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Photo by Staff Sgt. Devin Fisher

A Charleston AFB C-17 prepares to be loaded with the 2001 Mars Odyssey probe at Buckley AFB, Colo. A 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing crew flew the mission that transported the probe to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

## CAFB aircrew airlifts Mars Odyssey

A Team Charleston C-17 Globemaster III aircrew transported NASA's 2001 Mars Odyssey spacecraft from Buckley AFB, Colo., to Cape Canaveral at the Kennedy Space Center, Fla., Jan. 4.

The 8,000-pound Odyssey orbiter, costing more than \$176 million, is destined for the planet Mars. With a launch date of April 7, the craft will travel more than 400 million miles, said program manager Bob Berry of Lockheed Martin. However, to make the voyage, the spacecraft had to go to Florida for processing and loading on a Delta II rocket.

"With such a package, we needed an aircraft and crew that was just the right size for this mission. The answer was a C-17 flown by the Air Force Reserve," said Berry.

Berry, a former Air Force flight test

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## Popular workshops come to CAFB

By Senior Airman Jason Smith  
437 AW Public Affairs

Air Mobility Command, through the Charleston AFB chapel, is sponsoring two workshops to help CAFB members improve certain aspects of their lives.

The first, Smart Discipline for Parents, will be at the base education office auditorium Thursday, 7-9 p.m. A two-day Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus Workshop will also be held in the auditorium Jan. 19, 6:30-9:30 p.m., and Jan. 20, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Both workshops are free for Charleston AFB members and their families.

Dr. Larry Koenig, a family therapist, created the Smart Discipline for Parents Workshop in 1985. According to a

Smart Discipline for Parents release, it is the most well attended parenting workshop in America.

Some of the topics covered at the workshop will include; why a good discipline plan is important, why rules are important, how to design effective rules, the five-step belief process and how to respond to negativity.

Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Newton, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Protestant chaplain, said he and his wife re-worked their schedules to attend both of the very informative and useful workshops.

"I hope to learn to work more cohesively with my wife as we discipline our children," said Newton. "It's important in any family that husband and wife work together and have the same discipline goals. I also think the workshop can help me understand what my children need to build good self-esteem and what I need to do to give that to them."

Newton also said the workshop is recommended for single parents and there will be blocks that talk about their unique needs.

The Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus Workshop is based from the New York Times bestseller of the same title. Written by Dr. John Gray, the book has sold more than 6.5 million hard covers, over one million audiotapes and has been translated into more than 40 languages.

Topics covered in the workshop will be the differences between men and women, how to score points with the opposite sex, how the past affects relationships and how to keep passion alive.

During the workshop, men will discover:

- How to sweep their partners off their feet with the power of listening
- The power of doing little things to show women they care
- The importance of ro-

mance to create great sex

Women will discover:

- How to fully appreciate a man
- How to accept a man just the way he is and still get more of what she needs
- The importance of sex for creating a lifetime of intimacy and passion

"I am thrilled with the opportunity this training brings to Team Charleston," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Frank Budd, 437<sup>th</sup> Behavioral Sciences Flight commander. "All marriages or dating relationships can be improved, but it takes more than good intentions; it takes effective skills. Every couple starts off with love in their hearts and stars in their eyes, but the divorce rate for

first marriages remains at 50 percent. I believe the Mars and Venus training is a very powerful tool to help couples build the relationship they want and keep it there."

Newton said the workshop can be valuable for singles as well as those in relationships.

"While the Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus Workshop will directly enhance the lives of married folks, it can help anyone, in a relationship or not, understand the opposite sex," said Newton.

James Ramsey, who was personally trained by Gray, will conduct both workshops. For more information, or to register for the workshops, call 963-2536.



Graphic by Senior Airman Jason Smith

## IN THE NEWS

# Defense Department increases BAH rates for CAFB

New basic housing allowance rates took effect Jan. 1. The new rates reflect a more than \$400 million increase in funds added by the Defense Department and Congress for Fiscal Year 2001.

The secretary of defense has taken reform efforts a step further and announced his plan last year to reduce median out-of-pocket costs to zero by 2005, Defense officials said.

The new rates have increased in about 75 percent of the housing areas and will remain the same in remaining areas, said Maj. Shannon

Averill, chief, Air Force pay and allowances.

The rates reflect a continuing congressional intent to reform housing allowances to stabilize military members' out-of-pocket expense, according to officials. The goal for FY 2001 was 15 percent median out-of-pocket expenses for service members, compared to nearly 19 percent last year.

DOD made a conscious decision not to decrease BAH rates even though median out-of-pocket expenses in some areas were below 15 percent, Averill said.

