



Charleston Club named best in AF

By Master Sgt. Dan Murphy
437 AW Public Affairs

The Charleston Club is the Air Force Services collocated club winner for 2001.

This comes on the heels of winning the Air Mobility Command collocated award for the last four years.

"When most people think of services, they think of the club," said Lt. Col Bruce Alexander, 437th Services Squadron commander. "Through the support we receive from the active duty, Reserve, retirees and veterans, we get 110 percent participation in the facility. This also goes for the effort of all our people."

The last time Charleston won the AF award was 1998, said Pat Simpson, club manager. "A big part of it is financial performance. We have been the top club in making a profit in AMC for the last four years."

Simpson acknowledges that the award is not an individual award but won by the many staff members at the club.

"The biggest key is the staff," said Simpson. "We have 10 employees that have been with us for more than 10 years and four for more than 30. That helps us with the continuity. I'm most happy for the people who work here. Without them it

wouldn't happen."

Alexander echoed Simpson's observations.

"The food preparation and quality of every meal have a lot of veteran experience that is unmatched," said Alexander. "All our new people have this experience to draw from."

Along with winning the award, Charleston has also led the way in the command in membership.

"We have led in new memberships in AMC since 1996," said Simpson. "This helps AMC which has also led the Air Force in membership growth."

This outstanding support starts at the top and filters down.

"We get outstanding support from the wing leadership, including wing commander Col. Rusty Findley and Command Chief Master Sgt. Harvey Hampton. We also receive this support from the many group and squadron commanders out there," said Simpson.

The club is made up of approximately 4,200 members with an annual income of \$2.5 million.

The earnings of the club, over and above operating costs, stay here at CAFB.

"The profits go back into the programs and the mem-

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Photo by Senior Airman Melanie Streefer

Balancing act

Airman Keilon Campbell, left, and Airman 1st Class Jeremiah Sarreal, 437th Transportation Squadron, replace the harmonic balancer in a 1995 Chevy Sierra. The harmonic balancer helps to keep the crank shaft from vibrating the engine.

Air Force feels pinch from tetanus-diphtheria vaccine shortage

A temporary shortage of an adult Td vaccine in the United States is expected to impact Air Force supplies of the 2-in-1 vaccine that protects against tetanus and diphtheria.

One of the pharmaceutical companies that manufactured the vaccine stopped production last year, said officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in At-

lanta.

This left only one company, Aventis Pasteur, to produce enough vaccine for the entire country. While the new company has increased production to accommodate the country's needs, the shortage is expected to last until early next year.

The shortage will not affect the mission at Charleston AFB, said Capt. David Newman, 437th Medical

Group Public Health officer.

"It doesn't affect our mission, because anyone due for a booster who's going to a foreign country will receive it," he said. "It may affect a few people that are not on mobility who are due for routine booster, but the number will be low because a booster is recommended every 10 years."

In light of the shortage and the

recommendations of the CDC's advisory committee on immunization practices, the Air Force is deferring all routine boosters of Td vaccine for previously immunized adults and children older than 7 until 2002 when the vaccine becomes fully available. The manufacturer is ensuring the CDC that adequate

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IN THE NEWS

437 SUPS staff sergeant may have saved North Charleston man's life

By Lt. Col. Ed Memi
437 AW Public Affairs

A staff sergeant in the 437th Supply Squadron may have saved the life of a man who blacked out behind the wheel of his vehicle July 1 and narrowly missed crashing into a fuel pump at a local gas station.

Staff Sgt. Lynn Scholl, who works in supply customer service, was putting air into his tires at around 8:30 a.m. at a Speedway gas station on Rivers Avenue when he saw a red 1985 Dodge pickup truck, driven by Henry Lewis, careen out of control, jump the curb and sideswipe a car pulling up to a parking spot after

refueling.

Scholl got inside the truck and backed it away from the gas station and then administered first aid for about a minute until Lewis began to breathe on his own. Scholl instructed the gas station clerk to call 911.

"After flipping him over, one eye was open, and his eyeballs were rolled back into his head. At first, I thought he was having a seizure, but after checking his jaw and his vital signs, I saw that it was much more serious. He was not breathing at all and I thought he was dead," Scholl said.

Scholl was by himself when he responded and no else assisted him while clearing Lewis's airway and placing him on his side, despite several on-lookers.

Scholl learned the life-saving procedure as a lifeguard and through swimming. He was off-duty when the incident happened.

"I was surprised no one was hurt, because when the truck came

over the curb, there was no one behind the wheel, and there were a lot of people coming in and out of the gas station," Scholl said. "A few minutes earlier, a tanker truck had just left after dropping off some fuel for the station."

He said the truck was moving at least 20 mph when it jumped the curb.

The Charleston County Emergency Medical Service arrived about five minutes later and found Lewis with a pulse, but no blood pressure.

Lewis had suffered from a massive seizure. Scholl provided information on Lewis's condition to the North Charleston Police Department.

"He was barely breathing when they arrived, and they immediately put him on oxygen and took him away," said Scholl.

The North Charleston Police Department and EMS took control of the scene, but Scholl remained on scene for about an hour to assist the people in the sideswiped car.

"They were from out-of-town on their way to Tennessee and were vacationing in the area," Scholl said. "Their car was un-drivable since a strut was knocked loose. I

drove them over to a rental car place."

Scholl tracked down Lewis's wife from the Speedway gas station and called her to check on his condition.

