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Tech. Sgt. John Scott, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron, works on a pipe in Chiller Plant 1, Bldg. 211. The base has two chiller plants responsible for keeping Charleston AFB cool.

CAFB needs to start fighting cold war

Story and photo by
Senior Airman Jason Smith
437 AW Public Affairs

The temperatures in the Charleston area have already been in the 90s on several occasions this year. As the temperatures increase, so does the amount of energy it takes to keep Charleston AFB cool.

Electricity use on CAFB is 2.5 percent higher for October 2000-April 2001 than it was for October 1999-April 2000, according to Thomas Smith, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron deputy commander. Combining the increased usage with the 10.6 percent increase in electricity costs, CAFB has spent \$195,000 more already this fiscal year than last.

Higher energy prices are occurring due to a multitude of reasons, according to Capt. Woody Henry, 437 CES chief of maintenance engineering. The political climate and resulting decreased production rates in the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries have raised the cost of oil. There are also some unforeseen effects of the deregulation of the elec-

tric companies that haven't yet stabilized.

Regardless of the reasons for higher prices, CAFB's bill for electricity, in both work places and base housing, comes from the base's Operations and Maintenance Budget. This budget is also used to perform the bulk of all maintenance on CAFB, according to Henry. Other things requiring money from the same budget include cutting grass, painting buildings, replacing carpets and maintaining emergency generators, just to name a few.

CAFB uses more money from the budget during the summer months.

"It takes more energy to operate an air conditioning system than it does a heating system," said Henry. "Also, the winters are much milder than the summers, requiring less heat than cooling. Overall, the base uses approximately 30 percent more electricity during the hottest four months as compared to the coldest four."

The cost of electricity is determined equally by the electric demand and electric-

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DOD slows anthrax vaccination program again; CAFB affected

The Department of Defense is further curtailing the anthrax immunization program due to inadequate supplies of the vaccine, according to DOD officials.

Effective immediately only service members assigned to "special mission units" will receive the six-shot series.

The action is necessary because of delays in DOD receiving FDA-approved vaccine from Bioport, the sole source of the vaccine.

The effect at Charleston AFB should be minimal.

"The only ones it will affect are those going to Southwest Asia," said Capt. (Dr.) David C. Newman, 437th

Medical Group, public health officer. "We had already stopped giving the vaccine to everyone else prior to that."

Officials said they expect the Food and Drug Administration to approve Bioport, based in Lansing, Mich., for full production "no later than" March 2002, said Marine Maj. Gen. Randall West, special assistant to the deputy secretary of defense for chemical and biological protection.

"We have not yet been able to re-establish the supply of certified safe and effective vaccine to continue the program on the schedule," West said during an interview with American Forces Information Service.

He said the contractor is working

to achieve FDA approval of the new expanded Bioport manufacturing facility as soon as possible. There are currently a bit more than 30,000 doses of vaccine available for use now. But until then, DOD will conserve the dwindling supply of approved vaccine. West said only small special operations units, people working on research and some congressionally mandated studies will continue to receive the vaccine.

This is the third slowdown for the immunization program. In December 1999, DOD stopped inoculating service members other than those deploying to Korea and the Persian Gulf.

In November 2000, DOD stopped inoculating service members bound for Korea. Now service members deploying to Southwest Asia will stop receiving the vaccine.

"I wish we had vaccine available to continue the protocols and to continue vaccinating all of our people deploying there," West said.

About 13,000 U.S. service members are deployed to Southwest Asia. DOD and U.S. Central Command will have sufficient antibiotics on hand for post-exposure treatment in case of an attack.

"We'll also have to rely on an even

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IN THE NEWS

Split disbursement option allows TDY members to keep government travel cards current, helps avoid delinquencies

By Jennifer Cavender
437 AW Public Affairs

According to James R. Speer, acting assistant secretary of the Air Force, financial management and comptroller, the Air Force has successfully reduced the Government Travel Card delinquency rate from a high of 27.1 percent in December 1999 to an all time low of 4.1 percent in March 2001 Air Force wide.

Bank of America considers delinquent accounts those that are 30 days overdue. After 60 days, the account becomes suspended and after 120 days the contract provides for salary offset.

According to 2nd Lt. Andy Grab, GTC wing agency program director, this is of par-

ticular concern for members on extended TDY beyond 30 days, and he recommends using the split disbursement option as a way to keep accounts from becoming delinquent.

"When you are going TDY for an extended period of time, request an accrual payment with the split disbursement option from finance," Grab said. "That way you will be able to pay off your GTC bill as it comes due each month."

Split disbursement requires the customer to drop off a copy of TDY orders at finance customer service prior to departure or fax orders from the TDY location with "Accrual payment" written across the top.

After 30 days, customers should go to the finance office

at their deployed location, and fill out a travel voucher. The voucher should be faxed to Charleston AFB finance specifying the amount that needs to be applied to the GTC account.

If a travel voucher cannot be filled out, a call to the Charleston finance office will suffice, but only if orders were dropped off prior to departing home station, Grab said.

According to Grab, one way to verify the amount owed on a GTC is to set up an Electronic Account Government Ledger System, or EAGLS, account through the squadron Agency Program Coordinator prior to departing home station. This allows an account to be viewed on the Internet.