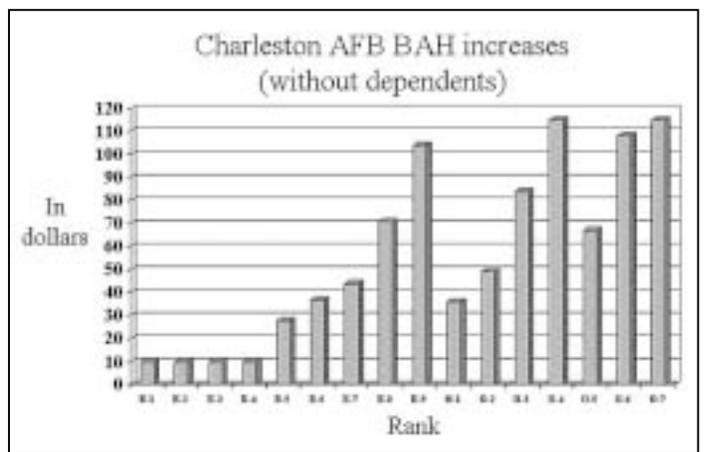
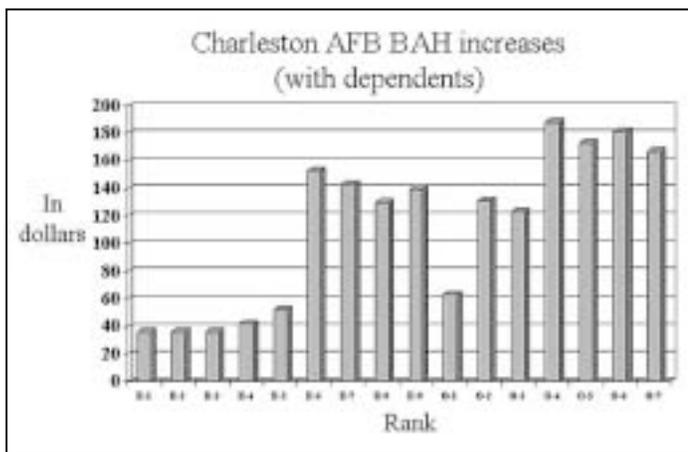
The new rates are based on local median housing costs identified by Runzheimer Inc. during annual data collection.

Rates are calculated from a median housing cost for a particular military housing area within 25 miles or one-hour commute (in traffic) to a duty location, according to Defense officials. Housing standards used to establish median costs were derived from affordable, adequate, quality housing where comparable civilians reside. Median housing costs were derived from a specific dwelling size

rental cost with average utilities and renter insurance included.

Additionally, data was collected from military housing offices, realtors, newspapers, magazines, and Web sites for each area. An out-of-pocket expense is applied to each median housing cost for each grade with and without dependents, regardless of location.

Charleston members will see the following BAH increases in their Jan. 15 pay (*AFPN; Charts by Senior Airman Jason Smith, 437 AW Public Affairs.*)



## Mars

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engineer assigned to Edwards AFB, Calif., and the son of a former B-47 pilot, said it's an issue of security. The Odyssey spacecraft is a national asset, and the military provides the perfect environment.

"We pride ourselves on maintaining the same level of professionalism regardless of who or what is on this aircraft," said Master Sgt. Darryl Brown, 701<sup>st</sup> Airlift Squadron loadmaster and scheduler. "Our briefings remain the same as do our courtesies. However, at the same time, we try to include our most experienced people for such a mission."

Like a bullet, the Odyssey is shot toward Mars where it spends the next seven months in flight until reaching its final destination, Farmerie said. To do this, the spacecraft travels more than 15,000 mph. Once near the red planet and before starting the Mars orbit insertion, the spacecraft must begin aerobraking.

"Over a period of 76 days, the craft slows down to enter the elliptical orbit," Berry said.

At eight-feet high, six-feet wide and weighing 1,650 pounds fully loaded, the Odyssey has the capability of sending data back to Earth in only 15 minutes.

Brown noted that the six-person crew epitomizes the true nature of Total Force, including full-time air reserve technicians, traditional reservists and an active-duty co-pilot.

Master Sgt. Jack Lewis, 701 AS loadmaster, captured the feeling of the entire crew about being assigned the mission.

"Being tasked to fly this mission tells me that we are needed and that we provide a vital role for our nation," Lewis said. "We're here to move equipment and people for the Air Force. I consider it a compliment to have been asked to do such an important mission."

"It's not all Reserve, it's not all active duty. We're doing this job together and that's what it's all about."

(*Story by Maj. Tom Deall, Air Reserve Personnel Center Public Affairs. Capt. Tracy Velino, 437 AW Public Affairs, contributed to this article.*)



Photo by Senior Airman Jason Smith

## New look

Two of Charleston AFB's 40 C-17s sport a new tail stripe. The flash includes the word "Charleston" on it and uses a new, non-reflective paint. The state flag emblem, with a graphic of an actual Palmetto Palm tree, has also been updated. The new tail stripe, which measures 22 inches wide by 23 feet long, will make it easier to identify CAFB to the public when the planes fly missions all over the world. The aircraft tail stripes will be gradually repainted over the next six to nine months.

# Director of youth programs receives national award

Story and photo by Brian Rish  
437 SVS Marketing Publicist

If children are the key to the future, then Edwin Jones must be a locksmith, because for years he has been helping Charleston AFB youth unlock their full potential. For 26 years, Jones has been serving youth at CAFB and now holds the position of Director of Youth Programs.

As a tribute to his devotion, Jones was recently presented with the 2000 National Professional Service Award,

an award given by the Boys and Girls Club of America. This service award is the first of its kind given to employees of the Boys and Girls Club who have demonstrated "unusually devoted service to their organization."

At a ceremony held at the Youth Center, Lucky Harris, South East Regional Services Director for the Boys and Girls Club of America, presented Jones with the award stating, "We've done a good job recognizing our board members, but not as much with our youth professionals. We

now have this new award available to recognize our professionals who go above and beyond the call of duty."

After the presentation, Jones took the stage and made a short speech. In it, he thanked his colleagues by saying, "It's easy to do a good job when you're supported by a staff you can't beat and a supervisor you love."

Denise John, Youth Programs activity coordinator, was very happy to see Jones win such a prestigious award.

"Our reward is usually in the form of the smiles on the children's faces, so it's always nice to see a person in our field get rewarded publicly for a job well done, especially when it's someone as devoted to the cause as Ed Jones," said John. "I consider it a privilege to work with someone like Mr. Jones. He has a lot of experience in this field, and I have learned so much from him."

Under Jones' direction, the Youth Center became affiliated with the Boys and Girls Club in 1996, and since then, the program has grown by leaps and bounds. Some highlights since the affiliation include the formation of the Keystone and Torch Clubs and partnerships with several corporations, including Coca-Cola and JC Penney.