"I spoke with his wife today (July 5), and she said the last few days have been rough, but he was recovering," Scholl said.

Lewis was released from a local hospital July 4. Doctors were unable to determine what exactly caused him to stop breathing.

"He is a really great person to do what he did," said Fay Lewis, who lives in North Charleston with her husband. "God bless him, and thank God that he was there to help."

Lewis doesn't remember much of the incident.

"I don't know what happened," said Henry Lewis. "I was driving and the next thing I know, I was waking up and staring at the ceiling of the ambulance. It was a very unsettling experience to say the least."

Scholl said helping out wasn't a deliberate decision.

"I'm no hero, but was lucky that I was in the right place at the right time and am glad I could help Henry out," Scholl said.



Photo by Master Sgt. Dan Murphy

Staff Sgt. Lynn Scholl, 437th Supply Squadron, was back at work in supply customer service after the accident. Scholl said he doesn't feel like a hero, he was just doing what needed to be done in a dangerous and potentially deadly situation.

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berships," said Simpson. "We use it to maintain everything. We don't receive money from any outside source.

"So far this year, we have put \$150,000 back into the membership through things like the club card drawing, free food for members and prizes. This works out to be about \$17,000 a month."

The club tries to break the old adage that the entire club is nothing more than the bar.

"We have family members night because it is the right thing to do," said Simpson. "We don't have to make money on everything we do, we are here for the community."

While talking to Simpson his community spirit shown through when someone showed up to ask if they could fill two coolers with ice.

"If we have it, you can have it," said Simpson.

It's the little things the club does that brings in new members and keeps the ones they already have.

An Air Force survey, titled Corporate Prism, was taken about how members felt about their club.

"Charleston was rated as the best by members," said Simpson. "It's

nice to know the members like you. I would rather hear the members are satisfied than win another award.

We have the best value according to the survey. You have to satisfy your customers."

Alexander attributes the club's winning ways to more than the facility's appearance.

"It would be nothing but a building without the great members and staff," said Alexander.

Another way the club satisfies the membership is by having food available.

"We have a seven-days-a-week food operation due to our membership," said Simpson. "Someone can find food everyday during the week. We don't close on Monday's like many clubs do."

The club has recently received some more help from within the membership.

"We have had a club advisory committee for almost a year now," said Simpson. "They have provided some very good input that we have implemented. The number one thing for a club is for members to get involved."

Charleston Club members don't join and stay with the club just out of a sense of duty, but because it's fun.

"I think it's important to belong to the club," said Senior Master Sgt.

Bruce Blodgett, 437th Supply Squadron first sergeant. "I won \$1,100 the first time they had a drawing. It's great they give back to the membership."

A delegation from CAFB will be attending the Air Force Services Awards Banquet at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, in August to accept the award.

The 78th Services Division at Robins AFB, Ga., earned the Gen. Curtis E. LeMay Services Award for the best Air Force services squadron, large-base category.

The 341st Services Squadron at Malmstrom AFB, Mont., claimed the Maj. Gen. Eugene L. Eubank Services Award for the best Air Force services squadron, small-base category.

Col. Richard Gammon, Wright-Patterson AFB earned the Gen. Michael P.C. Carns Award for personal leadership, innovation and ingenuity to improve processes that are of significant concern to the services community.

Sherry Patterson, Langley AFB, Va., received the Lt. Gen. Norm Lezy Award for making outstanding contributions of significant concern to the services community by displaying superior expertise and leadership qualities.

Other Air Force Services program award winners include:

- Fitness and sports, 21 SVS, Peterson AFB, Colo.
- Readiness, 8 SVS, Kunsan AB, South Korea
- Library, 3 SVS, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
- Officers' club, 18 SVS, Kadena AB, Japan
- Enlisted club, 48 SVS, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England
- Outdoor recreation, 18 SVS, Kadena
- Golf, 16 SVS, Hurlburt Field, Fla.;
- Bowling, 18 SVS, Kadena
- Child development center, 81 SVS, Keesler AFB, Miss.
- Youth program, 45 SVS, Patrick AFB, Fla.
- Community center, 8 SVS, Kunsan
- Skills development, 48 SVS, RAF Lakenheath
- Resource management flight, 86 SVS, Ramstein AB, Germany

The jackpot for the Charleston Club's Friday night drawing is now \$3,100. If selected as the winner, the member must be present to take home the cash.

Charleston AFB June Justice Files

*Senior airman drives drunk, gets busted; reduced to airman, restricted
Senior airman, airmen first class use marijuana; lose rank, discharged*

By Senior Airman Geoffery Gunn
437 Military Justice Paralegal

Article 15 actions

An airman first class was derelict in the performance of his duties by failing to properly follow tool control procedures.

Punishment: Suspended reduction to airman and 30 days extra duty.

An airman first class committed the offense of carnal knowledge with a female under the age of 16.

Punishment: Reduction to the rank of airman, suspended reduction to airman basic, restriction to Charleston AFB for 30 days, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

An airman wrongfully transferred custody of a minor child under the age of 16, for the purpose of circumventing a custody order.

Punishment: Reduction to airman basic.

An airman first class was absent without leave for 13 days.

Punishment: Reduction to airman basic. Member was subsequently discharged administratively with a General Discharge.

An airman first class wrongfully used marijuana.

Punishment: Reduction to airman basic. Member was subsequently discharged administratively with a General Discharge.



A senior airman wrongfully used marijuana.

Punishment: Reduction to airman. Member was subsequently discharged administratively with a General Discharge.