"Using the Internet is a

very helpful method, but has not been used too often because of a lack of dissemination," Grab said. "Each member can access their account online to verify the total amount on the card."

If access to the Internet is not possible, members can call Bank of America at (800) 472-1424 to verify the account balance.

Another important thing to remember is that the billing cycle for the GTC is not like a regular credit card, Grab said.

"The billing cycle ends on the third of every month. Your bill is due at that time, there is no grace period like with other credit cards," said Grab.

Bank of America no longer considers delinquent accounts on a case-by-case basis.

"Once accounts have been

closed, due to being delinquent, it is Bank of America's policy to decline to reopen the account," Grab said.

Signed letters from the squadron commander will then be required for any advances from finance.

Air Mobility Command's goal for the number of delinquent accounts is between 2-3 percent. As of May, Charleston AFB was the third lowest in AMC with 3.13 percent of accounts delinquent. The goal for each squadron is to stay below 2 percent.

For more information, each squadron has an APC to assist with the GTC program and to answer any other questions. For further assistance with matters beyond the scope of the APC, contact Grab at 963-3693.

Annual Air Force Savings Bonds Campaign now in full swing

By Senior Airman
Melanie Streeter
437 AW Public Affairs

The annual Air Force Savings Bonds Campaign runs through the month of June on Charleston AFB.

The campaign is part of a year-round program to promote the sale of U.S. Savings Bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan, according to 1st Lt. Catherine Barker, 437th Operations Group executive officer and 437th Airlift Wing point of contact for the campaign.

The campaign applies to both military members and civilian employees, and directly impacts lives, security and well-being, Barker said.

The goals of the savings bonds campaign are to have 100 percent contact with CAFB military members and civilian employees and to offer them the opportunity to start a payroll allotment to purchase bonds or to increase their existing bonds allotment, said Barker.

Another goal is to have two percent of the base population enroll as new buyers or increase their existing allotments.

"It's an excellent savings plan," she said. "It provides financial discipline many people lack. The monthly allotment assures you pay yourself first, and it's painless. You can set aside as little as \$5 a pay period."

The bonds can be used to achieve a number of goals, Barker said.

"To retire at 55 and maintain your standard of living, you will need to have at least \$2 million saved," Barker said. "You need to ask yourself 'Am I saving enough by normal standards

right now to have \$2 million saved by that day? Do I want extra money to pay for my children's education? Do I want extra money to supplement my income in later years?' Take a good look at your answers to these questions, and you can easily see why savings bonds can be a real help."

There are currently two types of U.S. Treasury Bonds to choose from, Series I and Series EE. There are several differences between the two series.

According to the Bureau of the Public Debt's Web site, www.savingsbonds.com, Series EE bonds are issued at 50 percent of face value. They are offered in eight denominations: \$50, \$75, \$100, \$200, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. There is a \$15,000 issue price annual purchase limit per person. Interest for the EE bond is calculated as 90 percent of six-month averages of the five-year Treasury Securities yields.

The rates for both EE and I bonds are announced every May 1 and Nov. 1. EE bonds are guaranteed to reach face value in 17 years. The interest increases in value monthly and is compounded semiannually. Interest accumulates for up to 30 years and is paid when the bond is redeemed. Series EE bonds can be exchanged for Series HH savings bonds when they meet certain requirements.

Series I bonds are issued at face value. They are offered in the same eight denominations as the EE bond, and a \$30,000 annual purchase limit per social security number applies. Interest for the Series I bond is calculated as an earning of a fixed rate of return and a semiannual inflation

rate based on the Consumer Price Index. There is no guaranteed level of earnings for the Series I bond. The I bond generally increases in value monthly, and interest compounds semiannually, except in periods of deflation, when the bond value could remain unchanged. Interest is paid when the bond is redeemed.

Series EE and Series I bonds can be redeemed after the first six months, but a three-month interest penalty applies to bonds redeemed during the first five years, according to the Web site. Savings bonds are exempt from state and local income taxes and are eligible for tax benefits upon redemption when used for qualified education expenses.

"Those investors believing that inflation will continue will prefer the I bonds, while those believing inflation may go down prefer the stability of the EE bonds," Barker said.

There are many factors that make savings bonds appealing, Barker said.

"U.S. Savings Bonds are safe," said Barker. "They're safer than stocks, gold and mutual funds. They can be replaced if lost, stolen or destroyed and you're paid the principal and interest due when cashed in."

Only one week remains of the annual campaign. Individuals interested in purchasing savings bonds should see their unit representatives.

"Savings bonds are right for everyone," Barker said. "They're perfect for individuals just starting to save, for seasoned investors who may have too much money in stocks, for those who are not quite ready to jump into the stock market and for those preparing to transition."

Anthrax

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greater way on our forms of protections: chemical/biological protection suits, detectors, intelligence collection and gathering," West said.

West said, in his opinion, it is imperative that DOD resumes the vaccination regime as soon as possible. "The sooner we can provide this vaccination protection to the entire force, the better I'll sleep at night," he said. "The weaponized form of anthrax can be delivered by several munitions and is a very deadly threat. You can't see it, you can't smell it, you can't taste it, it's very difficult to detect and if you haven't been vaccinated, by the time you detect symptoms of anthrax, it's too late to save a person's life."