The Keystone and Torch Clubs were formed so CAFB youth would have the opportunity to interact with people their own ages. These clubs focus on social and service activities for young people, and through corporate sponsorship, the members have an opportunity to do things they wouldn't normally get to do. Club

members have taken trips to theme parks, participated in service projects and helped organize various activities for the entire youth population at CAFB.

Jones also played an instrumental role in developing high caliber Youth Sports Leagues at CAFB. The sports program was started in 1977 with the assistance of Jones. Since its inception, the Youth Center's Sports program has gained national recognition for excellence and has become a model on which many area organizations base their own programs.

The Boys and Girls Club of America currently serves over 3.3 million kids in nearly 3,000 sites nationwide. Approximately 50,000 professional staff members run the organization and only a few others were selected along with Jones to win the Professional Service Award.

Sherrie Redmond, School Age Program Coordinator at the Youth Center noted, "To be picked out of that many professionals really says something about Mr. Jones' contributions, not only to our program, but to the Boys and Girls Club of America as a whole."

As a result of hard working employees like Jones, South Carolina has been selected to receive over \$1 million in funds to pass along to local Boys and Girls Clubs in the state. CAFB will receive a, as yet unspecified, piece of these funds.

"The Boys and Girls Club of America owes its success to people like Ed Jones," said Harris. "Through them, the lives of countless youth have been permanently changed for the better."



Ed Jones, Charleston AFB Youth Center director of youth programs, helps Hayley Trodglen (back), 8, and Alexis Harding, 7, with their English homework at the Youth Center's School Age Program.

## LeaveWeb at CAFB

By Senior Airman  
Jason Smith  
437 AW Public Affairs

The 30 days of leave per year which military members enjoy as a benefit shouldn't be spent trying to figure out how to fill out the forms needed to use it.

Currently, Charleston AFB members need to put in a request for leave and wait for approval. Once given the thumbs-up, an Air Force Form 988 has to be completed. Following that, comes the approval from an approving official. Next, the AF Form 988 needs a Leave Authorization Number from a unit leave monitor. Once the member returns from leave, even if it's only one day, they have to go through the whole process again.

A new system, called

LeaveWeb, will be in place at CAFB soon. LeaveWeb is designed to make the process of taking leave much easier by avoiding the AF Form 988 for ordinary leave.

"The LeaveWeb is a web-based leave request, approval and tracking system," said Raymond Kelly, LeaveWeb functional and technical manager. "It allows any member with a web browser, the ability to review leave information, and request and obtain approval for ordinary leave. It will eventually replace the AF Form 988 when all types of leave are incorporated."

When a member accesses the system, they will select the dates of leave, input a leave address and select an approving authority. When the request is submitted, the system will add a tracking number and automatically notify the approving authority, via email, with a link to approve the request.

Once the approving authority has approved the request, it will be sent elec-

tronically to the leave monitor for an authorization number. Then it will be sent back to the approving authority and the individual requesting the leave. Upon return from leave, the system will ask for any changes from the original request. If there are no changes, the leave taker will click "no change." Should there be any changes, the system will prompt for the appropriate input.

LeaveWeb is scheduled to be installed at CAFB by Jan. 17. The implementation date of the system will be determined by the 437<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Squadron, according to Rob Shafer, LeaveWeb program analyst.

"Once we get the system running, it will be up to finance to decide when they're ready to implement it," said Shafer. "Each base has different manning issues, so it's totally up to them as to when they are ready to take it on."

Maj. Patrice Solorzano, 437 CPTS commander, said finance will bring five units on

line while Shafer is here setting up the system.

"The 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Generation, Aerial Port, Maintenance, Civil Engineer and Comptroller Squadrons will be brought on line as soon as the system is running," said Solorzano. "We will shadow the experts while they're here with these five units and then we'll bring other units online at their earliest convenience."

LeaveWeb will be a benefit for everyone, according to Solorzano.

"It will free up the orderly rooms from constant tracking, it will help us with our reconciliation through Denver (Defense Pay System), and it will ensure the leave process is running as it is supposed to be Air Force wide," said Solorzano. "The orderly rooms will be able to give commanders an automated list of leave information at the push of a button."

Shafer said LeaveWeb will only be used for ordinary leave right now, but will eventually be used for all types of leave.

"Right now we're getting the most bang for our buck," said Shafer. "Ordinary leave is about an 96 percent solution. Once the system shows proof of concept, it will be expanded to all types of leave."

LeaveWeb will also have the option of printing a form almost identical to the AF Form 988. According to Shafer, the form will be accepted for billeting and Space-A travel while on leave.

"LeaveWeb has been successfully deployed to all units at Scott AFB, Ill., and is currently being implemented at the Pentagon," said Kelly. "It has gone through rigorous testing and concept approval stages, including getting the approval form the General Accounting Office to replace the signature requirement with a user ID and password."

Once LeaveWeb is available, CAFB members will be notified through their orderly rooms to start using the system. Once the site is up and running, it may be accessed at [www.leave.charleston.af.mil](http://www.leave.charleston.af.mil).

## NEWS BRIEFS

## Charleston Profile



Photo by Senior Airman Mary Hinson

### Tech. Sgt. Jerry Henning 315<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Jerry Henning is the security forces manager for the 315<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron. As the SF manager and the squadron's only air reserve technician, Henning is responsible for management of the squadron "from top to bottom," including budget, training, manning and pay issues. He is also the coordinator for the Raven members and deals with deployments and travel orders.

"I do everything the squadron staff would do for a squadron," said Henning, a 12-year Air Force veteran.

Henning is used to wearing multiple hats. Besides being a security forces sergeant and an ART for the Air Force, he is also a volunteer reserve deputy and flight observer for the Charleston County Sheriff's Office.

