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## Guard, Reserve take over 437 APS operations during Patriot Partner

By Senior Airman  
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Air National Guard and Reserve units are taking over the 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron as part of Patriot Partner.

From July 7-21, 21 members of the 81<sup>st</sup> Aerial Port Squadron here, 80 members of the 35<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron, McGuire AFB, N.J., and 10 members of the 927<sup>th</sup> Operation Support Squadron Aerial Port Flight, Selfridge ANGB, Mich., will integrate with the 437 APS and take over its operations, according to Tech. Sgt. Billy Williams, 437 APS Reserve coordinator.

"It's basically a test of the Total Force concept," said Williams. "They come in not so much for training, but to faze in and operate the port, hopefully by the end of the first week."

Patriot Partner is a program Charleston AFB has been using for many years, Williams said. Any aerial port can host Patriot Partner through coordination with the proper agencies.

"Initially, we would have had 170 personnel, but two of the Guard units withdrew," Williams said.

Even though the number of personnel participating is

less than expected, Patriot Partner gives 437 APS personnel a chance to catch up on a number of things, Williams said.

"They came in Saturday and got their in-briefs, then started working their first shift Sunday morning," Williams said. "The units have been integrating into the sections and will continue to do so through the week. By the end of the week, we're hoping to turn as many 437 APS personnel loose as we can for the squadron picnic."

In addition to allowing the squadron time off for a picnic, Patriot Partner allows individuals to take leave and, most importantly, train, Williams said.

"It's not so much the time off that's important," said Lt. Col. Robert King, 437 AGS commander. "This program gives us time to train and get up to speed for the IG (Inspector General) exercise coming up. We'll be deploying 38 people and equipment to Savannah (Ga.) in August. While the Reserve is running the port, it gives us full time to focus on that mission."

The 437 APS personnel aren't the only ones to benefit from Patriot Partner, Williams said.

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Raymond Padgett

### Sky-high gas station

"The Spirit of Charleston," a Charleston AFB C-17, is refueled over North Carolina by a KC-135R from MacDill AFB, Fla., July 2. The 6<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Wing is sister wing to the 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, and the bases work together often during training missions.

## Some did not get correct pay in June, according to AFPC officials

Air Force Personnel Center officials here are asking people who have re-enlisted, extended their enlistments or been promoted recently to look closely at their latest Leave and Earnings Statements to ensure they are receiving all of their pay.

"Just from personal experience working at the desk, I've seen about six people affected by this so far," said Staff Sgt. Edward Lawson, 437<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Squadron, NCOIC of Customer Service. "Of course, we won't know

how many people are affected until they catch it in their LES (leave and earnings statement)."

Problems with the Air Force's new personnel data system may have caused the "suspension of pay records" for hundreds who re-enlisted within 30 days of their dates of separation or who have extended their enlistment since late April. These problems could lead to those individuals not being paid, said officials here.

"What this means is that some

folks may not have gotten paid, or may not see expected increases in their pay," said Lt. Col. Richard Treasure, chief of the systems requirements division at AFPC. "This really bothers us since we've been working hardest with this transition to keep peoples' pay from being affected. And it takes on that much more urgency now."

There is, however, a way for those impacted to receive their money, according to Defense Finance and Ac-

counting Service officials. Affected airmen can take their re-enlistment or extension contract to their accounting and finance office to receive their pay through electronic funds transfer that takes, on average, three to five days.

Another problem affects the pay of airmen promoted in June.

Some officers and enlisted members promoted in June did not get

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## IN THE NEWS

# 437 SFS Defender Challenge team places in one event, sends one to train for AMC team

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The 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Defender Challenge team completed competition June 29, placing second in one event and sending one airman on to train for the worldwide competition.

Air Mobility Command's Defender Challenge competition runs security forces personnel through five different events, testing the skills they use every day to protect installations, people and equipment.

Charleston AFB's team placed second in the installation response event.

"In the installation response event we were in charge, just like here, of the flightline," said Master Sgt. Richard Graves, Defender Challenge team leader. "We were guarding a C-141 transit with special munitions. It was pretty tough. Seven of the 14 teams lost the C-141."

The event set a scenario where hate groups were springing up in the Northwest. One of these groups attempted to seize the C-141. While the team was dealing with people at the entry control point, the hate group pulled onto the flightline, heading toward the C-141.

"Senior Airman (Jimmy) Blevins stopped them, but we lost him in the process," Graves said. "Staff Sgt.

(Mark) Furtado did an excellent job of securing the area."

Blevins' hard work landed him a spot as one of 25 selected to train for the AMC-level team.

