for your first born child here, we're simply asking that you log on to the internet at www.atwind.com or call 1-888-597-9960 and register two ATWIND game pieces."

Rish said, "This will take you a maximum of 5 minutes to complete. You don't even have to keep the prizes you might win if you don't want to. Just register two game pieces. If not for yourself, then do it for Team Charleston.

"Second, ensure that all of your family members and co-workers are playing ATWIND," continued Rish.

Senior Master Sgt. Randy Shallenberger, 437th Aerial Port Squadron, has found a great way to make sure all of his co-workers are playing ATWIND.

"When someone walks by my office, I invite them in and ask if they want to win a new car, or if they would like to take their spouse on an all expenses paid vacation,"

Shallenberger said. "Then I tell them about ATWIND."

One of the most common misconceptions about ATWIND is only Active Duty can play, according to Rish. This is not true.

"Everyone can play, and everyone can win," Rish said. "Even your six-month-old child can play ATWIND, and yes, the same six month old can win a new Ford vehicle, as long as you agree to hold on to it until they turn 18. Any dependent member of your family can play ATWIND as long as they have a social security number. The more members of your family playing, the more prizes you can win, and the further Team Charleston advances in the base race!

"Third," Rish continued, "help us find the people on base who have not yet become 'official' players. Did you know there are 565 people on base who have only registered one ATWIND game piece?"

"Sadly, these people are caught in 'ATWIND no-man's land,'" Rish said. "Not only are they not counting towards the Base Race, but they aren't registered to win any grand prizes either. If all of these people would register just one more game piece, Team Charleston would leap ahead nearly 29 percent, dealing the proverbial fatal blow to McGuire.

"Finally, come to the base picnic today and tomorrow," Rish said.

"Although not entirely necessary for a Team Charleston victory, this is a great way for you to kick back and relax. Family Fun Fest 2001 will be filled with great games for the whole family to enjoy. Not only will there be great food and lots of fun things to do and see, but the picnic will also give you a chance to meet all the ATWIND corporate sponsors. They will be giving away goodies as well as lots of ATWIND tickets."

Some other events at the picnic include free hamburgers and grilled chicken, the Youth Fun area, free movies at the theater, free swimming at the pool, the Colonels vs. Chiefs Softball game, live music by *Summer Soul*, and the Squadron and private organization booths.

The free hamburgers and grilled chicken will be served at noon on both days, and will continue to be served until it is all gone.

"Make sure you arrive at the picnic early," Rish said.

The Youth Fun area will feature all kinds of activities for children from 1-2 p.m. This area includes pony rides, a giant slide, a jump castle, an obstacle course, sack races, and a hula toss.

Picnic-goers can take a break from the heat at the base theater for a free movie. *Shrek* will be showing at 2 p.m. on Aug. 3 and *Atlantis: the Lost Empire* will be showing at 2 p.m. on Aug. 4.

"If you have already seen those movies, or you would rather cool off in the pool, make sure you bring your bathing suit and enjoy free swimming during picnic hours," Rish said.

The Colonels vs. the Chiefs is also an event that shouldn't be missed. This annual softball game is the ultimate grudge match and will be played at 3 p.m. Aug. 3 at the softball fields near the Rivers Gate. During this game, it will all be laid on the line as the Colonels and the Chiefs battle it out for a year's worth of bragging rights. Last year the Colonels crushed the Chiefs.

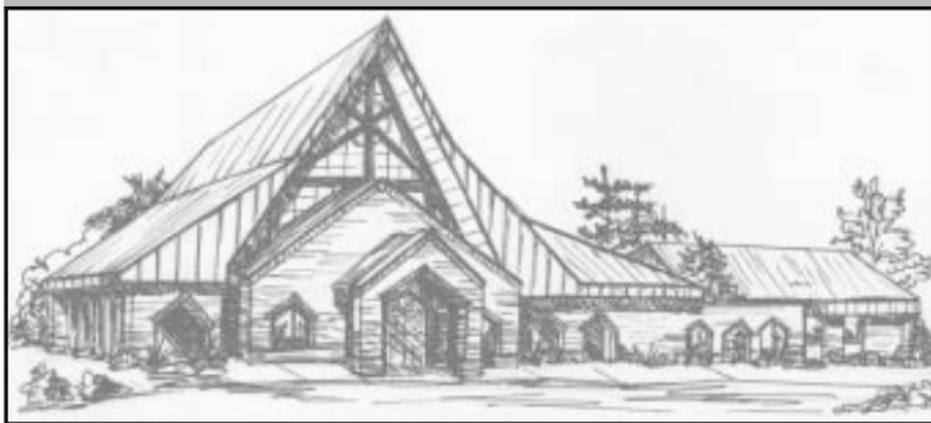
At the squadron and organization booths, picnic-goers will find everything from sno-cones, watermelon, funnel cakes and ice cream to face painting, a pie-in-the-face contest, balloon hats and a dunking booth.

"Whatever your reason for coming to the picnic, make sure you arrive early so you don't miss any of the fun," Rish said. "Also don't forget to pick up your ATWIND game pieces at the ATWIND sponsor booths. Together we can pull ahead of McGuire and take back the \$15,000 they are trying to steal from us!"

For more information about ATWIND, call the 437 Services Marketing Department at 963-5434.

(This article was submitted by 437 SVS Marketing)

Chapel schedule



107 Arthur Drive

Office hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Phone: 963-2536. After duty hours, call the command post at 963-2531 for emergencies only.