An airman first class was derelict in the performance of his duties by failing to maintain his dormitory room.

Punishment: Suspended reduction to airman and 25 days extra duty.

A senior airman was under the

influence of alcohol while operating a motor vehicle at the Arthur Drive Gate with a BAC of .08.

Punishment: Reduction to airman first class and restriction to Charleston AFB for 14 days.

Vacation actions

A senior airman's suspended reduction from a previous Article 15 was vacated for failure to go at the time prescribed to his appointed place of duty.

An airman first class's suspended reduction from a previous Article 15 was vacated for leaving the local area before his leave began.

An airman first class's suspended reduction from a previous Article 15 was vacated for failing to maintain his government quarters.

Administrative discharges

Two airmen received General Discharges for unsatisfactory performance.

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vaccine will be available for those adolescents and adults who need it most.

"The actual risk of a case of tetanus resulting from the shortage remains low, since in the United States most people have had the primary series of vaccinations," said Col. Dana Bradshaw, chief of preventive medicine at the Air Force Surgeon General's Office. "Even so, any adult or adolescent who experiences a tetanus-prone wound and has not had a tetanus booster in the last five years should, as always, consult their local health-care provider immediately to receive the vaccine and proper treatment."

Newman said when the supply level is back to normal, those overdue for the shot will receive it.

Boosters are routinely given every 10 years. However, in the event of an injury such as a cut, puncture or burn that has been contaminated with dirt, soil or saliva, a booster is recommended if the injured person has not received a tetanus booster within five years.

Today, 89 percent of Air Force people are up-to-date on their tetanus status.

New recruits who have re-

cently joined the Air Force are the largest group to be deferred as a result of the temporary shortage, Bradshaw said.

"We highly encourage our trainees to promptly report any wounds they think may put them at risk for tetanus," he said. People who are planning leisure travel to Third World or developing countries where the risk of contracting diphtheria is especially high, should discuss their travel plans and immunization record with their health-care provider.

As a precaution, deploying troops will also be prioritized for Td boosters, Bradshaw said.

Parents should be aware the potential also exists for a shortage to develop in supplies of the Td vaccine formulated for children up to the age of 6.

At the Charleston AFB Family Practice Clinic, there has thus far been no shortage in the vaccine for children under the age of 6, according to Bradshaw.

Those Air Force medical facilities with limited quantities of the child's formula of the vaccine will prioritize supplies and potentially defer some children for the fourth shot if they have completed the initial series. Such deferral should not pre-

clude admission to child-care facilities or schools. Children should still be vaccinated with all other recommended vaccines according to published childhood immunization schedules.

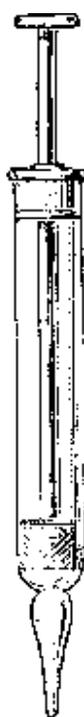
The Air Force is following CDC guidelines that require health-care providers to track patients in need of the Td booster. Air Force hospitals and clinics worldwide are using the Air Force Complete Immunization Tracking Application to track patients in need of the booster.

"Personnel deferred for routine boosters will be notified and brought up-to-date when supplies return to normal," Bradshaw said.

About 30 to 45 cases of tetanus occur annually nationwide, CDC officials said.

The center has reported no increase in reports during the current shortage, and no hospitalizations for tetanus have been reported in the Air Force since 1990.

(AFPN. Staff Sgt. Pamela Smith, 437 AW Public Affairs, also contributed to this article.)



President nominates Jumper as chief of staff

The president announced his nomination of Gen. John P. Jumper on July 16 as chief of staff of the Air Force.

Jumper, currently the commander of Air Combat Command at Langley Air Force Base, Va., has been serving in the Air Force since 1966, and has commanded a fighter squadron, two fighter wings and a numbered air force and two major commands.

Some of Jumper's previous Pentagon assignments include serving as deputy chief of staff for air and space operations. He also was the senior military assistant to two secretaries of defense and was a special assistant to the chief of staff for roles and missions.

Completing two tours of duty in Southeast Asia, Jumper is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours, principally in fighter aircraft. He has received numerous awards for his military service including the Distinguished Service Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross with two oak leaf clusters.

Jumper earned his undergraduate degree from the Virginia Military Institute in Virginia, and completed Squadron Officer School and Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. He received a Master's degree in business administration from Golden Gate University in California, and then attended the National War College at Fort McNair in Washington. **(APFN)**

Gen. John P. Jumper was nominated by the president July 16 to be the next Air Force chief of staff. Jumper is currently the commander of Air Combat Command at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

CAFB members may seek legal help from ADC

Capt. Heather Logan Kissinger is the new Area Defense Counsel at Charleston AFB. She replaced Capt. Marci Lawson on July 2.

ADC is responsible for representing Air Force members who are facing various types of adverse actions initiated by the Air Force. Along with Kissinger, one civilian paralegal, Maye Nussman, mans the ADC office.

The ADC offers confidential advice and counsel to any CAFB member who is suspected of a crime or is facing any kind of negative paperwork.

C A F B members who need legal assistance on matters initiated against them by the Air Force should call 963-4416.



Courtesy photo

Capt. Heather Kissinger



Photo by Staff Sgt. David McCarrison

NEWS BRIEFS

Spotlight

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

Retirement: The 1st Combat Camera Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Richard Bumgardner Thursday, 3:30 p.m., at the Base Flag Pole. RSVP to Master Sgt. Robert Hawkins at 963-5454 or Senior Master Sgt. Marvin Ettlín at 963-3474 by July 23.