Service members who've begun the vaccination regime will not return to the start when the program resumes.

"Fortunately, even a couple of shots provide some resistance to anthrax," West said. "They'll be able to start the protocols where they left off."

Newman agreed with West and explained how the program will continue at CAFB.

"This program is not going away," Newman said. "When we get the green light, we will pick up where we left off. Here at Charleston we have personnel with no shots, some shots and up to five shots. When we have sufficient quantities we will start again." (AFPS. Master Sgt. Dan Murphy, 437 AW Public Affairs, also contributed to this article.)





Charleston AFB Justice Files; April, May

*Staff sergeant, senior airman drive drunk, get busted; have to do extra duty
Senior airman strikes fences without insurance; reduced to airman first class
Airman first class assaults airman; loses rank, sentenced to hard labor
Airman fails to obey order, makes false statement; forfeits pay, gets restricted*

By Senior Airman Geoffrey Gunn
437 AW paralegal

Court martial

An airman first class was convicted by a special court martial for assaulting another airman. His sentence included reduction to the grade of airman basic, hard labor without confinement for 30 days and restriction to Charleston AFB for 30 days. The Convening Authority approved the sentence but mitigated the reduction in rank to airman.

Article 15 Actions

An airman failed to go to her appointed place of duty, disobeyed a direct order and made a false statement.

Punishment: Reduction to airman basic.

An airman first class made a false statement.

Punishment: Suspended reduction to airman basic, 14 days of extra duty and a reprimand.

An airman first class failed to go to his appointed place of duty and consumed alcohol while under the age of 21.

Punishment: Suspended reduction to airman, 30 days of extra duty, 30 days restriction to CAFB, and a reprimand.

An airman first class was derelict in the performance of his duties by failing to turn in equipment for calibration.

Punishment: Suspended reduction to airman.

An airman first class was under the influence of alcohol while operating a motor vehicle at the Dorchester Gate with a blood alcohol content of .10.

Punishment: Reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$400 pay per month for two months, 45 days of extra duty and a reprimand.

An airman first class left his appointed place of duty without proper authority and failed to go to his appointed place of duty.

Punishment: Suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months and suspended 45 days of extra duty.

A staff sergeant failed to go to his appointed place of duty.

Punishment: Suspended reduction to senior airman and suspended forfeiture of \$550 pay per month for two months.

A senior airman was under the influence of alcohol while operating a motor vehicle on Lambs Road with a BAC of .27.

Punishment: Reduction to the grade of airman first class, forfeiture of \$550 pay per month for two months, 30 days of extra duty and a reprimand.

An airman first class failed to maintain sufficient funds in her checking account and wrote several bad checks, totaling \$119.40

Punishment: Reduction to the grade of airman, 14 days of extra duty, restriction to CAFB for 14 days and a reprimand.

A staff sergeant was under the influence of alcohol while operating a motor vehicle with a BAC of .27.

Punishment: Reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for two months, 30 days of extra duty and a reprimand.

An airman first class failed to go to her appointed place of duty three times, was over 120 days delinquent on her Bank of America Government Visa card, made a false official statement, failed to maintain sufficient funds in her checking account and wrote several bad checks, totaling \$1000.

Punishment: Suspended reduction to the grade of airman and seven days of extra duty.

A senior airman was under the influence of alcohol while operating a motor vehicle with a BAC of .18.

Punishment: Reduction to the grade of airman first class, suspended forfeiture of \$300 pay, 14 days of extra duty and a reprimand.

An airman first class was under the influence of alcohol while operating a motor vehicle with a BAC of .16 and consumed alcohol while under the age of 21.

Punishment: Reduction to the grade of airman, suspended forfeiture of \$200 pay and 7 days of extra duty.

An airman first class wrongfully made a false military identification card.

Punishment: Suspended reduction to the grade of airman, forfeiture of \$521 pay per month for two months, suspended forfeitures of \$200 pay per month for two months and 45 days of extra duty.

A senior airman failed to maintain automobile insurance and registration. He struck two fences and wrongfully left the scene of both accidents.

Punishment: Reduction to the grade of airman first class, forfeiture of \$690 pay per month for two months with one month suspended, 45 days of extra duty and a reprimand.

A senior airman used his Bank of America Government Visa card in the amount of \$1234.50 for non-official purposes.

Punishment: Reduction to the grade of airman first class and 30 days of extra duty.

An airman first class failed to go to his appointed place of duty.

Punishment: Suspended reduction to the grade of airman and a reprimand.

An airman first class was drunk on duty.

Punishment: Reduction to the grade of airman.

An airman first class failed to go to his appointed place of duty.

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

A senior airman consumed alcohol while under the age of 21.

Punishment: Suspended reduction to the grade of airman first class, forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months and 15 days of extra duty.

An airman first class failed to obey an order, failed to maintain automobile insurance and made a false statement.

Punishment: Suspended reduction to the grade of airman, restriction to CAFB for 30 days, 15 days of extra duty and a reprimand.

A senior airman failed to go to his appointed place of duty and used his Bank of America Government Visa

card in the amount of \$1,328.29 for non-official purposes.

Punishment: Suspended reduction to the grade of airman first class, 15 days of extra duty and a reprimand.