"I like helping people," said Henning.

Before coming to the 315 SFS full-time, Henning was working for the sheriff's office. As a flight observer in the police helicopter, he was the "eyes and ears" for the ground patrol units. Since Henning said being a cop was what he always wanted to do, the job was a perfect combination of two of his loves: flying and law enforcement.

Due to the changing shift schedule, Henning left the sheriff's office to be able spend more time with his wife, Shannon, and his 20-month old daughter, Makayla.

Henning, who is working towards a security administration degree, offers this advice to younger troops: "Get the education. Get involved with more stuff, job related and community related."

### Spotlight

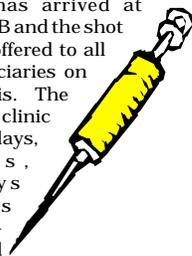
**Retirement ceremony:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Clifford Price Jr., today, 3 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Steve Harris at 963-4504 or Master Sgt. Russ McCray at 963-4550.

**Retirement ceremony:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Group is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Robert Orr, today, 3 p.m., at the 14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron auditorium. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Carl Helbig at 963-5543.

**Ribbon cutting:** There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the 437<sup>th</sup> Aircrew Life Support Facility, Bldg. 506, Jan. 19, 10 a.m. The dress will be uniform of the day or casual for civilians. An open house will follow the ribbon cutting. RSVP today by calling 963-4286.

### Around the base

**Flu shots:** The remainder of the flu vaccine has arrived at Charleston AFB and the shot is now being offered to all eligible beneficiaries on a walk-in basis. The immunization clinic is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30-11:30 a.m. and



1-4 p.m. They are open Thursdays from 7:30-11:30 a.m.

**Minimal staffing:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group will be at minimal staffing today to attend a group commander's call. The last available appointment will be at 2 p.m., in the Family Practice Clinic and 2:30 p.m. in the Flight Medicine Clinic. The clinic will resume normal duty hours on Monday.

**A/TA:** The Low Country Chapter of the Airlift/Tanker Association is having a general membership meeting today, 11:30 a.m., at the Charleston Club. This will be the first of the Professional Luncheon Series with guest speaker Brig. Gen. Richard Bundy. For more information, call 963-6009.

**Unity Walk:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing and the African-American Heritage Council is holding a Unity Walk Monday, 10 a.m., at the Charleston Club. The walk will honor the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The walk will conclude at the base chapel, where a commemorative service will be held. This event is the first of its kind at Charleston AFB. For more information, call Master Sgt. James Jarmon at 963-2331.

**OSA Coffee:** The Officers' Spouses' Association is holding a coffee Tuesday, 6 p.m., at the Charleston Club. Sweet Grass basket weaver and Gullah culture expert, Joseph Foreman will be the

guest speaker. Hors d'oeuvres, carved turkey breast, Swedish meatballs and mini quiche will be served. The cost is \$11 for club members and \$14 for non-members. RSVP by Sunday by calling 871-9829 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

**Awards banquet:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing is hosting the 2000 Annual Awards Banquet Jan. 19 at the Charleston Club. Cocktails start at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Dress is semi-formal or mess dress. The cost is \$16 for club members and \$19 for non-members. Tickets can be purchased through unit first sergeants until Monday.

**Stepfamily class:** The base clinic is offering a five-session Strengthening Stepfamilies class beginning Tuesday. There will be reading, discussions and at-home activities to help make stepfamilies work. The class will run for five consecutive Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. To register, call Jim Hernandez at 963-6504.

**Chiefs' Group:** The Charleston AFB Chiefs' Group will meet Thursday, 11:30 a.m., at the Charleston Club. They will hold the election for the 2001 officers at the meeting. All chiefs are encouraged to attend.

**Limited service:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group will provide limited medical services Jan. 21-31 due to the base-wide exercise. Minimal routine appointments will be available in the Family Practice Clinic.

**Black History Month:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing and the African American Heritage Council is holding a Black History Month Opening Ceremony Luncheon Feb. 1, 10:30 a.m., at the Charleston Club. Charleston Channel 5 News Reporter Carolyn Murray will be the guest speaker. The cost is \$9 for club members and \$12 for non-members. For more information, call Senior Airman Cassandra Rainey at 963-2558.

**Induction ceremony:** The 2001 Chiefs Induction Ceremony will be held Feb. 3, 6 p.m., at the Charleston Club. All chief master sergeant selectees for 2001 will be honored. Chiefs, squadron commanders and spouses are welcome. Attendees may invite as many guests as desired. The cost is \$20 per person. Dress is semi formal or mess dress. For more information, or to RSVP, call Staff Sgt. Michelle Flavors at 963-5497.

**OSA Scholarship:** Applications for the Officers' Spouses' Association College Scholarship for the 2001-2002 school year are now available. The program is open to high school seniors and military spouses. For more information, contact a school guidance counselor or Vickie Gardner at 760-2294.

**Commissary scholarship:** The Defense Commissary Agency/Fisher House Foundation is offering scholarships for military children. The program will award a scholarship of \$1,500 or more to a college-bound military child at installations served by a commissary. Applications can be picked up anytime starting today and must be returned to the commissary by Feb. 15.

**NCOIC needed:** The Base Honor Guard is seeking a new NCOIC. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Phil Johnson at 963-3398.

### Family Support Center

**Hearts Apart:** Hearts Apart is an on-going program for spouses of deployed service members. The program offers such services as e-mail, morale calls, videophone calls and free oil changes. For information, contact Tech. Sgt. Ken Gilmore at 963-5630.

**TAP 3-Day Workshop:** Tuesday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Sponsorship Training:** Wednesday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Employer's Panel and Mini Job Fair:** Thursday, 2-4:30 p.m.