Quarterly awards: The 437th Airlift Wing will recognize its Quarterly Award winners during a breakfast Tuesday, 7:30 a.m., at the Charleston Club. The breakfast costs \$8 for club members and \$10 for nonmembers. Reservations can be made through first sergeants.

SNCO induction: The 5th Annual Senior NCO Induction Ceremony will be held Thursday 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 nonmembers and can be purchased from first sergeants.

Change of command: The 437th Mission Support Squadron is holding a change of command July 27, 10 a.m., at the Charleston Club. Maj. Charles Capp will assume command from Lt. Col. Vic Sowers. All 437 MSS customer service support functions will be closed from 9:30-11:30 a.m. that day to attend the ceremony.

Change of command: The 437th Communications Squadron is holding a change of command Aug. 3, 9:30 a.m., at the Charleston Club. Maj. Jeffrey Schwefler will assume command from Maj. Douglas Taylor. For more information, call 963-3505.

Around the base

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

Base clean-up: The base appearance competition inspection team will be here July 30-Aug. 1. The final Wing Pride Day will be held Thursday and should focus on the exteriors of houses and workcenters. For more information, contact squadron facility representatives.

Closure: The right turn lane from Dorchester Road onto the base will be closed Aug. 4, 8 a.m., and will reopen Aug. 5, 5 p.m. A sewer main is being replaced. Vehicles may still enter the

Charleston Profile

Staff Sgt. Christy Valentine
437th Airlift Wing Staff

Staff Sgt. Christy Valentine is the network administrator for the 437th Airlift Wing Staff.

Valentine is responsible for fixing computers, setting up new computers and setting up new accounts for incoming members. She also accounts for all computer equipment for wing staff.

"Troubleshooting is the biggest part of my day in this job," Valentine said.

Valentine can be found working all over the base when she is not in her office.

"I have all of wing staff that is spread over six buildings," she said.

Originally from New York, Valentine began her career in Arizona at Davis-Monthan AFB. She followed with a remote in Araxos, Greece.

Her Charleston AFB assignment began in the 437th Communications Squadron and landed her in wing staff a year later. She is approaching her ninth year in the Air Force.

Off duty, Valentine spends a lot of time with her seven-year-old daughter Kayla. Kayla plays a different sport every season and Valentine is the team mom for her softball, cheerleading and bowling teams.

"We usually travel on Sundays for cheerleading competitions," she said.

When Valentine is not attending a game or cheering on the team, she enjoys cooking.



Photo by Jennifer Cavender

Dorchester gate by making a sharp right turn at the light.

Physicals: The Flight Medicine Clinic and Family Practice Clinic will be conducting school and sports physicals on July 31, Aug. 1, and Aug. 7-9. All interested beneficiaries need to sign in at the Family Practice Clinic window between 4-5 p.m. on those days. Please bring pertinent school forms that need to be filled out and shot records. These dates are set aside for school and sports physicals only. A separate appointment will have to be made if there are other issues involved.

Smart Card: The 437th 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.

City Colleges: City Colleges of Chicago is offering various courses which fulfill Community College of the Air Force degree requirements. Registration is now-Aug. 2. For more information, call 552-5959 or visit their representative at the Base Education Center.

Embry-Riddle: Embry Riddle Aeronautical University's registration for the fall term is going on now-Aug. 6. Fall term classes begin Aug. 6 and

run through Oct. 6. Classes are held at the Base Education Center.

SIU: Southern Illinois University is having open fall registration, now-Aug. 13, for its one-year Workforce Education and Development program. Enrollment is open to military members, dependents, retirees and civilians. The program starts Aug. 28 and runs through August 2002. For more information, call 552-7320.

Reserve: The 96th 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.

Teachers: Active duty servicemembers planning to retire in the next few years who hold a degree in a subject taught in high

school may qualify for the South Carolina Troops-to-Teachers Alternative Certification Program. For more information, call 864-656-8883.

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.

Family Support Center

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

Troops-To-Teachers: Monday, 10-11 a.m.

Smart Women Finish Rich: Monday, 6-8 p.m.

Resume II: Tuesday, 9-10:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.-noon.

Couples Communication: Wednesday, 1-3 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.

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Team Charleston committed to environmental excellence

By Col. Rusty Findley
437 AW commander

I was honored at staff meeting to accept the renewal of Charleston AFB's membership in the South Carolina Environmental Excellence Program. The base became a member of the EEP in November 1999. EEP is a voluntary program for companies and organizations committed to protecting and preserving South Carolina's environment through innovative practices and responsible stewardship of resources. Only 24 businesses and organizations statewide are members of the EEP.

The EEP is administered by the Center for Environmental Policy of the Institute of Public Affairs at the University of South Carolina. Christine Steagall and Michael Witkoski presented the renewal award. It takes a true team effort to continue to be one of the environmental leaders in the state, and we continue to lead the way. A special thanks to Glenn Easterby and members of the environmental flight in the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron for their continued hard work.

I extend my sincere congratulations to about 360 staff sergeant selects at Charleston; the promotion list was released by the Air Force Personnel Center Thursday. We had a record-shattering 64 percent selection rate Air Force wide and at Charleston. This is great news, and we will run the full listing of our promotees in next week's *Airlift Dispatch*. Congratulations!