According to an AMC news release, team captain Capt. Bryan Eckart, Dover Air Force Base, Del., and team coaches Master Sgt. Wayne Norton, Travis AFB, Calif, Tech. Sgt. Phil Borneman, Charleston AFB, S.C., Tech Sgt. John Krayeski, Andrews AFB, Md., Tech. Sgt. Brian Weaver, Dover AFB., Tech. Sgt. Tim Arnold, Scott AFB, Ill., and Staff Sgt. Jason France, Air Mobility Warfare Center, N.J., spent the week watching how individuals ran, shot and led their teams to determine who would compete for the 10 positions on the AMC Worldwide team.

"We look at their character, determination and shooting," said Captain Eckart. "We look at the person first, then their abilities — you can teach a lot of things, but you can't teach heart."

The coaches will train the candidates for 45 days to determine who will remain on the worldwide team. Eight primary positions and two alternates will go on to Lackland AFB, Texas in October to compete for the ultimate security forces bragging rights.

They will compete against all the

other Major Commands as well as foreign teams to become Worldwide Defender Challenge champions.

"I was really happy about being selected", said Blevins. "It's a huge honor. I feel a lot of people deserved it and somehow I got lucky and was picked."

Blevins feelings about the 45-day training session are mixed.

"I'm a little scared," Blevins said. "They already warned us they'd be working us hard, trying to find our weaknesses, so only the best go on to the final. I'm happy I'm going, but I'm a little nervous."

All in all, Graves said he felt the team did very well and was satisfied with the way the competition went.

"Teamwork really showed in combat tactics and installation response," said Graves. "We used the right person at the right place."

"We thought we'd be a good shooting team, but those events were kind of a surprise," Graves continued. "The other teams were a little tougher than we thought."

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing, Pope AFB, N.C., was named the winner of the Colonel Stephen T. Frazier Award for the best overall team. Following is a list of competition results for individual events, taken from an AMC news release.

## Combat Rifle Competition

First place: 43<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing, Pope AFB, N.C.

Second place: 62<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, Wash.

Third place: 436<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Dover AFB, Del.

Combat Rifle "Top Gun" award: Staff Sgt. Russell Louk, 43<sup>rd</sup> AW

## Combat Handgun Competition

First place: 62<sup>nd</sup> AW

Second place: 43<sup>rd</sup> AW

Third place: 436<sup>th</sup> AW

Combat Handgun "Top Gun" award: Senior Airman Jamain Braxton, 43<sup>rd</sup> AW

## Combat Tactics

First place: 10<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing, U.S. Air Force Academy

Second place: 436<sup>th</sup> AW

Third place: 375<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Scott AFB, Ill.

## Installation Response

First place: 436<sup>th</sup> AW

Second place: 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Charleston AFB, S.C.

Third place: 6<sup>th</sup> Mobility Wing, MacDill AFB, Fla.

## Combat Endurance Course

First place: 62<sup>nd</sup> AW

Second place: 92<sup>nd</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild AFB, Wash.

Third place: 305<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Wing, McGuire AFB, N.J.

## Spirit Award

704<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Military Police Brigade, Fort Lewis, Wash.

## Base appearance could net CAFB \$200K

By Senior Airman  
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A team from Air Mobility Command will be on Charleston AFB July 30-Aug. 1 to inspect base appearance.

This year, the base that wins first place in the annual appearance competition takes a \$200,000 prize.

In 2000, Charleston finished first in general appearance, second in dormitories and third in interiors. However, the base finished fourth overall when housing, exterior and self-help scores were factored in.

"We're very, very close to winning this competition," said Capt. Madison Morris, 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron. "Our two biggest areas for improvement are attention to detail around building exteriors and tidying up housing. Things like trimmed bushes, clean gutters and clean patios and carports will put us over the top."

Any prize money won is used to improve the quality of life here, said Morris. Last year, the prize money for fourth-place, \$50,000, was spent on improvements to the Child Development and Youth Centers.

"Our next Pride Day is July 26," said Master Sgt. Keith Finney, 437 CES. "This will be

our last chance to take care of final trimming and edging. In the mean time, we need everyone on base looking for areas that can be touched up and reporting it to their squadron's base appearance points of contact."

Housing residents are responsible for several areas of their home's appearance, according to the housing office. Residents must keep the lawn mowed, edged, trimmed and free of trash.

Grass should be removed from the sidewalk, driveway and street curbs. Leaves should be raked, and the street curb should be kept free of debris. Residents must keep shrubbery trimmed, and porches and carports neat and uncluttered.

"If people just mow and edge their lawns and keep grass out of the curb joints, we'll do fine," said Troy Draughn, chief of housing facilities. "The first impression is everything."