An airman failed to obey an order, unlawfully entered a residence and was disorderly.

Punishment: Reduction to the grade of airman basic, forfeiture of \$521 pay, 14 days of extra duty and a reprimand.

Vacation actions

An airman's suspended reduction from a previous Article 15 was vacated for consuming alcohol under the age of 21.

An airman first class's suspended forfeiture of \$690 pay per month for one month from a previous Article 15 was vacated for failure to go to an appointment.

A staff sergeant's suspended reduction from a previous Article 15 was vacated for dereliction of duty.

An airman first class's suspended reduction from a previous Article 15 was vacated for failure to obey an order.

An airman first class's suspended reduction from a previous Article 15 was vacated for failure to go to an appointment.

Administrative discharges

An airman first class was discharged for a civilian conviction. He was separated with an Other Than Honorable Conditions Discharge.

A captain was discharged for a civilian conviction. He was separated with an Other Than Honorable Conditions Discharge.

CAFB to be defended by new ADC

Capt. Heather Logan Kissinger is the new Area Defense Counsel at Charleston AFB. She will replace 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.

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



Courtesy photo
Capt. Heather Kissinger

NEWS BRIEFS

Spotlight

Retirement: The 437th Civil Engineer Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Senior Master Sgt. Danny Dean today, 10 a.m., at the base picnic grounds. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Karl Nichols at 963-5327.

Retirement: The 437th Aerial Port Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Tech. Sgt. Brad Johnson today, 10 a.m., in Bldg. 174. For more information, call Master Sgt. Oscar Thompson at 963-3357.

Retirement: The 437th Airlift Wing Safety Office is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Larry Cain today, 11 a.m., in the 14th Airlift Squadron auditorium. For more information, call Master Sgt. Allison Bethea at 963-5597.

Change of command: Col. Tommy Hixon will accept command of the 437th Logistics Group from Col. Donald Gallion during a ceremony Wednesday, 9 a.m., in Bldg. 519. For more information, call Capt. Jake Verhoef at 963-6447.

Farewell dinner: The 437th Aircraft Generation Squadron is hosting a farewell dinner for Col. and Mrs. Donald Gallion, 437th Logistics Group

commander, Thursday, 6 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Barb Langston at 963-4760.

Change of command: Col. David Snodgrass will accept command of the 437th Support Group from Col. Dennis Kaan during a ceremony July 2, 9 a.m., in Bldg. 519. A reception will follow immediately in Salon D at the Charleston Club.

Around the base

Healthcare council: The 437th Medical Group and Naval Hospital Charleston are hosting the quarterly Joint Healthcare Advisory Council Tuesday, 2 p.m., at the Base Education Center. The discussion will focus on healthcare services available to the community. For more information, call the Air Force contact at 963-6505 or the Navy contact at 743-7464.

Dating seminar: The Charleston AFB Chapel Singles Program is offering a class, Boundaries in Dating, in the Chapel Annex each Friday, noon, for 10 weeks. Lunch will be provided. The class will cover various dating issues. For more information, call 963-2536.

Closure: The 437th Medical Group will be closed July 3-4. If emergency care is needed, call 911. For urgent

care, call the Primary Care Manager line at 963-6790. The clinic will resume normal hours of operation July 5, 7:30 a.m.

Closure: The Commissary will be closed July 4 in observance of Independence Day and will reopen with normal hours of operation July 5.

Marriage seminar: The 437th Medical Group is offering a marriage enrichment seminar beginning July 5 and meeting for six consecutive Tuesdays, 6-8:30 p.m. The seminar is free to base personnel and their spouses. For more information, call Jim Hernandez at 963-6504.

Closure: The 437th Military Personnel Flight customer service office will be closed July 9-10 for DEERS/RAPIDS system upgrade and training. For more information, contact Senior Airman Angela Hawkins at 963-4536.

Education Center: The Air Command and Staff College is offering a seminar for majors, major selectees, and GS-11s and above. The Air War College is offering a seminar for lieutenant colonels, lieutenant colonel selectees, and GS-13s or above. Both courses begin Aug. 6 and run through mid-June 2002. For more informa-

tion, call 963-4575.

Scholarships: The Airlift/Tanker Association is offering Scholastic Assistance Awards of \$500 and \$250. All active duty, guard and Reserve members in the rank of E-6 and below are eligible. Application packages are available at the Base Education Center or the Family Support Center. The deadline for submitting applications is July 18.

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.

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.

Pet shipment: Air Mobility Command, in cooperation with Commercial Patriot Express, is initiating a 3-month test program, allowing movement of pets with containers weighing up to 150 lbs on all AMC missions. This test program will begin immediately and run until Aug. 31. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Shawn White at 963-3066.

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. Because of current volume, 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. 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 Briefings: Monday, 8 a.m., and Thursday, 4 p.m.

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

Home Buying Workshop: Monday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

SMOOTH Move: Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-noon.

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

Charleston Profile



Photo by Senior Airman Melanie Streefer

Tech. Sgt. James Siroky 437th Communications Squadron

Tech. Sgt. James Siroky is the 437th Communications Squadron unit deployment manager. According to Siroky, he is responsible for ensuring the approximately 120 personnel assigned to the 437 CS are ready, trained and available to deploy on a moment's notice.