We welcome Maj. Gen. Nick Williams, 21st Air Force commander and the Command Chief Master Sergeant of 21 AF Michael Kerver, for a visit to the base Tuesday through Thursday. The visit will give them a chance to meet with our world-class professionals. We are always glad to show them the many improvements we have made to the base facilities since their last visit. We will also give them a chance to fly on a C-17 Special Operations Low Level II mission and show them how far we have come in that very important program.

On Thursday of this

coming week, we will honor our new senior NCOs at the annual SNCO Induction ceremony. The fifth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Robert Gaylor, is scheduled to speak. This is a great event to honor our senior NCOs and we are extremely fortunate to have the Chief and Mrs. Gaylor here. He is one of the best motivational speakers that I have ever heard. You need to hear his message.

We also welcome Lt. Gen. Paul Carlton, the Air Force Surgeon General, for a visit to the base Sunday and Monday. General Carlton is visiting the area as part of a Region 3 TRICARE Summer conference, which will be held in Charleston. The purpose of the conference is to cross feed ideas among the bases, health care providers and look for innovative ways to improve TRICARE within Region 3. About 300 people will attend the conference, held Monday through Wednesday, and on Monday afternoon some of our folks will get the chance to meet and interact with General Carlton.

I hope to see many of you cheering on your fellow group and squadron members at the Quarterly Awards Breakfast on Tuesday in the Charleston Club. It is always a big event and a great opportunity to recognize Charleston's best by showing your unit pride. We will run the award winner names next week.

We will bid farewell to Lt. Col. Connie Davis, 437th Support Group deputy commander on Monday. She is headed to a prestigious fellowship with the Rand Corporation in California, and we are going to miss her. She has done an absolutely fabulous job, and we wish her continued success.

We are now officially back in the lead for the ATWIND campaign, but McGuire AFB, N.J., is still trailing closely behind. We cannot slow down, or they will overtake us again. A special thanks to the many reservists who signed up during the last UTA weekend. In a true sign of Team Charleston spirit, the 315th's participation pushed us back in the lead. Some people may not realize

that your family members and retirees can also play in this game. Just play two game pieces and we get credit. It is a great chance to win prizes while enjoying many of the 437th Services Squadron facilities and programs.

We will be providing another opportunity for everyone to play again when we hold an ATWIND picnic on Aug. 3-4. Like last year, the event will take place around the base theater with South Davis Drive being closed for both days. The event is open to everyone that works on the base and their families. We will have music, food and all kinds of fun stuff. The picnic area has been designated as an alternate work site beginning at noon on both days. Services will be providing a lunch of chicken, hamburgers, potato salad, chips and sodas. However, if your squadron or flight is interested, this event will provide private organizations a chance to raise some money for their units. First come, first serve, so contact 437 SVS if interested in having a booth.

During the picnic, the chief master sergeants will take on the colonels once again in a softball match at 3 p.m. on Aug. 3. The chiefs lost 29 to 4 to the colonels in the fun-filled match last year, but I am sure the chiefs have been busy preparing for the rematch to redeem themselves. We will have to wait and see who

emerges victorious. Of course, I am betting on the colonels to win again. Come out and watch the fun.

Now is the time to get ready for the Air Mobility Command Base Appearance Team visit July 30 to Aug. 1. The base that wins first place in the annual appearance competition will take home a \$200,000 grand prize. We already have a great looking base, and with a little more attention to our base housing areas and common use facilities, we should win. We will have a base pride day on Thursday to get ready for the inspection. But don't wait until the wing pride day to start cleaning up your areas, start now and hopefully we can claim some of that prize money from AMC. Let's work together, I know we can win!

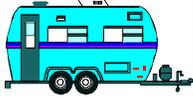
We expect to pack the Charleston Club for our Air Force Birthday Ball Sept. 14. It is not too early to talk up this great event within your squadron and with your fellow airmen. We have the Airmen of Note on tap to perform, as well as famed Berlin Airlift campaign "Candy Bomber," retired Col. Gail S. Halvorsen, as our guest speaker. This event is designed to boost pride in your Air Force and will be considered the premier fall event at Charleston. Hope to see you there.

Keep up the good work at the premier airlift wing on the face of the planet. I am proud of your daily accomplishments!



Photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Kaminsky

Col. Rusty Findley, 437th Airlift Wing commander, and Glenn Easterby, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight, accept the renewal of Charleston AFB's participation in the South Carolina Environmental Excellence Program from Christine Steagall and Mike Witkoski of the University of South Carolina.



Off duty--Around town



Sports:

Riverdogs: Next home game July 28, 7:05 p.m., vs. Asheville. For more information or for tickets, call 577-DOGS.

Swamp Foxes: Saturday, 7:30 p.m., vs. Richmond. Staff Sgt. John Canter, 437th Airlift Wing Manpower and Organization, is a finalist in the Swamp Foxes \$10,000 Kick for Cash. He will attempt a 35-yard field goal during halftime. For tickets call 554-6060.

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

Summerville Speedway: Late models, NASCAR divisions and bicycle races Saturday. Gates open at 5 p.m., race starts at 7 p.m. For more information, call 871-8331.

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

Entertainment:

Comedy: It's Comedy Night, presented by B&M Productions, comes to the Charleston Club tonight, 8 p.m.-1 a.m. The show features comedians from Comic View, Def Jam and the Martin Lawrence Show. Tickets, on sale at the club, are \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door.

Karaoke: The Riverbend Lounge and Grill presents Karaoke with Monica tonight and Saturday, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. The Riverbend is located just outside the Dorchester Gate.