Base housing residents can now purchase flowers and bushes from the Self-Help Store. The items were ordered for Pride Day and are available on a first-come, first-served basis, according to the housing office.

More information about housing appearance standards may be found in CAFB Pamphlet 32-301.

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"Reserve units try to train on items they need while they're here," said Williams. "Right now, six people are training on the 60k loader."

The passenger terminal also had a number of reservists going through vehicle training, according to Williams.

Though some of the personnel here for Patriot Partner are training, that isn't the main goal, according to King.

"Patriot Partner tries to bring experienced personnel rather than trainees," King said. "The idea is to take over as much of the port as possible."

One of the units here for Patriot Partner isn't participating in the takeover, but instead is getting valuable hands-on training, according to King.

"The Selfridge ANG detachment is a one-year-old unit," King said. "Almost everybody is a three level, or a one level

working on three-level CDCs (career development courses). They're a non-player as far as taking over the port goes, but they're getting good hands-on experience they haven't been able to get elsewhere."

Patriot Partner isn't the only time Reserve and National Guard units work with the 437 APS, according to King.

"We've got folks in here about nine months out of the year," King said. "They come in smaller numbers, but there's an awful lot of Guard and Reserve work done here."

Without help from the Guard and Reserve, life in the 437 APS would be a lot different, according to King.

"I'm not saying we couldn't do the job without them, but they do make the job a whole lot easier," King said.

During Patriot Partner the work load faced by the stand-in units will vary, King said.

"They will be handling 100 percent of our summertime workload," said King.

# DOD, bank agree to changes in official travel card terms

The Defense Department and Bank of America have agreed to a revised cardholder terms and agreement policy for the government travel card. The new agreement is scheduled to take effect Aug. 10.

The new terms include increased fees for some transactions, according to Michael Weber, Air Force travel card program coordinator.

Although some fees have increased, he predicts only a small number of people will be affected.

"The Air Force has seen a significant decrease in travel credit card delinquencies," he said. "Since January, delinquencies have dropped from over 12 percent to currently 5 percent, and we continue to see a decline."

He said people can avoid the higher cash advance fees simply by using the credit card to charge their lodging, transportation, meals and rental car costs.

"We encourage cardholders to use the card as much as possible and avoid using the ATM for cash advances to pay expenses that should be

charged directly to the card," he said.

Nearly all other additional fees will be avoided by paying bills on time and being financially responsible, he added.

New terms include:

- Late fee: A late fee of \$29 at 75 days past closing date on the statement of the account in which the charge first appeared

- Expedited cards: A \$20 fee for expedited delivery of cards, which is reimbursable on the travel voucher; no fee will be charged for emergency replacement of lost/stolen/damaged cards while in a travel status

- Returned check fees: A \$29 fee for returned checks.

- Cash fees: For cash advances, a fee of \$2 per transaction or 3 percent of the transaction amount, whichever is greater

- Reduced credit lines on restricted and standard cards consistent with travel needs

Bank of America will include the revised terms and agreement policy in the July statements, Weber said. Cardholders should expect to

see this new cardholder agreement in the mail around July 7-9. It is for information only and no action is necessary by the cardholder.

Additionally, Weber said future changes include a split disbursement default option and procedures to implement salary offset for delinquent accounts.

These changes are expected to take effect later this fall and additional information will be announced once it becomes available.

"Split disbursement is a convenience option that is already used by thousands of cardholders," Weber said.

Weber said people who want to know the balance on their cards can go online to the Electronic Account Government Ledger System, known as EAGLS.

Information on how travelers can get access to EAGLS to view their balances on the Internet can be obtained from their unit agency program coordinator or "The Cardholder Program Guide," a booklet available from unit APCs. (AFPN)

World Wrestling Federation Entertainment stars Spike Dudley and Molly Holly take time to read the Airlift Dispatch.



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## Pay

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their pay increase on time, according to Treasure. That problem should be corrected by the middle of July, he said.

The problems Lawson has seen so far involve individuals who were recently promoted and individuals who recently reenlisted and are expecting bonuses, he said.

"The people catching the mistake are those expecting an increase and didn't see one," Lawson said. "This could be because either their promotion didn't go through the system yet or their reenlistment dates haven't been updated."

Individuals who find discrepancies with their LES should work with their local military personnel flights and accounting and finance offices, Treasure said.

(AFPC News Service. Senior Airman Melanie Streeter, 437 AW Public Affairs, also contributed to this article.)

# CAFB's veterinary facility staffed by new vet; surgical services to be offered for pets

By Senior Airman  
Melanie Streeter

437 AW Public Affairs

The Army Veterinary Treatment Facility on Charleston AFB has a new veterinarian and is offering new services.