As an information manager by AFSC, Siroky said he is often called on to be a "jack of all trades." In addition to his duties as unit deployment manager, Siroky is the building custodian and safety representative for Bldg. 201, status of resources and training monitor and alternate unit disaster preparedness representative to name a few. He is currently a member of the process action team reviewing procedures to improve the physical health assessment here, which is required annually.

In his role as a UDM and maintaining the 437 CS Mobility section, Siroky is the focal point for filling aerospace expeditionary forces deployment taskings with 437 CS personnel.

"In a perfect world," Siroky said, "every CS individual would ensure they knew in what timeframe they are vulnerable. Family members need to be informed to mentally and physically prepare for their GI to be away.

"It's hard sometimes," he continued. "You end up knowing so much about a person, sometimes it's hard to tell them they're going out in the field, knowing they have reservations at home on family matters," Siroky said.

Many times, the multiple roles Siroky fills in the squadron require him to spend long hours at work.

"I'm dedicated to the U.S. Air Force. I strive to make the Air Force better, thereby making the United States of America a better place to call my home. That's my way of life," Siroky said.

When he does have free time, Siroky enjoys taking one of his three boats out on the river for a relaxing day of fishing. He also enjoys spending time in his RV or working on his vehicles.

COMMENTARY

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Cardio-theater opens; 437 SVS captures AMC awards

By Col. Rusty Findley
437 AW commander

Once again, our 437th Services Squadron won several Air Mobility Command awards. The Charleston Club staff has been selected to receive the Best Collocated Club award, which makes three years in a row that they have won. The Base Sports and Fitness Center was also named as the best in the command, winning four of the last five years. The Child Development Center is also the best in AMC. My congratulations to all the 437 SVS members for their outstanding achievement.

Our 437 SVS facilities also continue to improve, as we held a cardio-theater ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday. The cardio-theater was carved out of two existing racquetball courts and includes about 50 pieces of exercise equipment that will improve the quality of life and promote fitness among our people. This equipment consists of treadmills, cross trainers, bikes and rowers. The theater portion includes 8 TVs, 4 radio stations and 2 CD players, and will allow those exercising to watch TV or listen to the radio at the same time. The fitness staff estimates about 500 people will use this new equipment daily. A special thanks to Joe Rackley, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron, who ensured the project was completed successfully.

I participated in a local C-17 training mission June 15, which also supported two air shows up north. The mission was a great chance for me to get out with the aircrews and see how the wing maximizes its training hours. The aircrew was: Lt. Col. Matt Heuer, Capt. Scott DeThomas, Capt. Mike Cook and Staff Sgt. Kevin Collette. The flying crew chief was Staff Sgt. Craig Yonkovich, and he did a superb job getting the jet ready and even fixed several maintenance problems along the way to allow us to fly on schedule.

The Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce hosted a luncheon for area commanders June 15 to discuss the possibility of establishing a military affairs committee for the greater Charleston area. A military affairs committee would increase the community's understanding and support of the base while developing programs to better recognize our people. Chamber president-elect Dick Elliott said he would work hard to make that a reality. The chamber recognizes the \$1 billion economic impact of the area military installations and has committed itself to working closely with the area installations. We expect good things from the chamber in the future.

I participated in the send-off of the 437th Security Forces Squadron Defender Challenge team on Monday at the combat arms range. The six-person team is led by Master Sgt. Richard Graves and consists of Staff Sgt. Timothy Stokes and Mark Furtado, Senior Airman Nicholas Sherwood and Jimmy Blevins and Airman 1st Class Brian Morgan. The team leaves Saturday for McChord AFB, Wash., for the weeklong competition that ends June 29.

The challenge requires teams to compete in five events: combat rifle, combat handgun, combat tactics, base response and the endurance/obstacle course. The team has been busy preparing about nine hours a day, six days a week since the last week of April. We are confident that our team will do very well in the competition—I look for them to definitely bring home some honors and awards.

I was invited to participate in the closing remarks today for a rejuvenated NCO professional development seminar for staff sergeants. The informal, open discussion four-day course is taught by volunteer instructors and is sponsored by the Top-3 Association. The course focuses on professional development, leadership, Enlisted Evaluation System, discipline and counseling. The course is a great program for our staff sergeants who often have a gap in their training between the Airman Leadership School and the NCO Academy. Our NCOs are the backbone of this wing. One does not have to look very far to see their daily pride, professionalism and passion.

Brig. Gen. Dan Goodrich, deputy director for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations, was our guest speaker

Thursday for a combined monthly meeting with the Swamp Fox flight of the Daedalians, Low Country chapter of the Airlift/Tanker Association and the Company Grade Officers' Council.

He spoke about the Air Force intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance community and about his experiences as a commander of the 47th Flying Training Wing, for specialized undergraduate pilot training at Laughlin AFB, Texas. He also spent some time touring the 437th Operations Support Squadron Intelligence Flight and met with several intelligence representatives in the three flying squadrons. We were pleased to host General Goodrich and it was an excellent opportunity to gain some better insight into the intelligence world.