Live music: Papa-Sol performs today at the Alive After Five weekly concert series, 5-9:15 p.m., Maritime Center, 10 Wharfside Dr. The

performance costs \$5 at the door. For more information, call 856-9922.

Live music: Charr and Gumbo present a night of jazz in the Renaissance Room next to The End Zone, 5140 Ashley Phosphate Rd., Fridays 8-11 p.m. There is no cover charge. Charr, a.k.a. Charlene Lowe, is a reservist with the 315th Mission Support Squadron.

Live music: Hobex and Big Sky perform tonight at The Windjammer, 1008 Ocean Blvd., Isle of Palms. Tickets cost \$5. For more information, call 886-8948.

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.

Theater: "Gentlemen Without Honor," a play based on the trial of the Stede Bonnet, will be performed tonight-Sunday, 8 p.m., and Saturday-Sunday, 3 p.m., at the Garden Theatre, 371 King St. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$10 for children. For more information, call 579-0240.

Events:

Wine tasting: A picnic-style wine tasting will be held tonight, 7-10 p.m., at the Charleston Museum, 360 Meeting St., with tours of the Backyard Monster exhibit and hors d'oeuvres. The event costs \$20. Call 722-2996, ext. 235 for reservations.

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.

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

Work is always a blast for CAFB's EOD flight

**Story and photos by
Senior Airman Melanie Streeter
437 AW Public Affairs**

One flight on Charleston AFB has an explosive job. Literally.

The 437th Civil Engineer Squadron's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight is tasked with neutralizing any explosive hazard, be it nuclear, chemical, biological, or anything else, according to Staff Sgt. Sam Mink, 437 CES EOD Flight.

In addition to providing force protection for CAFB, the flight supports Charleston City, Charleston County and Dorchester County Police Departments, according to Senior Airman Chris Wakham, EOD flight. The flight also provides support for the Secret Service.

"For the Secret Service, we provide explosives searches and ensure an explosive free environment for any person deemed by the Secret Service as needing protection," Wakham said.

Members of the flight said their workload varies.

"Sometimes we could respond to four calls in a month and none the next," said Mink.

According to Mink, the flight gets a lot of calls to remove Civil War-era cannonballs people find in their backyards.

Because of the hazards associated with the job, training is a big focus in the EOD flight.

"Training is a lot of the job," Wakham said.

The flight spends a lot of time in the training room, said Senior Airman Brian Sharman, EOD flight.

"We have to stay proficient on many different types of ordnance," Sharman said. "We need to be able to identify and deal with U.S. military, foreign, aircraft, nuclear, chemical and all other types of ordnance."

Flight members also need to stay in shape, Sharman said.

"We have mandatory flight PT (physical training) three times a week," Sharman said. "You never know what's going to happen, and you need to be prepared."

Another part of EOD's job is clearing military bombing ranges, Mink said.

"There are a lot of bombing ranges, and somebody has to go out and clean them up," said Mink.

The flight also supports aircraft, Wakham said. While the C-17 doesn't usually carry munitions, the flight may be called upon to clear wreckage from aircraft that do.

Deployments are also a big part of the EOD world. Since Aerospace Expeditionary Forces have been implemented, flight members don't spend quite as much time away from CAFB, Wakham said.

To support their duties here and on deployments, the flight maintains an inventory of equipment worth about \$3 million, Sharman said. This equipment, which includes the All Purpose Remote Transport System, or ARTS, is divided into five sets, one for home base support and four for deployments.

According to Sharman, the way EOD deploys their equipment is unique.

"We have a 'roll-on, roll-off system,'" Sharman said. "We load the sets in a humvee with a trailer and drive on to the C-17. When we get to our destination, we drive off. Our equipment doesn't need to be palletized or put into bins. It's an excellent system, and it works well."

The ARTS is a remotely operated, automated Bobcat, according to Sharman. It can be used to perform various tasks in environments hazardous for EOD personnel.

"Say an aircraft lost its ordnance," said Sharman. "The ARTS can be re-

motely controlled to go in and dig it up. We used it a lot in Kosovo and Kuwait. It has a lift attachment, blade attachment and a backhoe, among other things."

The flight also maintains several smaller robots for remote reconnaissance of suspicious packages and unexploded ordnance, according to Sharman.

"The smaller robots have cameras and lights to investigate potential explosives," Sharman said. "They also have shoulder attachments. We can mount shotguns on the robot to send in to hazardous situations in front of the police."

According to Tech. Sgt. Willie Campbell III, EOD flight superintendent, working in the EOD career field isn't for everybody.

"This job requires a big imagination and a lot of energy," Campbell said. "Everybody here is basically self-motivated because they have to be."

Campbell also praised the caliber of airmen coming into the career field in recent years.

"The best caliber of EOD technicians in the Air Force are probably right here," Campbell said. "That's because of the caliber of people coming in now. They have a lot of experience with technology and robotics. When some new equipment or technology is introduced, the new

guys pick it up easy, versus us older guys. What the new folks pick up in a week, it takes us older ones a month to get the hang of."

Senior Airman Kevin Hammer, EOD flight, attributes the skill in technology to the way he spent his time as a teenager.

"Nintendo," Hammer said.

Whether protecting CAFB and the surrounding area during peacetime, supporting the Secret Service or deploying to support the nation, EOD members are always in peril. But for them, it's all just another day's work.



Senior Airman Kevin Hammer, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight, gathers reconnaissance information from a 155mm projectile.