Army Capt. April Ulmer said in addition to the clinic services previously offered at the facility, she is adding elective surgeries to the clinic's capabilities.

Elective surgeries include spaying and neutering for cats and dogs, as well as declawing and other soft tissue surgeries.

"Our prices are very competitive with what you'd pay off base," Ulmer said.

To spay a female dog weighing more than 50 pounds, customers will be charged \$50. For a female weighing less than 50 pounds, the procedure costs \$40. To spay a female cat, the clinic charges \$25 or \$35 to both spay and declaw.

Male dogs weighing more than 50 pounds cost \$30 to neuter, while males

less than 50 pounds cost \$20. To neuter a male cat, the clinic charges \$10 or \$20 to neuter and declaw.

To be eligible for surgery services, the clinic requires pets be up-to-date on vaccinations. Pet owners must also consent to having their pet microchipped. The microchip costs \$12.50 with surgery.

"One of my goals here is to work toward making microchipping mandatory on base," Ulmer said. "This is for a number of reasons. Military people move so often, it's easy for them to become separated from their pets. Also, this is hurricane alley, and hurricanes can cause pets to be separated from their owners."

Another of Ulmer's goals is to offer dental services for pets in the near future.

"We'll be offering dental cleaning as soon as we get the equipment," Ulmer said. "That's in the works."

Ulmer's primary job is taking care of the military working dogs here, she said. Also, she is in charge of inspecting food at the Naval Weapons Station and Base Commissaries as

well as inspecting prime vendors to the base.

On the average day, Ulmer sees 28-34 animals.

"We hold a clinic two days a week, and a Saturday clinic once a month," Ulmer said. "Right now there's such a long waiting list for surgeries, I plan to schedule two days a week until I'm caught up and then go to doing surgery one day a week."

Ulmer said eligible pet owners interested in surgery can sign up for the waiting list now. Active duty military members and retired active duty military members are eligible for services at the veterinary clinic. Also eligible are active duty reservists.

"Usually if you qualify for medical group services then you also qualify for vet clinic services," Ulmer said.

Ulmer came to CAFB after graduating from Mississippi State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

For more information on services available at the veterinary facility, call 963-4264.

## NEWS BRIEFS

## Spotlight

**Retirement:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Senior Master Sgt. Reese Jones Jr. today, 3 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Romeo at 963-5805.

**Retirement:** The 14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Lt. Col. Andrew Murphy today, 3:30 p.m., in the 14 AS auditorium. For more information, call 963-2437.

**Retirement:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Camera Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Katherin Bryson July 20, 10 a.m., at the Base Education Center. For more information, call 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Mikie Keck at 963-4014.

**SNCO induction:** The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior NCO Induction Ceremony will be held July 26 at the Charleston Club. Social time begins at 6 p.m., and the menu is Chicken Cordon Bleu. Attire is mess dress or semi-formal. The fifth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Robert Gaylor, is scheduled to speak. Tickets are \$18 for club members, \$21 for non-members and can be purchased from first sergeants until Thursday.

## Around the base

**Bible school:** The chapel is sponsoring an ecumenical vacation bible school Monday-July 20, 6-8 p.m. Children ages 3 and up are invited to attend. For more information or to register, call 963-2536.

**Cancellation:** There will be no Commissioning Briefing at the Base Education Center Wednesday. The briefing will resume in August. For more information, call 963-4575.

**Chiefs' Group:** The Charleston AFB Chiefs' Group will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, 11 a.m., in the Charleston Club. All chief master sergeants and chief selectees are invited to attend.

**Study skills:** There will be a study skills seminar at the Base Education Center July 25, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call 963-4575.

**Physicals:** The Family Practice Clinic providers will be conducting school and sports physicals July 31, Aug. 1, and Aug. 7-9. Sign in for these physicals will be at the Family Practice Clinic window from 4-5 p.m. The person needing the physical needs to bring in the correct paperwork for particular school requirements and a shot record. These dates are set aside for school and sports physicals only. If any other issues need to be addressed, a separate appointment must be made with the primary care

## Charleston Profile

### Staff Sgt. Matthew Podunajec 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Maintenance Aircraft Coordination Center

Staff Sgt. Matthew Podunajec is a senior aircraft controller with the 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Maintenance Aircraft Coordination Center.

Podunajec's duties include, tracking the launch, recovery and maintenance of the aircraft assigned to Charleston AFB. Additionally, he can coordinate the recovery of broken aircraft off-station.

"We ensure either a maintenance response team is sent or the necessary part is relayed anywhere in the world," said Podunajec. "We also monitor all transient aircraft to include the distinguished visitor's coming to the base."