We hosted a visit from Tish Zauner, director of Family Matters at Air Combat Command and Chief Master Sgt. Noreen Zimmerman, superintendent for Family Matters at ACC, who came down here this week to examine our Family Support Center, which has a reputation across the Air Force as being one of the best. Zauner and Zimmerman were looking to take back a few ideas to better improve FSCs throughout ACC. Their big focus was on the design of our facility; they would like to improve their facilities throughout ACC and make them look like our model building which was renovated in 1997. Flora Hoss-Mason and the entire FSC staff do a great job!

We bid farewell to Col. Don Gallion and his wife, Denise, who will be retiring after 26 years Thursday. Colonel Gallion and Denise have served the Air Force extremely well over the years and have a large number of accomplishments they can certainly be proud of. They joined Team Charleston in July 1999 and are planning to settle in California. Colonel Gallion has about 3,800 hours in the T-38 and C-141 and stood up the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Air Mobility Operation Control Center at Ramstein AB, Germany, before becoming the 437th Logistics Group commander. He also commanded an airlift control squadron and an aerial port squadron. Don has made a huge impact on C-17 operations at Charleston. We wish the Gallions our very best.

We also bid farewell to Col. Bill and Linda Schell June 29, the wing's Inspector General. Bill is retiring after 30 years of service and has also accumulated a large list of accolades and accomplishments in his many dedicated years of service. The Schells will resettle in the Florida area. Bill has held a wide variety of highly visible and responsible positions throughout his distinguished career, to include duty as a wing vice commander. Officiating the retirement ceremony will be Lt. Gen. John D. Hopper Jr., vice commander, Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. The Schell's look forward to enjoying their retirement and we thank them for all their hard work and great contributions to Team Charleston and to our great Air Force.

Chaplain Lt. Col. Jeffrey Dull's farewell is scheduled for Sunday following the Protestant Service at around 12:15 p.m. in the Chapel fellowship hall. Chaplain Dull is headed to become the chief of readiness for USAFE headquarters at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Everyone is invited to attend his farewell ceremony. Food and refreshments will be provided. Chaplain Dull has done a superb job at meeting the many spiritual and personal needs of our people. We wish him and his family our best and thank them for all their hard work and contributions to the premier airlift wing on the face of the planet.

Just want to close this week's column by making a plug for everyone who has questions about their healthcare to attend the quarterly Joint Healthcare Consumers Advisory Council Tuesday, 2 p.m., in the Base Education Center. The 437th Medical Group and the Naval Hospital Charleston sponsor these meetings to address concerns from active duty, reservists, retirees and family members. Everyone is invited to attend. It is a great opportunity to speak with the medical experts and get the latest information about your health benefits. For questions about the meeting, please call 963-6505.



Off duty--Around town



Sports:

Riverdogs: Monday, 7:05 p.m., vs. Columbus. For more information, or for tickets, call 577-DOGS.

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

Battery: Next home game July 3, 7:30 p.m., vs. Indiana. For more information, call 971-GOAL.

Summerville Speedway: BMC-200 NASCAR late model event, plus 4 NASCAR divisions, bicycle, scooter and Super Mini Truck races for the kids. For more information, go to www.summervillespeedway.com or call 871-8331.

Boxing: The Plex, 2390 Aviation Ave., features live professional boxing Thursday. The doors open at 7 p.m., and bell time is at 8 p.m. For more information, call 853-8669.

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:

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

Live music: Ras Bonghi Reggae Allstars and The Secrets 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.

Theater: RiverSong Productions presents the Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" today and Saturday, 7 p.m., at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 142 Church St. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for ages 4-12. For more information, call 442-2512.

Theater: The Charleston Underground Theatre presents "Pounding Nails in the Floor With My Forehead," a comedic collection of monologues, tonight and Saturday, 8 p.m. at Theatre 99, 30 Cumberland St. For more information or for tickets, call 853-6687.

Live music: The Air National Guard Band of the South will perform in the Charleston area June 29-July 4. The jazz band will perform at the Charleston Club June 29, 8-10 p.m. The ceremonial band will perform June 30 in Hangar Bay 3 on the U.S.S. Yorktown, 2-3 p.m., and at a Riverdogs game, 5:30-7:15 p.m. The concert band will perform at the South Carolina Aquarium July 1, 2-3 p.m.; with woodwind and brass quintets July 2, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; and with the jazz and Dixieland bands July 3, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. July 4 the jazz and concert bands will play in Summerville, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. For more information, call (770) 919-4078.

Events:

Cooking demo: Chef Ben McCollum will present a free demonstration of recipes from Martha Stewart's "Good Things and Smoothies," followed by a taste testing tonight, 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble, 7620 Rivers Ave. For more information, call 572-2269.

Promotion party: Charleston AFB's newly promoted lieutenants, captains and majors are hosting a promotion party at the Windjammer, Isle of Palms, Saturday. Evening events kick off at 7 p.m. with food and drink. Live music by Breakfast Club begins at 11:30 p.m.

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, so 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 or send an e-mail to dispatch@charleston.af.mil.

FEATURE

Rent equipment, buy discount tickets and more at ORC

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

Every time one customer walks out the door, two more walk in, asking for camping equipment, discount tickets, classes, trips and any number of the other services offered at the Outdoor Recreation Center.

"We're pretty busy," said Rick Baker, the ORC program manager. "We see about 200-300 people per day, that's not including phone calls. We probably get just as many or more phone calls every day."