Senior Airman Chris Wakham, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight, demonstrates the bomb suit and the jet remote opening device.



The All Purpose Remote Transport System is used by explosive ordnance disposal personnel in situations too dangerous for close human work.

Surviving the heat: simple steps may save a life

By Staff Sgt. Bart Craven
437 AW Safety

Many personnel spend some part of their working day in a hot environment. Personnel working on the flightline and construction projects often face hot conditions, which pose special hazards to safety and health.

Four environmental factors affect the amount of stress a worker faces in a hot work area: temperature, humidity, radiant heat (such as from the sun or a furnace) and air velocity. Perhaps most important to the level of stress an individual faces are personal characteristics such as age, weight, fitness, medical condition and acclimatization to the heat.

Heat stroke, the most serious health problem for workers in hot environments, is caused by the failure of the body's internal mechanism to regulate its core temperature. Sweating stops, and the body can no longer rid itself of excess heat. Signs include mental confusion, delirium, loss of consciousness, convulsions or coma; a body temperature of 106 degrees Fahrenheit or higher and hot dry skin which may be red, mottled, or bluish. Victims of heat stroke will die unless treated promptly. While awaiting medical help, move the victim to a cool area and soak his or her clothing with cool water. The victim

should be fanned vigorously to increase cooling. Prompt first aid can prevent permanent injury to the brain and other vital organs.

Heat exhaustion results from loss of fluid through sweating when a worker has failed to drink enough fluids, take in enough salt or both. The worker with heat exhaustion still sweats, but experiences extreme weakness or fatigue, giddiness, nausea or headache. The skin is clammy and moist, complexion pale or flushed, and body temperature normal or slightly higher. Treatment for heat exhaustion is usually simple: the victim should rest in a cool place and drink an electrolyte solution (a beverage used by athletes to quickly restore potassium, calcium, and magnesium salts). Severe cases involving victims who vomit or lose consciousness may require longer treatment under medical supervision.

Heat cramps, painful spasms of the muscles, are caused when workers drink large quantities of water but fail to replace their bodies' salt loss. Tired muscles, those used for performing the work, are usually the

ones most susceptible to cramps. Cramps may occur during or after working hours and may be relieved by taking liquids by mouth or saline solutions intravenously for quicker relief, if medically determined to be required.

Fainting, or heat syncope, may be a problem for the worker not acclimatized to a hot environment who simply stands still in the heat. Victims usually recover quickly after a brief period of lying down. Moving around, rather than standing still, will usually reduce the possibility of fainting.

Heat rash, also known as prickly heat, may occur in hot and humid environments where sweat is not easily removed from the surface of the skin by evaporation. When extensive or complicated by infection, heat rash can be so uncomfortable that it inhibits sleep and impedes a worker's performance or even results in temporary total disability. Heat rash can be prevented by resting in a cool place and allowing the skin to dry.

Most heat-related health problems

can be prevented or the risk of developing them reduced. Following a few basic precautions should lessen heat stress.

■ A variety of engineering controls, including general ventilation and spot cooling by local exhaust ventilation at points of high heat production, may be helpful

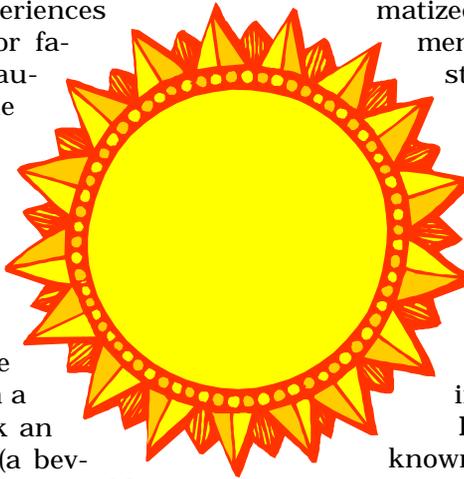
■ Work practices, such as providing plenty of drinking water, as much as a quart per worker per hour, at the workplace, can help reduce the risk of heat disorders

■ Alternating work and rest periods, with longer rest periods in a cool area, can help workers avoid heat stress. If possible, heavy work should be scheduled during the cooler parts of the day and appropriate protective clothing provided

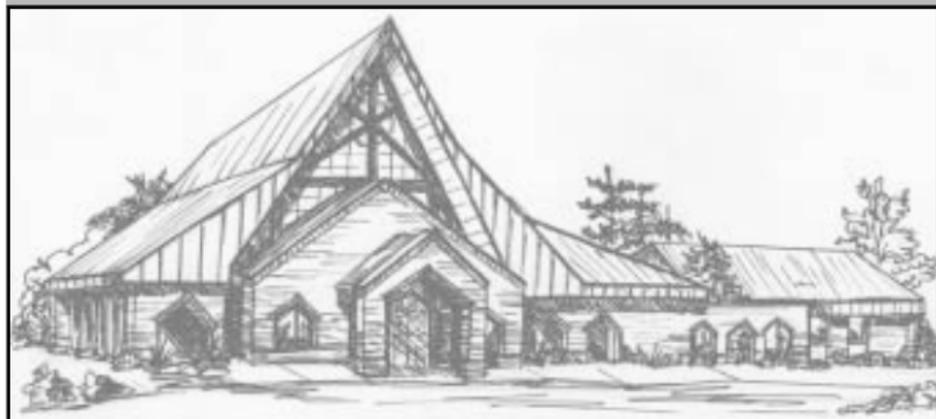
■ Acclimatization to the heat through short exposures followed by longer periods of work in the hot environment can reduce heat stress

■ Employee education is vital so workers are aware of the need to replace fluids and salt lost through sweat and can recognize dehydration, exhaustion, fainting, heat cramps, salt deficiency, heat exhaustion and heat stroke as heat disorders

Extra care needs to be taken by outdoor workers during summer months. Not taking care could be fatal.