**Sip-n-Chat:** Jan. 22, 6 p.m.

**Troops-to-Teachers:** Jan. 23, 10-11 a.m.

**Resume II:** Jan. 23, 9-10:30 a.m., and 10:30 a.m.-noon.

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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## Holidays gave most people a needed rest

By Col. Rusty Findley  
437 AW commander

I trust everyone had a good holiday period. We had a little bit of a welcome lull in our activities during the holidays. I had a chance to go out on the flightline Christmas Day and see 29 aircraft parked on our ramp; the most I've seen at once in my time at Charleston AFB. It was great for us to slow down a little bit. The vast majority of our folks got to spend some time with their families during the holidays.

But now that the holidays are over, the level of activity has picked up again as expected. We had a visit with former Secretary of the Air Force Dr. Hans Mark, director of Defense Research and Engineering Tuesday and Wednesday. Dr. Mark toured many of our facilities and learned more about the C-17 flying mission here. He received several briefings about our past operations.

Command Chief Master Sgt. Harvey Hampton and I made our annual visit to Capitol Hill Thursday to thank our elected congressional leaders for all that they do for Team Charleston and our people. CAFB has received strong support from our congressional delegation.

Brig. Gen. Richard Bundy, vice director for Operational Plans and Joint Force Development (J-7) and deputy director for Military Education, The Joint Staff, was our guest speaker at the Daedalians dinner Thursday. Gen. Bundy will also be the guest speaker at the Airlift/Tanker Association luncheon today, 11:30 a.m., in the Charleston Club. If interested in attending, please contact Senior Master Sgt. Moody Blue, 437th Operations Group, at 963-6009. I hope to have a large crowd to hear him speak...he's a great speaker and he'll have a lot of good things to say.

We also have a visit scheduled from Maj. Gen. Roger Brady, Air Mobility Command director of Operations, who will fly in one of our Special Operations Low Level II missions Tuesday. General Brady will also tour our support facilities for this very important mission. He will be joined by Col. Segundo Periera, AMC director of Combat Operations.

I was very pleased with the recent results of the majors promotion board. In conjunction with this promotion, we had a high number of selectees for Intermediate Service School. If fact, our select rate of 53 percent (18 out of 34 candidates) for ISS exceeded Air Force and AMC percentages by a rather wide margin.

Congratulations to the following major selects from Charleston: Michael Carter, Walter Daniels, Stanley Davis, Scott DeThomas, Steven DiMatteo, Derin Durham, Steven Erickson, James Golden, Michael Guminsky, Guy Joseph, Deborah Jacobs, Anthony Krawietz, Paul Lambertson, Kevin McManus, David Morrissey, Charles Nesemeier, David Oliver, Daniel Olson, Jeff Philippart, Jeffrey Pierce, Travis Price, James Ray, Lenny Richoux, Grant Stedronsky, Keith Thibodeaux, and Gary Wettengel.

It was my great honor to present Stripes for Exceptional Performers, or more commonly referred to as STEP promotions, to four of our outstanding airmen. See them on page 9 of the *Airlift Dispatch*. It was a tough selection process. All the candidates were outstanding and I wish I had more stripes to give out. Congratulations to all for your achievement!

I recently had a chance to fly with our folks again. I had an opportunity to do some good flying and learn more about how we operate overseas. I flew to Ramstein AB, Germany, Jan. 3 with members of the 17th Airlift Squadron and flew downrange sorties with the 14th Airlift Squadron into Tazar, Hungary and Tuzla, Bosnia before returning to CAFB with the 317th Airlift Squadron Sunday. While on the ground, I had a chance to meet with our two 15th Airlift Squadron European Strategic Intra-theater Deployment commanders stationed at Ramstein for 30 days. Overall, things are in good stead.



Photo by Ed Kelly

Col. Rusty Findley, 437th Airlift Wing commander, presented a flag to Bill Williams, chief of the Civilian Personnel Office, upon his retirement.

I especially enjoyed the flight into Tuzla because I had a chance to meet with four deployed airmen from the 437th Communications Squadron (Master Sgt. James Kincheloe, Staff Sgt. Cherez Robinson, Staff Sgt. Curtis Jamison and Senior Airman Allen Taylor) and one airman from the 437th Aerial Port Squadron (Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Holmes). They are all true warriors and seemed to be enjoying their deployment.

The Mobility Exercise is just around the corner. A lot of people have been involved in the planning and I know it will be a good test of our capabilities. It is a great learning opportunity to enhance our war-fighting skills across the entire spectrum.

We had some recent good news over the holidays from the results of the command selection board. Col. Dennis Kaan has been selected to be the 72nd Air Base Wing commander at Tinker AFB, Okla. Col. Regina Aune was selected for command of the 377th Medical Group at Kirkland AFB, N.M. Congratulations to them for their achievement. Both will do a great job and they will most likely leave sometime this summer.

We had a bunch of folks who pulled together just before the holidays to take the Secretary of Defense and a number of USO entertainers to several locations in Germany, Italy and the Balkans. The Charleston contingent was led by Lt. Col. John Zazworsky and Maj. Ken Olsen. I am especially proud of the Ravens, flying crew chiefs and the intel support for the trip. My thanks to everyone who played a part in that successful trip. Once again, we flew the flag just a little bit higher on the flagpole.

I am looking forward to the quarterly awards breakfast Wednesday, 7:30 a.m., in the Charleston Club. We also get a chance to hand out our annual awards on Jan. 19, 6:30 p.m., in the Charleston Club. Brig. Gen. Pete Hennessey, AMC director of Logistics will be our guest speaker. We look forward to having a big crowd with a lot of spirit and energy.