The MACC now works directly with the command post in the same room after combining the operations.

"They first did this as a test and it worked well," said Podunajec. "We work face to face with the command post which opens up the communication tremendously."

Podunajec has been at Charleston AFB for over 7 years, his only base so far.

"I reenlisted last October for six years," said Podunajec. "I like the job security and that we are well taken care of. I plan to stay 20 years or longer if I can."

Podunajec is working toward fulfilling a dream he had a long time ago.

"I always wanted to fly," said Podunajec. "I set a goal in high school to join the military and fly. I plan on finishing that goal. I am still working on my degree; I guess I'm doing it the hard way."

In his free time, Podunajec likes to bowl, play soccer and cook.

"I will be coaching in the upcoming youth soccer season for the first time since I damaged my knee playing soccer," said Podunajec.

Podunajec is single and hails from Waymart, Pa.



manager. The clinic will see all patients who sign in between 4-5 p.m. on those days. For more information, call 963-6790.

**Smart Card:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Supply Squadron issues and updates smart cards daily at the Parts Store, Bldg. T-80, and at Customer Service, Bldg. 302. During swing- and mid-shifts, the cards are issued at the Parts Store only. For more information, call Consolidated Customer Service at 963-4826 or Master Sgt. Debra Baczweski at 963-4836.

**Reserve:** The 96<sup>th</sup> Flying Training Squadron, Laughlin AFB, Texas, has part-time Reserve openings for instructor pilots in T-1, T-37 and T-38 aircraft. Pilot Instructor Training is available. For more information, call DSN 732-4837 or commercial (830) 298-4837.

**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.

**Space A:** Space Available travel is an option for active duty military members, reservists, National Guard members, retirees and their dependents. For more information about Space A travel, go to [www.charleston.af.mil/chas/437AW/OG/437APS/MAIN\\_PAGE.htm](http://www.charleston.af.mil/chas/437AW/OG/437APS/MAIN_PAGE.htm).

**Commissary:** Commissary customers wanting paper bags instead of plastic must now specifically request them. The policy was implemented in order to reduce the Commissary's annual expenditure for bags, which last year reached \$7 million.

**TMO:** The peak season for shipments of personal property is here. Personnel should report to the TMO office as soon as they receive their orders. Three-four weeks are needed to confirm requested move dates.

Personnel shipping vehicles overseas must have all proper documentation upon arrival at the Vehicle Processing Center. Required documentation now includes permanent change of station orders and either the title or letter of authorization from the lienholder or lease company before shipment can be accomplished. For more information, call 963-2255, or visit their Web site at [www.charleston.af.mil/CHAS/437AW/OG/TMO/index.htm](http://www.charleston.af.mil/CHAS/437AW/OG/TMO/index.htm).

### Family Support Center

**Pre-Deployment Briefing:** Monday, July 16, 23 and 30, 8 a.m. and Thursday, July 19 and 26, 4 p.m.

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

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

**Employers Panel and Mini Job Fair:** Thursday, 2-4 p.m.

**Troops-To-Teachers:** July 23, 10-11 a.m.

**Smart Women Finish Rich:** July 23, 6-8 p.m.

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

## COMMENTARY

# Have fun, be safe during second half of 101 Critical Days of Summer

By Col. Karl Young  
437 AW vice commander

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe Fourth of July and short work week. We all work hard and should take advantage of holidays like that to recharge and rejuvenate ourselves so we can continue to excel for the rest of the summer.

## 101 Critical Days of Summer

We are half way through the 101 Critical Days of Summer and doing well so far. As we head into the second half of summer please be mindful of taking the appropriate precautions with the high heat indexes and hurricane preparations.

Along safety lines, we had a couple of close calls with lightening strikes last week. One happened when a tree near a base house was struck and the electricity traveled through the power lines into the home, fortunately causing only cosmetic damage to the home. The other incident occurred on the flightline when lightening struck the ramp in front of an aircraft, and the electricity traveled into the grounding cord. Again, we were lucky there was no damage to the aircraft, but it goes to show that thunderstorms are not something to ignore. They can be dangerous and should be taken seriously.

## Distinguished visitor

We had a short notice request to support a visit by Mrs. Darleen Druyun, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition and Management, last week. Great job by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Catherine Barker and our protocol office in setting this up so quickly and professionally.

## Pilot down

We received a call on July 6 about an F-16 from Shaw AFB that went down about 40 miles off the coast, killing the pilot, Capt. Mitchell Bulmann. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time. We thought for a while that we would be called to help, but as it turned out Shaw handled it with help from

the U.S. Coast Guard. Thanks to those folks who were ready and standing by to help with the accident response.