In fact, Baker said the ORC, open Mondays-Saturdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., is almost always busy and business is almost non-stop.

With all the things the ORC has to offer, it isn't hard to see why its employees don't get very many breaks.

One program the ORC runs is equipment rental. Available for rent are camping equipment, from tents to back packs; boating equipment, from the boat itself to water skis; recreation items, including volleyball equipment and even golf clubs; and various other recreational items.

"The price for equipment rental is pretty good," Baker said. "We get a lot of people from other services in here, and they're jealous at what all we have to offer and the condi-

tion it is in. For some of them, that's why they come here."

Another program offered at the ORC is Information, Tickets, and Tours. Through this program, discount tickets to many of the east coast's major attractions are available to active duty military members, military retirees, reservists, DoD civilian employees and their family members. Almost anything there is to do in Charleston can be done at a discount if the tickets are purchased at the ORC. The program also offers discounted tickets to almost every major attraction, including Disney World and Universal Studios, in Florida and many amusement parks in the south-east.

"We try to get the best deal we can on tickets and offer them at the lowest price possible," Baker said.

In addition to equipment rentals and ticket sales, the ORC offers organized trips to many destinations.

"We put together trips to see the Braves," said Baker. "Those trips include transportation, one night in a hotel and two games for \$119 a person."

Baker said he'd seen a similar offer from a local travel agency, which included transportation and one game, for \$99.

"Basically, they take you down, you see the game and you come back the same day," Baker said.

Other packages the ORC offers are casino boat trips, which include transportation and lunch, for \$20, canoe trips almost every weekend for \$19 per person, trips to swim with the

manatees in Florida every winter, and trips to the Biltmore Estate in North Carolina, along with many more to various points of interest.

"We always have a lot of fun on trips," Baker said.

While many of the ORC's customers are repeat business, Baker said they also see a lot of people taking the trips for the first time.

Also available at the ORC is the climbing wall. A variety of classes and trips are offered for everyone from the beginning climber to the expert. To use the wall, all climbers must take the Belay Course. The course costs \$25 and includes five free climbs. After completing the course, students get a climbers card, which must be brought to the ORC in order to climb or rent gear. Another class offered is the Indoor Rock Techniques class, which helps beginners learn valuable climbing techniques and costs \$20. The wall is available for climbing whenever the ORC is open, and rental equipment is available at the front desk. Climbing trips are also offered. Real Rock I costs \$25 per person and is a one day trip to either Table Rock or Crowders Mountain. The cost includes transportation, equipment and a guide. Real Rock II is a \$70 per person weekend trip. The price includes gear, camping, equipment, guides and food. To find out when the trips and classes are available, check the monthly ORC calendar.

"The climbing wall is very popular," Baker said.



Photo by Senior Airman Melanie Streeter
Rick Baker (left), Outdoor Recreation Center program director, and Mike Peters, ORC recreational aide, assemble a tent, ensuring all parts are there and working, before allowing it to be rented.

Other classes offered through the ORC are scuba certification classes and swimming lessons. The certification classes include the Professional Association of Divers Open-Water Course, Advanced Open-Water Course, Medic First Aid, Red Cross CPR and First Aid, Rescue Diver and Dive Master. The PADI Open Water Course includes all classroom and pool sessions, use of air tanks, BCD regulators and air fills.

The three full-time staff members and two part-time workers are also responsible for the FamCamp area, the base picnic grounds, the base pool and the skeet and trap range.

With everything available at the ORC, there isn't much reason to spend another summer in the living room, glued to the tube.



Photo by Senior Airman Melanie Streeter
Mike Peters, a recreation aide at the Outdoor Recreation Center, inventories a recreation kit. The staff at the center inventories all equipment and checks for defects before signing it out.



Courtesy photo
Rick Baker (right), Outdoor Recreation Center program director, teaches a scuba certification class.

Energy

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ity usage, according to Darrell Guidry, 437 CES energy manger. Reducing electricity usage will double efforts to minimize electricity cost by simultaneously reducing electric demand.

Guidry offers the following steps to reduce electricity usage:

Minimize lighting

- Turn off nonessential lighting in common use areas
- Turn off the lights when leaving a room for a short period of time
- Use task lighting instead of lighting an entire room

Office, home and shop equipment

- Turn off computer monitors when left unattended for longer than one hour
- Turn off computers, printers, copiers, coffee pots and radios at the end of the day
- Whenever possible, avoid use of high amperage equipment during summertime daily peak demand hours, noon-4 p.m.

Air conditioning

- Set thermostat at 76-78 degrees in the summer and 67-70 degrees in the winter
- Keep windows and doors shut during heating and cooling
- Change air conditioner filters at prescribed intervals, generally 30 days

Even though base residents don't directly pay their own electricity bills, Henry said they should still be concerned about conserving energy.

"Wasting energy takes away from

the available money to maintain the base," said Henry. "There is limited energy available to the base, and over usage has the potential to cause widespread brownouts and blackouts like California is experiencing."

Henry said if CAFB's peak load were exceeded, shedding would be performed to reduce usage. Electric load shedding is the temporary taking offline of certain circuits and facilities to bring electricity usage to sustainable levels.