Catholic Services

Saturday -- 4 p.m. Reconciliation, 5 p.m. Mass.

Sunday -- 9:30 a.m. Mass, 9:30 a.m. Children's Church.

Weekdays -- 11:30 a.m. Mass, Sacrament of Baptism pre-baptismal classes are held the first Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. For Sacrament of Marriage, call the Catholic chaplain six months prior to the wedding.

Protestant Services

Sunday -- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School in Bldg. 245, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, 11 a.m. Children's Church.

Thursday -- 7 p.m. Praise and Worship contemporary service.

Buddhist: Columbia Shambhala Meditation Center, Suite 109, Columbia, S.C. 29405.

Orthodox: Holy Trinity, Greek Orthodox Church, 30 Race St., Charleston, S.C. Phone: 577-2063.

Jewish: Call Jewish Lay Leader: Senior Airman David Winner at 963-2102.

Islamic: Al-Jami Ar-Rasheed, 1998 Hugo Ave., Charleston Heights, S.C. Phone: 554-1773.

Movie schedule

Admission prices:

Adults/Children -- 99 cents

Any child under 17 years of age requires a parent or adult guardian (21 years old) to purchase an admission ticket for the minor child to view R-rated movies. The ticket office opens 30 minutes prior to start of movie, unless otherwise noted.



Movie schedules are provided by AAFES. Patrons should call 963-3333 to verify movie titles, running times and start times, which are subject to change.

Today, 7:30 p.m.

"The Fast and the Furious" – Vin Diesel

Domenic is the leader of a street gang that race Japanese cars. He is under suspicion of stealing expensive electronic equipment. An undercover police officer attempts to find the person responsible for stealing the equipment, and winds up falling for Domenic's younger sister. **(PG-13) 107 minutes**

Saturday, 2 p.m.

"Atlantis: The Lost Empire" – Animated

Milo Thatch dreams of completing the quest begun by his late grandfather. When a long-lost journal surfaces, providing new clues to the location, the action shifts into high gear. Milo leads Commander Rourke and his team to the elusive undersea kingdom, but what they find there defies their expectations. **(PG) 96 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

"Dr. Dolittle 2" – Eddie Murphy

Dr. Dolittle's animal friends want more than office visits. They want to save their forest from unscrupulous human developers. Dolittle and company give the money-hungry land-grabbers a taste of real bargaining power, wilderness style. **(PG) 88 minutes**

Fitness & Sports

Sports line

Basketball: The Charleston AFB men's basketball team tryouts will be held Thursday, Aug. 14, 16, 21 and 22, 7:30 p.m., at the Globemaster Court in the Base Sports and Fitness Center. All male active duty members assigned to CAFB are eligible to tryout. For more information, call 963-4321 or 963-5451.

Base pool: Beginning Thursday, the pool will be open Tuesdays-Fridays, 4 p.m.-7 p.m. The pools hours will remain the same Saturdays-Sundays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. The pool will be open today and tomorrow for Charleston AFB's Around The World In Ninety Days picnic. Admission during the picnic will be free. For more information about the base pool or upcoming events, call the pool at 963-3344 or the Outdoor Recreation Center at 963-5271.

Hurricanes represent CAFB at swim meet

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter

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Five Charleston AFB swimmers were on hand at the Charleston County Aquatics Association end-of-year swim meet July 22-23 at the Jewish Community Center.

The swimmers, members of the Charleston Hurricanes youth swim team, represented the base well in multiple events, according to Patrick Smith, swim team coach.

Shanice Price took second place in two events, the freestyle and breaststroke, in the 9-10 year-old-age group. Megan May and Sarah, Stephanie and Diana Fillmore also placed well in their events.

Sarah and Diana each had a top-ten overall finish in the backstroke event, with Sarah taking seventh

place and Diana taking third. Sarah also had a 10th-place finish in the freestyle event, while Diana had an eighth-place finish in the individual medley and a 10th-place finish in the butterfly.

The team finished sixth in the freestyle relay.

An estimated 2,000 people showed up to cheer on the more than 25 teams from around the Charleston area participating in the event.

"All of the kids showed up motivated and ready to compete," said Smith. "Unfortunately, our overall record doesn't reflect the amount of heart displayed by all of the swimmers this year. We just couldn't keep up with the other teams. We always had fewer people to swim than the rest."

Swim season runs from the end of May and finishes with the City Meet in the middle of July.

CAFB men's basketball tryouts to begin Thursday

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter

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Charleston AFB is looking for talented basketball players to play for the base team.

"We're just trying to bring back Charleston's glory," said Michael Breedlove, coach. "Charleston used to have one of the best teams around, and we want to have that again."

Tryouts for the team, which will play against other military installation teams from North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, start Thursday, 7:30 p.m., at the Globemaster Court in the Base Fitness and Sports Center, according to Breedlove.

Other tryout dates are Aug. 14, 16, 21 and 22 and are open to active duty members assigned to CAFB. Those interested can sign up at the fitness center.

The season begins in October and will run through March 2002. According to Breedlove, a lot of details are still being worked out as to schedules and format for tournaments.

All told, Breedlove hopes to have 13 members on the team.

"We're trying to revitalize the Charleston powerhouse," Breedlove said. "The base hasn't had a team at all in the last few years."

For more information about the team and tryouts, call the Sports Office at 963-4321 or Breedlove at 963-5451.