## WWF visit

I had the opportunity to go out on the flightline Saturday as an excited CAFB crowd met three World Wrestling Federation Entertainment wrestlers. The wrestlers were in town for a show at the North Charleston Coliseum and took time out to visit the base beforehand. This was a great event for both the Air Force and the WWF. Faarooq, Molly Holly and Spike Dudley got a chance to fly the C-17 simulator and meet some of our proud professionals at a C-17 display and the new dining facility. Read more about their visit in the story on page 15.

## Diamond Sharp

On Tuesday morning we had the chance to recognize a few of our outstanding NCO's and an airman during the Diamond Sharp presentations. Congratulations to Staff Sergeants Tony Rice, 14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, Nina Campbell, 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron and Robert Constable, 437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron; and Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Michelle Yourdon, 437<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron. Keep up the good work and keep spreading your enthusiasm through your units.

## Saying goodbye

On Monday night we will bid farewell to Col. Glenn Mackey, the deputy commander of the 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, who is on his way back to Scott AFB, Ill., to work in the Air Mobility Command Operational Programming Division. Col. Mackey has done an outstanding job here and will be missed. We send our best wishes with Glenn and his wife, Cindy, as they move on to new challenges and new adventures.

You are all doing a great job and working hard during these busy times. Remember to take time this summer to enjoy the coast and your families, while using common sense and good safety precautions as the temperatures reach their summer highs. Thank you for making Charleston AFB such a great place to work and live!

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## Action Line

The Commander's Action line is your direct link to me. It's your opportunity to make Charleston Air Force Base a better place to live, work and play.

First give the appropriate base agency a chance to solve the problem, but if you don't get a satisfactory answer, call me at 963-5581 or send an e-mail to [action@charleston.af.mil](mailto:action@charleston.af.mil).

To ensure you receive a response to your concerns, please leave your name and the information needed to contact you.



## Commonly used phone numbers

Base Exchange	552-5000
Charleston Club	963-3914
Commissary	963-5695
Education Office	963-4573
Family Support	963-4406
Housing Office	963-3859
Medical Group Info	963-6700
Security Forces	963-3611
Services Squadron	963-3821

## Movie goer requests handrails for base theater steps

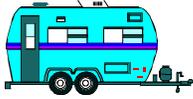
Q: I have a concern about handicapped rails at the base theater. I would like to know if handrails could be installed on the steps for those people who have disabilities, like my wife, who has two false hips. I'm sure she is not the only one. I have seen people almost fall down the two or three steps that are there. I think this is really a unique safety concern and something should be done about it.

A: Thank you for your comments. I appreciate your concern regarding the handicap rails at the base theatre. This is an excellent

suggestion and a work order has been submitted to CE to install the handrails. Thank you for taking the time to identify this problem. We will continue to strive to provide the best customer service possible.



No handrails can be a danger to some movie goers.



## Off duty--Around town



### Sports:

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

**Swamp Foxes:** Saturday, 7:30 p.m., vs. Norfolk. For tickets call 554-6060.

**Battery:** Tonight, 7:30 p.m., vs. Richmond. For more information or for tickets, call 971-GOAL.

**Summerville Speedway:** NASCAR Super Trucks and four NASCAR divisions 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 Calling and The Frogmoores perform tonight at The Windjammer, 1008 Ocean Blvd., Isle of Palms. Tickets cost \$5. For more information, call 886-8948.

**Live music:** The Tams perform 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 her band present a night of jazz at The End Zone, 5140 Ashley Phosphate Rd., Fridays 8-11 p.m. Charr, a.k.a. Charlene Lowe, is a reservist with the 315<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron.

**Theater:** The Charleston Guerrilla Theatre performs the Pulitzer Prize-winning "Wit" every Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m., at the Dock Street

Theatre, 135 Church St. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$12.50 for seniors and students. For more information, call 965-4032.

### Events:

**Wine tasting:** Sample wines from the Republic of South Africa and cheeses from the Earth Fare store, 74 Folly Road. The event is free. For more information or to register, call 769-4800.

**Summer concert:** Henry Turner Jr. and Flavor will perform at James Island County Park Saturday. Gates open at 7:30 p.m. and music starts at 8:30 p.m. Outside alcohol and coolers are prohibited. Tickets are \$5 for adults, 12 and under get in free. For more information, call 795-4FUN

**Second Saturday:** The Charleston Museum offers a Country Fair with a petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, exotic birds, turtles, contests, games and more Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 360 Meeting St. For more information, call 722-2996, ext. 236.

**Bird walks:** Perry Nugent leads bird walks at Magnolia Plantation, Highway 61, Sundays, 8:30 a.m. Refreshments follow. The walks cost \$5 for members and \$11 for nonmembers. For more information, call 571-1266.