"Conserving is also important because rolling brownouts and blackouts can occur here," said Henry. "Then, we could be placed in a situation where mission accomplishment will be nearly impossible, not to mention the impact on base housing and the local community."

Shortly before the latest increase in electricity usage, the 437th Airlift Wing received two Air Mobility Command awards for energy conservation totaling \$200,000 in additional funding.

Henry said the money was used to wrap up some safety issues in housing and put into a few other quality of life programs around the base. Officials considered putting the money into the energy program, but taking care of Team Charleston was first on their priority list.

The 437 CES Energy Management Office offers assistance to any shop wanting to highlight possible energy-saving practices or opportunities. For more information, call 963-5029 or 963-5019.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Cecilio Ricardo

Charting a course

Capt. Mark Jeffrey, 1st Lt. Andy Ix and Staff Sgt. Rene Delarosa, all from the 15th Airlift Squadron, navigate their way through a search and rescue training senerio at exercise Lariat Response in Hungary. Lariat Response is the first, joint, multi-faceted exercise incorporating the U.S. Army, Air Force and Hungarian military. The exercise combined live fire, search and rescue operations, air assaults, air drops and live helicopter jumps. Charleston AFB's C-17s participated in the exercise, which ran from June 6-13.

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 Mummy Returns" – The Rock

A chain of events finds the corpse of Imhotep resurrected, the mummy Imhotep walks the earth once more, determined to fulfill his quest for immortality. But another force has also been set loose in the world, one born of the darkest rituals of ancient Egyptian mysticism, and even more powerful than Imhotep. When these two forces clash, the fate of the world will hang in the balance, sending the O'Connells on a desperate race to save the world from unspeakable evil, and rescue their son before it is too late. **(PG-13) 130 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

"A Knight's Tale" – Heath Ledger

"If a man believes enough, a man can do anything," a poor thatcher tells his son William. But in 14th Century Europe, fortunes are not made they are predestined. One day at a medieval jousting tournament, fate deals the unheralded William a shot. **(PG-13) 132 minutes**

June 29, 7:30 p.m.

"Kingdom Come" – LL Cool J

The best and the worst of the Slocumb family are on display when Woodrow "Bud" Slocumb keels over from a stroke. **(PG) 95 minutes**

Fitness & Sports

Sports line

Golf: The Order of the Daedalians is sponsoring a golf tournament July 6, 8 a.m., at Wrenwoods Golf Course. The format for the tournament is captain's choice. The \$15 tournament fee includes registration and lunch. Green and cart fees also apply. For more information, call Capt. Scott DeThomas at 963-2970.

Golf: The 437th Operations Group is holding the 7th Annual Charitable Fundraiser Golf Tournament July 13, 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: The HAWC offers aquatic aerobics Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 11 a.m.-noon, at the base pool. For more information, call 963-4007.

CAFB intramural softball season halfway

By Senior Airman Jason Smith
437 AW Public Affairs

Charleston AFB's 2001 intramural softball season is near the halfway point.

So far, the 437th Maintenance Squadron is in first place with a record of 14-1.

The 437th Communications Squadron and 437th Services Squadron combined team is hanging in the shadows of second place, just one game out, with a record of 13-1.

In a game of numbers, a championship of the current two leaders could prove close. MXS scores an average of 2.12 runs for every run they allow, and CS/SVS scores 2.02 runs for every one allowed.

Team	Wins	Losses	Ties	Games
MXS	14	1	0	15
CS/SVS	13	1	0	14
SUP	14	3	0	17
FLYERS	13	3	0	16
CES	10	6	0	16
SFS	10	7	0	17
LGT	8	8	0	16
LSS/MSS	8	9	0	17
AGS 1	7	8	0	15
1CTCS/OSS	6	10	0	16
APS 1	5	9	0	14
Navy Hospital	5	12	0	17
MED GP	4	10	0	14
AGS 2	4	13	0	17
APS 2	2	12	0	14
437 AW	1	12	0	13

CS/SVS has a slightly better defense, allowing an average of 7.57 runs per game, as compared to MXS allowing 8.07 per game. MXS has a slightly better offense, scoring 17.13 per game to services 15.29.

The third place 437th Supply Squadron and fourth place Flyers are also in the hunt. Supply will need to tighten its defense to have a shot at the title. They currently allow close to 10 runs per game from their opponents.

Scoring is the problem for the Flyers. Their 13.63 runs per game is the second lowest among the top nine teams in the standings.

The fifth and sixth place 437th Civil Engineer Squadron and 437th Security Forces Squadron round out the teams with winning records. The SFS team, 10-7, scores an impressive 16.71 runs per game, but can't seem to hold its opponents to a reasonable score.

The 437th Aerial Port Squadron's second team and the 437th Airlift Wing team are having disappointing seasons. They're 2-12 and 1-12 respectively. A good strategy for these teams may be to use some fall out money to buy a win or two. Combining a lack of defense with a lack of scoring seems to be these team's formula for successful losing. Both teams need to get it together if they hope to not be embarrassed at the end of the season.

The final regular season games will end July 23. There may be some rain make-up games to play before the championship tournament around Aug. 1. The top 12 regular season teams will be eligible to compete in the tournament, so even the top four teams will have to watch for an underdog to pull the upset.