Chapel schedule



107 Arthur Drive

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

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

Catholic Services

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

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

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

Protestant Services

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

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

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

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

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

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

Movie schedule

Admission prices:

Adults/Children -- 99 cents

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



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

Today, 7:30 p.m.

"The 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**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

"Evolution" – David Duchovny

Community college professors Harry and Ira are clearly waiting for something better to happen in their lives. They are called in to investigate a meteor crash site. They see an opportunity for them to step up to the next level, discovering alien life on Earth. Then, of course, they start to figure out that might not be such a good thing. **(PG-13) 103 minutes**

July 27, 7:30 p.m.

"Swordfish" – John Travolta

Suspenseful action drama in which Gabriel Shear, a charismatic and dangerous CIA operative fed up with American bureaucracy, uses sexy associate, Ginger, to coerce a computer hacker just released from prison to steal \$9 billion from a DEA slush fund. **(R) 97 minutes**

Fitness & Sports

Sports line

Screening: The Health and Wellness Center will be sponsoring a free skin cancer screening Wednesday, 1-4 p.m., in the HAWC. Anyone with a suspicious or abnormal mole they would like evaluated, should visit the HAWC and have it checked out. For more information call 963-4007.

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.

Operation Night Hoops keeps CAFB youth off streets, out of trouble

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

Charleston AFB youth have a place to go on summer Friday nights, where competition is tough and fun is the name of the game.

Operation Night Hoops, an Air Force sponsored program, gives 34 kids, ages 13-17, and four adult volunteers a chance to get together and play basketball in the Base Sports and Fitness Center Friday nights.

"The purpose of the program is to give kids an alternative place to go during out of school hours," said Master Sgt. Buster Davis, 1st Combat Camera

Squadron first sergeant and program coordinator. "It gives them something to do other than hang out and cause trouble."

Program participants meet at the gym at 6:30 p.m., play two games of basketball, and even if they finish early, they stay until 10:30 p.m. when the facility closes, Davis said.

This is the first year for Operation Night Hoops at Charleston, according to Davis.

"We have a good time," said Davis. "We get the kids in, they have fun, we have fun."

The program wraps up July 27 with a tournament and Midnight Madness at the Youth Center, Davis said.

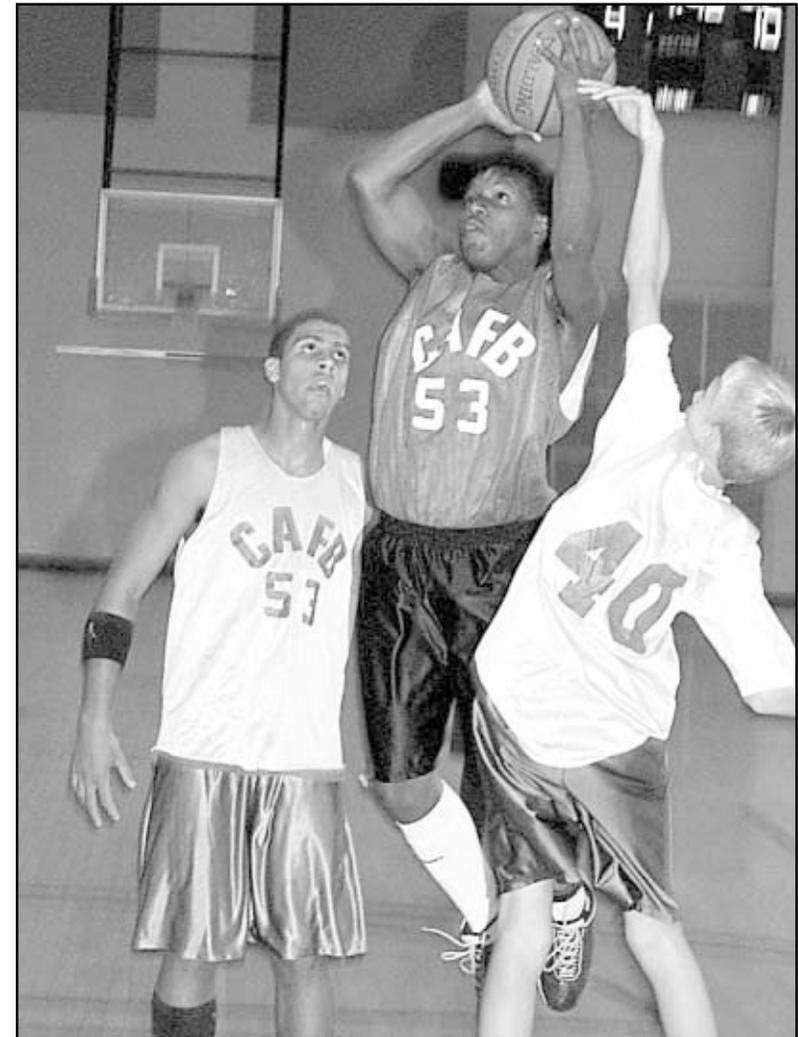


Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Clements

Derrick Singleton catches some air and leaves the competition behind during an Operation Night Hoops game.