**Exhibits:** The Charleston Museum, 360 Meeting St., is hosting "Backyard Monsters," an exhibit of giant robotic insects, now-Aug. 21. For more information, call 722-2996.

**Comedy class:** At Comedy Show Camp, Cris Ellauri and Steve Harris will teach children ages 6-13 how to dramatize jokes and skits, and how to make costumes and scenery July 24-Aug. 23, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The camp will be held at Creative Spark, 757 Long Point Rd., Mt. Pleasant. For more information, call 881-3780.

**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



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Jeremy Lock*

Renee Ann Mallari swims in the deep end of the pool with a lifejacket on. Learning how to use a lifejacket properly is just one of the many things taught to first-time swimmers at the Charleston AFB pool. Swimming lessons are taught by the Outdoor Recreation Center.

## Youngsters beat the summer heat at the base pool

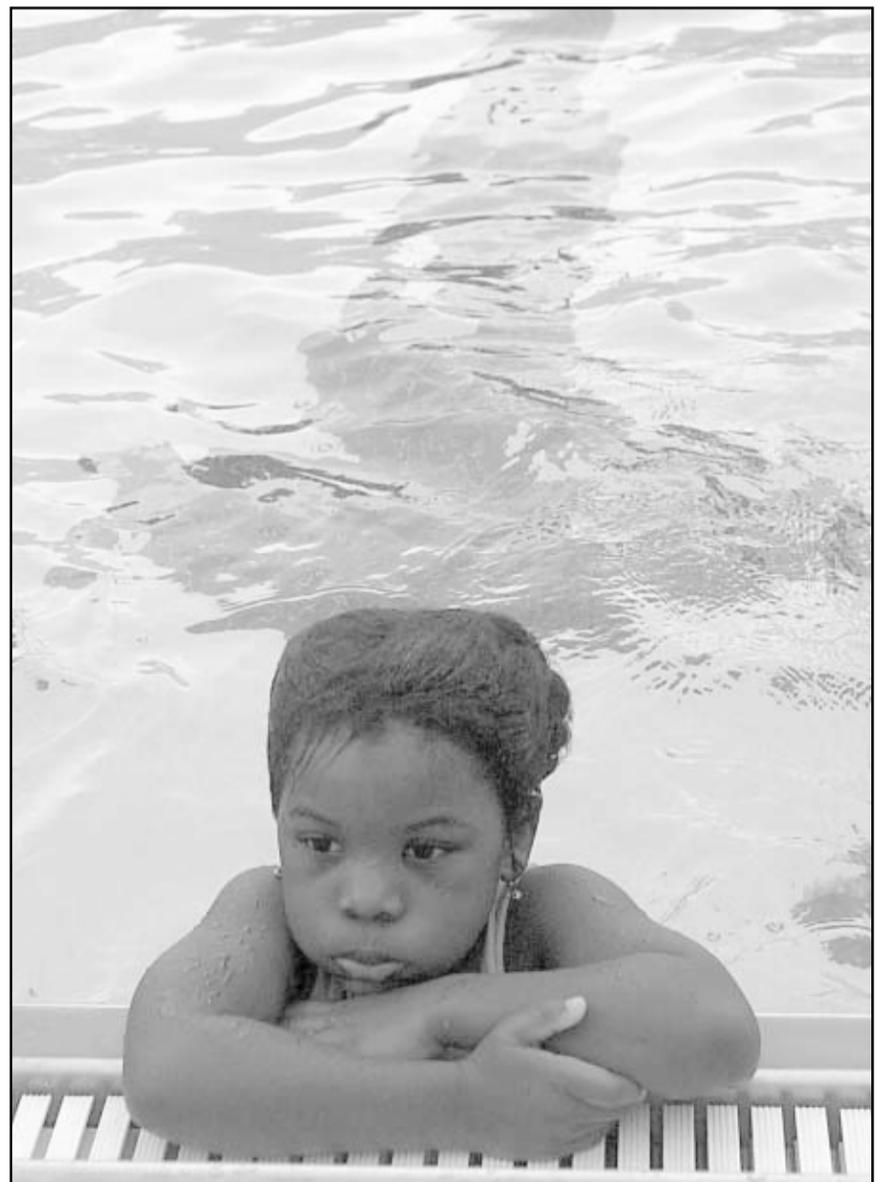
On a hot, hazy, Charleston afternoon, these kids were doing something refreshing. They took the Outdoor Recreation Center's swimming course.

The ORC offered swimming lessons for children ages 5-11 in all different skill levels.