The 437th Logistics Group hosted our honorary commanders for a tour and series of briefings about the group Wednesday. From the feedback that I heard, everyone had a great time and learned more about the group. A special thanks to Capt. Brad Bousquet, 437th Aircraft Generation Squadron, and everyone who played a part in arranging an outstanding tour and luncheon. Let's keep the momentum going in this important community relations program.

I want to close on a sadder note as we bid farewell to Bill Williams, chief of the Civilian Personnel Office, at wing standup on Monday. Bill's leadership led to the civilian personnel office being named as the best in AMC for six of the last seven years, a strong testament to the kind of leadership he brought to the base. He played a critical role in making CAFB the test site for the Modern Defense Civilian Personnel Data System. It was my honor to award him with the Meritorious Civilian Service Award and the Outstanding Civilian Career Service Award for his accomplishments. He brought a lot to Charleston and we will miss him dearly.



Tech. Sgt. George Lytle, 14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron

## CAFB 'STEPs' four

Four Charleston AFB members received STEP promotions Dec. 22 and 23. Col. Rusty Findley, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, surprised the individuals with the once-a-year honor. Traditionally, CAFB awards STEP promotions in December or January. The four promotees are:

- **Bruce Williams**, 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron, promoted to master sergeant
- **George Lytle**, 14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, promoted to technical sergeant
- **Joseph Monter**, 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Generation Squadron, promoted to technical sergeant
- **Terrence White**, 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron, promoted to technical sergeant *(Photos by Tech. Sgt. Brian Jones, 437 AW Public Affairs)*



Master Sgt. Bruce Williams, 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron



Tech. Sgt. Terrence White, 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron



Tech. Sgt. Joseph Monter, 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Generation Squadron

# FEATURE

**By Staff Sgt. Pamela Smith**  
437 AW Public Affairs

## And the survey says

In October, the Airlift Dispatch editorial staff sent out a newspaper survey to more than 800 Charleston AFB military and civilian personnel to get their opinion of the base newspaper.

Two hundred fifty-nine people responded and the overall consensus is that the Airlift Dispatch is widely read and a viable source of information for the base populace, though the staff realizes there is always room for improvement.

There were a variety of comments and questions on the returned surveys concerning the Airlift Dispatch and its content. Topics that generated questions included where story ideas come from; the amount of ad space in each issue; content of articles; and amount of newspaper coverage given to the 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing.

### Story ideas and coverage

On a weekly basis, the Airlift Dispatch staff tries to cover a variety of units and functions that affect the base and its members.

The staff accepts story ideas and inputs from everyone. Individuals who have a desire to write articles with a Charleston AFB or Air Force tie can submit their inputs to the 437 AW Public Affairs office. The paper has limited space and can't run everything it receives, but it's always good to have an extra story to use when necessary.

The PA staff depends on squadron members to keep them informed about unit activities and individual accomplishments. If you are an award

winner or know of one, contact the PA office and they will give the individual some recognition. The staff is also interested in knowing of people with unique hobbies and personal stories to tell.

Individuals who have a desire to write for the paper and see their name in print or members with a story idea are encouraged to contact the 437 PA office at 963-5536.

### Layout

The base newspaper staff does not control the advertisement to story ratio, so it's not possible to "make room" for all of the submissions we receive. Advertisements pay the publication costs of the paper, therefore the amount of ads sold by the publisher determines how many pages the paper will be each week.

A stipulation of the contract allows the publisher to use up to 60 percent of the newspaper for advertisements, but the average is about a 50-50 mix of ads and local news stories, which is just about the right ratio. The base newspaper averages from 16 to 20 pages.

### Content

The paper staff has specific guidelines to follow when it comes to writing and editing stories for publication. They have to make their articles interesting to their readers so topics that affect more people are more likely to appear in the

paper.

The staff reserves the right to make changes to submissions based on the specialty training we've received and those guidelines. Their goal is to make articles grammatically correct without changing the original meaning. Stories may be reworked due to size constraints or spacing problems. The amount of or type of changes made to a submission determine if it will be sent back to the author for final review.

Action lines have always been a popular item in the paper and the staff runs the ones of base-wide interest. They don't run action lines if they're personal in nature, but everyone who calls or e-mails the action line, will get an answer.

Action line phone calls are transcribed word for word and forwarded to the proper agencies for a response. E-mails that are sent to the Airlift Dispatch box are also forwarded as is. Due to space limitations, they are edited to fit but not to change the intent of the question.

### Team Charleston coverage

The 437 AW newspaper staff works hard to cover every aspect of Team Charleston. Reserve personnel are encouraged to forward story ideas and inputs through the 315 AW PA office.

The Airlift Dispatch has a weekly circulation of 6,000, which means there are a variety of interests that need to be addressed in each edition of the paper. The staff realizes it's impossible to please everyone each week, but with the help of their readers they will continue to do the best they can.