During the first lesson, children were tested in their swimming abilities and divided into groups based on their level of expertise. Lessons were modified to the group's skill level.

The first set of lessons were held June 5-15 and the second set June 19-29. ORC personnel taught three sessions per day, with 20-25 children per class.

The Base Pool is open Tuesdays-Fridays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturdays-Sundays, 11 a.m.- 7 p.m.



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Jeremy Lock*

Before getting out of the water, Iona SooDoo takes a quick break at the edge of the pool at the end of swim class.



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Jeremy Lock*

Kelsey Cook watches as Keatin Lock points and laughs at one of his classmates.

## CAFB housing, Hunley Park families win Yard of the Month



**Left:** Staff Sgt. Tony Newbern, 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron, works in his Hunley Park Yard of the Month with his wife, Jennifer, and their children, Peyton and Alex. Tony gives most of the credit for winning the competition to his wife. Jennifer said she spends about 10 hours a week in her yard. "It's my hobby," she said. "I stay home with the kids all day, and they love being outside."

**Right:** Senior Airman Kevin Davis, 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron, gets help raking from his daughter, Kayla. Davis' wife, Melissa, looks on, holding the newest member of the Davis family. Corbin, born June 24, already spends time on the yardwork with mom and dad. Kevin and Melissa said they spend about five hours per week keeping up award-winning yard in Charleston AFB's family housing.



*Photos by Senior Airman Melanie Streefer*

## 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.

#### **"Moulin Rouge" – Nicole Kidman**

Satine, the Sparkling Diamond, star of the Moulin Rouge and the city's most famous courtesan is caught between the love of a young writer and another man's obsession. The writer finds himself plunged into this decadent world where anything goes except falling in love. **(PG-13) 128 minutes**

### Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

#### **"Pearl Harbor" – Ben Affleck**

It was the end of innocence, and the dawn of a nation's greatest glory. It was during Pearl Harbor, following the story of two best friends, Rafe and Danny, and their love lives as they go off to join the war. **(PG-13) 183 minutes**

### July 20, 7:30 p.m.

#### **"The Animal" – Rob Schneider**

After a near-fatal car crash, Marvin has no idea that he is about to become the guinea pig for a bizarre procedure that repairs his body with a strange fusion of animal organs. As the animals within him start to take over, his world gets more unpredictable by the minute. **(PG-13) 87 minutes**

### July 21, 7:30 p.m.

#### **"Evolution" – David Duchovny**

## Fitness & Sports

### Sports line

**Golf:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Group is holding the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Charitable Fundraiser Golf Tournament today, 8:30 a.m., at Wrenwoods Golf Course. There is a \$20 entry fee that includes lunch and range balls. Cart and green fees also apply. Sign up at the golf course, or call Aaron Ludwick at 963-3999.

**Aquatic aerobics:** Aquatic aerobics is a new, widely accepted method of physical exercise that allows participants to exercise more independently due to the buoyancy in the water and reduced gravitational force. Aqua aerobics is successful in the treatment of chronic pain management, back rehabilitation, sports medicine, post-op knee joint and shoulder therapy and sedentary lifestyles. The Health and Wellness Center offers aquatic aerobics Wednesdays-Fridays, 11 a.m.-noon, at the base pool. For more information, call 963-4007.

# Three WWF superstars visit CAFB

**By Senior Airman Melanie Streeter**  
*437 AW Public Affairs*

Three World Wrestling Federation Entertainment superstars visited Charleston AFB July 7, touring aircraft and facilities and meeting with CAFB personnel.

Spike Dudley, Molly Holly and Faarooq arrived on the flightline via humvee from the North Charleston Coliseum. The superstars then spent an hour signing autographs for about 100 fans gathered on the flightline and touring the C-17.

"It's great," said Holly. "It's always an adventure when they send us on the road. This is the first time I've been able to do something like this. Other WWF stars said these visits are great. I'm really looking forward to it."

After meeting Team Charleston members and touring the aircraft, the three stars moved on to the C-17 flight simulator, where they tried their hand at flying. Several fans had an opportunity to meet the stars and have pictures signed at the simulator.

Before heading back to the Coliseum for their matches, the wrestlers visited the Base Dining Facility to spend more time with their fans. A crowd of about 100 was on hand to greet them.

"I think it's cool to get involved and support the military," Dudley said. "I get to see stuff I've never seen before. The response is always positive, and it's all about putting on a good show and making people happy."



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Jeff Wolfe*

**World Wrestling Federation Entertainment stars Molly Holly and Spike Dudley sign autographs on board a CAFB C-17.**



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Jeff Wolfe*

**Faarooq, World Wrestling Federation Entertainment star, signs autographs at the dining facility.**