	At least Occasionally	Never
1. I read the Airlift Dispatch	95%	5%

	1	2	3	4	5
1.....2.....3.....4.....5	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
2. The Airlift Dispatch is a vital source of base news to me.	1%	6%	21%	48%	24%
3. The writing in the Airlift Dispatch is easy to understand.	0%	1%	7%	53%	39%
4. The Airlift Dispatch seems to be written primarily for NCOs.	14%	39%	39%	7%	1%
5. The Airlift Dispatch seems to be written primarily for officers.	17%	39%	39%	4%	1%
6. The Airlift Dispatch seems to be written primarily for civilians.	26%	39%	33%	1%	1%
7. I depend on the Airlift Dispatch for news about Air Force involvement in world events.	9%	25%	37%	21%	8%
8. I depend on other local news sources and NOT the Airlift Dispatch for news about Air Force involvement in world events.	8%	26%	28%	28%	10%
9. The Airlift Dispatch keeps me fully informed about Air Force personnel policies and decisions.	5%	14%	43%	32%	6%
10. The Airlift Dispatch keeps me informed about pay and benefits.	5%	17%	25%	44%	9%
11. The Airlift Dispatch keeps me informed about base events.	1%	2%	6%	55%	36%
12. Generally, the Airlift Dispatch is written with my interests in mind.	3%	9%	37%	41%	10%
13. The Airlift Dispatch keeps me informed about the Air Force.	1%	10%	33%	45%	11%
14. Overall, the Airlift Dispatch is a trust worthy source of information.	1%	5%	20%	53%	21%
15. I find information in local newspapers to be more trustworthy than the information in the Airlift Dispatch.	10%	33%	48%	5%	4%
16. The stories in the Airlift Dispatch are timely and up-to-date.	1%	6%	23%	56%	14%
17. When civilian media and Airlift Dispatch cover an Air Force story, the Dispatch provides more/better quality information.	1%	12%	48%	32%	7%

18. Overall, the information in the Airlift Dispatch is accurate.	0%	2%	17%	67%	14%
19. I find the news section informative.	1%	6%	22%	62%	9%
20. I find the newsbriefs section informative.	1%	3%	23%	62%	11%
21. I find the commanders comments informative.	1%	5%	29%	53%	12%
22. I find the action lines informative.	2%	9%	25%	50%	14%
23. I find the features section informative.	0%	6%	23%	61%	10%
24. I find the sports section informative.	6%	14%	33%	40%	7%
25. I find the Magnolia Dining Facility menu informative.	5%	7%	43%	35%	10%
26. I find the base chapel and theater listings informative.	2%	5%	31%	46%	16%

	A	B	C	D	E
Excellent	Very Good	Satisfactory	Below Satisfactory	Poor	
	A	B	C	D	E
27. In terms of the amount of stories, rate the Airlift Dispatch at recognizing local people with stories and photos.	13%	40%	39%	6%	2%
28. In terms of the quality of stories, rate the Airlift Dispatch at recognizing local people with stories and photos.	15%	44%	36%	4%	1%
29. In terms of the amount of information, how would you rate the Airlift Dispatch as a source of information about the base?	18%	45%	33%	3%	1%
30. In terms of the quality of information, how would you rate the Airlift Dispatch as a source of information about the base?	3%	47%	36%	3%	1%
31. In terms of the amount of the stories, how would you rate the Airlift Dispatch as a source of information about the Air Force	6%	33%	51%	10%	1%
32. In terms of the quality of stories, how would you rate the Airlift Dispatch as a source of information?	8%	40%	45%	6%	1%
33. In terms of the amount of photos and graphic illustrations, how would you rate the Airlift Dispatch?	8%	41%	40%	10%	1%
34. In terms of the quality of photos and graphic illustrations, how would you rate the Airlift Dispatch?	12%	43%	37%	7%	1%
35. How would you rate the Airlift Dispatch as a source of information about the topics you think are most important?	6%	36%	48%	9%	1%



MAGNOLIA PLACE DINING FACILITY

## On the Menu



### Today

**Lunch**-Vegetable supreme soup, fried fish, pepper steak, rice, potatoes, peas and carrots, cauliflower, corn, gravy, barbecue chicken

**Dinner**-Lemon basted sole, pot roast, filipino rice, potatoes, green beans, brussels sprouts, mixed vegetables

### Saturday

**Lunch**-Bean soup, beef stroganoff, chicken fajitas, barbecue spareribs, spanish rice, potatoes, fried okra, corn, peas with mushrooms, gravy

**Dinner**-Breaded pork steak, chicken jambalaya, macaroni and cheese, potatoes, squash, sweet and sour greens, corn

### Sunday

**Lunch**-Beef noodle soup, fried chicken, polish sausage, lasagna, rice, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrots, brussels sprouts, gravy

**Dinner**-Fried catfish, yankee pot roast, rice, rissole potatoes, calico corn, sweet potatoes, asparagus

### Monday

**Lunch**-Turkey nuggets, pork chop suey, steak ranchero, potatoes, broccoli, greens, corn, rice, onion soup

**Dinner**-Yakisoba, grilled ham steaks,

mashed potatoes, potatoes au gratin, vegetable stir fry, peas and carrots, cream corn

### Tuesday

**Lunch**-Beef vegetable soup, baked chicken, beef porcupine, fish portions, rice pilaf, macaroni and cheese, fried cabbage, stewed tomatoes, brown gravy, mixed vegetables

**Dinner**-Pepper steak, italian sausage, oven-brown potatoes, steamed rice, green beans, carrots, cauliflower

### Wednesday

**Lunch**-Cream of potato soup, braised beef and noodles, hot wings, liver, filipino rice, mashed potatoes, beets, broccoli, wax beans, brown gravy

**Dinner**-Grilled pork chops, turkey nuggets, cottage-fried potatoes, rice, brussels sprouts, peas and carrots, calico corn

### Thursday-Mexican meal

**Lunch**-Mexican onion soup, chicken fajitas, burritos, tacos, spanish rice, refried beans, stewed tomatoes, mexican corn, squash, chili gravy, corn bread

**Dinner**-Turkey nuggets, beef stew, steamed rice, oven-brown potatoes, broccoli combo, wax beans, lima beans, brown gravy



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Brian Jones

### Stripes to Bars

Second Lieutenant Jim Thigpen gets his gold bars pinned on with the assistance of his son, Jacob, 4, as his wife, Kim, looks on. Thigpen recently graduated from Charleston Southern University Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Detachment 772. Thigpen, a former staff sergeant assigned to the 437<sup>th</sup> Supply Squadron, was commissioned with 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Adam Pasleka, a former CAFB staff sergeant assigned to the 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Generation Squadron. For information on CSU ROTC detachment 772, call 863-7144.

## Fitness & Sports

### Sports line

The 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group Deily Dental Clinic provides fitted athletic mouth guards for use during all contact sports. Mouth guards can prevent traumatic injuries such as: fractured teeth; cut lips, gums or tongue; and objects wedged between the teeth.

If a dental trauma does occur, Capt. (Dr.) Randall Jones, dentist, advises remaining calm. If a tooth is dislodged during an accident, the following steps should be taken:

- Do not scrub or clean the tooth

- Place the tooth in a small container of milk or saline solution

- See your dentist as soon as possible

Jones reminds Team Charleston, "Prevention is the key to good dental health." Contact the Deily Dental Clinic at 963-6839 to receive a mouth guard.

## No ifs, ands or 'butts'; HAWC can help

By Staff Sgt.  
**Melinda Quigley**  
437MDG

**M**any smokers actually want to quit. Most smokers say they would like to quit if there were some easy and different ways to do so.

Any day is a perfect time to commit to quit, but especially now because it's a new year. There may be no better way to start out the new year than with a life saving change. Smoking is the single most preventable cause of death in this society. Each year,

about one-third of all smokers make an honest attempt to kick the habit. It is true many don't succeed, but the key is to stick with it.

Just like learning to ride a bike, most people didn't just jump on and start pedaling. It took hard work and practice.

Kicking the habit of smoking is the same way-it takes hard work and practice. If someone can think like a non-smoker, eventually they will be a non-smoker. Quitting is tough, but not impossible.



More than three million Americans quit every year.

Thirty-two percent of the active duty population at Charleston Air Force Base uses tobacco products. This is an overwhelming number, above the national average of 29 percent, according to the American Cancer Society.

Here are a few pointers to help those who feel they can quit on their own:

- Collect all cigarette butts in one glass container as a visual reminder of the filth smoking represents

- Smoke only half of each cigarette; eventually this will show cigarettes aren't really necessary

- Stop buying cigarettes by the carton (buy each pack one at a time); this will make it inconvenient to obtain the cigarettes

- Mark each day of the calendar as smoke free; by

taking it one day at a time, a better success rate will be achieved (it won't be overwhelming).

The Health and Wellness Center is here to help those who want to kick the habit with some assistance. The HAWC offers a five-week class that eases the smoker to be a non-smoker. There are lessons on stress, fitness, nutrition and the hazards associated with tobacco products. The program enables each participant a chance to use hypnosis tapes, imitation cigarettes, Zyban (antidepressant), peer interaction and the patch to aid in the lifestyle change.

For more information on attending a tobacco cessation class, contact the HAWC at 963-4007. *(Information gathered from the American Cancer Society)*

## Football fever running high; Swami declares winner

By the Swami  
*Pigskin Prognosticator*

While the football playoffs are in full swing, the Swami was out and about scouting for next year. The Swami took time out of his busy schedule to stop by Charleston AFB and congratulate Dennis

"Aldo the Greek" Ingold for winning the Swami Cup this year.

The Swami had a very respectable year (much better than last year), but was unable to catch Ingold in the closing weeks.

Ingold, a former water boy for Penn State, was ecstatic when told he was the champion this year. He

said this was the first time he had ever won anything, except for the free french fries at Mickey D's seven years ago. Ingold is taking no credit for himself for winning. He simply relied on the help of others.

Ingold said, "I owe my success to Terry "The Coach" Gabbert, who has been my football psychic advisor, and John "Buffalo Bill" Young, who told me all year how good the Giants are. Ingold also commented, "I look at picking the winners as an exact science. I factor in home field advantage, key injuries, weather conditions, which team is hot or cold and which team actually has more at stake. All these factors coupled with a lot of luck have been my recipe for success.

"The powerful Swami had me on the ropes until my late season run that I was able to break free and take it to the house," said an over-jubilant Ingold.

The Swami commends Aldo for his season, but does not see much in his future and suggests he stick to making paper airplanes. Ingold's final prediction for the Superbowl has the Raiders edging out the Giants.

The Swami doesn't think so!

This weekend the Raiders are going to rip the Ravens, and the Vikings will squeak one out over the Giants. That will pit the Vikings and the Raiders in the Superbowl with the champions being the Vikings. Mark the Swami's word on that! As much as the Swami wants to see the Giants win, he is going with his boyhood team, the Vikes.

This will be The Swami's last article for this season as he prepares for his Superbowl journey. Look for him on the television. The Swami would like to thank all his loyal fans (119 of them to be exact), and also many thanks to the 437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron for their outstanding support.

Here are the final top ten pigskin pickers in the Swamibowl with winning percentages. Also, included is the dreaded cellar-dweller:

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| 1. Dennis Ingold     | .674 |
| 2. The Swami         | .637 |
| 3. Tony Palangi      | .637 |
| 4. George Thompson   | .637 |
| 5. Tom Smith         | .635 |
| 6. Ron Desautels     | .625 |
| 7. Dutch Umbaugh     | .621 |
| 8. Debbie Morillo    | .618 |
| 9. Larry Strother    | .616 |
| 10. Lovegod Navitsky | .616 |

Last place (but played all 17 weeks)—Warren Scott .548



Photo (and manipulation) by Senior Airman Jason Smith

Dennis Ingold (left), Swami winner, talks about Penn State football with Brian Jones (right), public affairs representative. Jones went to Ingold's office to notify him he was this year's winner. The Swami (center) was not seen in the room, but did show up on the pictures taken during the meeting. This indisputable and very authentic evidence the Swami exists should quiet skeptics who believe the conspiracy theory that the Swami is a member of the 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Public Affairs office.