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## 'Total Force' helps make 17 EAS work

By Lt. Col. Chris King  
315 AW Public Affairs

When the Air Force was tasked to support airlift operations in Afghanistan with the C-17 aircraft, it wanted experienced crews to fly long, difficult missions. The Air Force also needed people who had cockpit experience executing missions that had never been flown before.

Active-duty airmen could do the job, but it got so big that they soon needed help. C-17 crews from the 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing volunteered to fill that need.

"We stood up the 17<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Airlift Squadron at Rhein Main on Jan. 16," said Lt. Col. Peter Hirneise, 17 EAS commander. "In the beginning, we were flying so much that our crews were running out of flying time at an alarming rate. I asked for help from the 315<sup>th</sup> and they gave me all I asked for and more."

Hirneise said he called the 315<sup>th</sup> Operations Group commander, Col. James Roberts, for help.

Initially, Roberts said the 315 AW could provide eight crews. That soon increased with the wing furnishing five-seven new crews each week to support the operation. According to Hirneise, the reservists not only helped out with the mission but also added something else to the mix.

Reserve crews sometimes collectively have 4,000-6,000 hours of experience, according to Hirneise.

"You can't put a value on that," he said.

According to Pentagon officials, the Air Force flew nearly 4,800 airlift missions, totaling nearly 100,000 flight hours, during the first six months of combat operations in Afghanistan. These missions moved more than 64,000 passengers and more than 125,000 tons of cargo from the United States to the Afghan theater of operations.

The 17 EAS was a big part of that operation. It has flown 480-plus combat missions and more than 1,350 sorties.

"We run around six-13 missions a day," said Lt. Col. Joseph Heirigs, 17 EAS director of operations. "That's a heavy load for a unit of this size."

"The Reserve crews tend to be 50-60 percent of our assigned manpower," he said. "Today we have 17 crews working

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Photo by Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Amy Perry

### Changes

Staff Sgt. Jay Whitfield, 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron, changes the banners on the Hill Boulevard light poles. The new banners celebrate May Fitness Month on Charleston AFB.

## Air Force announces new BAH waiver policy

By Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Amy Perry  
437 AW Public Affairs

PCSing Air Force members can now receive a waiver to select the 'with dependent basic allowance for housing' rate at the dependent's location, the previous duty station or the current duty station.

"The new policy allows members departing for PCS for 12 months or less to professional military education, technical training or career edu-

cation to receive BAH at a rate other than the new permanent duty station when the member resides separately from their dependents," said Capt. Robin McKinley, 437<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron acting commander.

Members can chose either to keep their family at their permanent duty stations (before training), move them to their training duty stations or move their families to any other location.

However, the servicemember must provide documentation of the move if

they chose to move their dependents to another location.

"For instance, if a servicemember is stationed at Charleston AFB and PCSing to Altus AFB, Okla., for training and their family is living in Nebraska, they will have three BAH choices: Charleston AFB, Altus AFB or Nebraska," said Capt. Heather Gordon, 437<sup>th</sup> MSS Military Personnel Flight commander.

If a member elects this option, "they will have to agree to the following

limited PCS entitlements: only personal and professional shipment equivalent to unaccompanied hold baggage, without dependent rate dislocation allowance, temporary lodging expense and per diem," McKinley said.

Servicemembers can only use this waiver if they are returning to their original duty station.

"Outbound assignments will be contacting the 33 Charleston personnel affected to brief them on this new entitlement," said Gordon.

## IN THE NEWS

## Pollution Prevention program takes CAFB by storm

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P2 is Charleston's attempt to save the world.

Pollution Prevention, or P2, is how Charleston reduces or eliminates pollution at the source.

"It helps reduce air pollutants, ground containments and water containments that Charleston sends into the atmosphere each year," said Nicole Shope, 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight's P2 manager.

"P2 is source reductions and other practices that reduce or eliminate the creation of pollutants through increased efficiency in the use of raw materials, energy and water," said Shope.

One of the main P2 programs is recycling.

"Charleston has one of the best recycling programs in the Air Force," Shope said. "We recycle 57 percent of our waste each year."

"If people aren't using recycled products, then there is no real use for recycling," Shope said. "Anything we can save from going into a landfill is a good thing."

A recent recycling project can be seen at the Child Development Center and Youth Center.

"The new playground topping is made from recycled tires," Shope said. "Instead of buying something that has never been used, the SABER (Simplified Acquisition of Base Engineer Requirements) team used recycled tires. It completes the cycle."

There are also many projects that involve CAFB recycling that can't be seen on the base.

"We recycle our C-17 tires by sending them to New York to be attached

to tugboats," she said. "They use them as bumpers."

"By sending the tires to New York, we save a lot of money by not having to pay to dispose of them," she said. "In 2001, we sent over 76 tons. This year we are on our way to sending over 120 tons."

"CE had a different way of recycling," Shope said. "They donated urinals to an orphanage which weighed over 13,000 pounds. That eliminated the cost of disposal for those."

Even the flightline recycles its waste.

"When the C-17s are refueled, there can be fuel that spills over the course of a year," she said. "There is a drainage system that collects all of the excess JP8, which is sent to another squadron on base to use."

"Also, oil that can't be recycled on base is donated to a local company that changes waste into fuel," Shope said.

Although recycling is a main part of the P2 program, there are many other aspects to it as well.

"In the maintenance squadron, they use a cutting fluid on sheet metal," she said. "With old product they used, you couldn't use the entire amount of the product, and it had to be disposed of as a hazardous waste."

"Anna Hill (437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron) switched to another type of fluid, Val-Cool, that could be all used, and you don't have to pay for the waste," Shope said.

Eliminating the use of chemicals is also a large part of the P2 program.

geant, Senior Master Sgt. Winston Moses.

Moses said reservists assigned to the unit have made his job easier.

"I talk to a lot of people and get good reports about our Reserve people," Moses said. "When people are assigned to the 17<sup>th</sup>, I don't see a difference between the active duty or Reserve. There is a great mix of people here, and I think that makes us a better unit."

Moses said he must deal with a lot of personnel problems in the States but being with a unit like the 17 EAS is different.

"Our people work hard," Moses said. "When they are off-duty, they usually go to their room and sleep. They are too tired to get into any trouble."



Ray Blankenship, 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron metals technology specialist, cuts off aluminum bar stock using Val-Cool, a synthetic, water-based coolant that eliminates the buildup of bacteria. Val-Cool has both lubricating and cooling abilities and increases tools' cutting abilities while reducing wear.



Rob Bowman (left) and Chris Shepley, contractors, apply the second layer of a new rubberized surface on the playground behind the Youth Services Center. The material they are using is made from recycled tires.

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in the 17<sup>th</sup>, and 10 of those are Reserve crews out of Charleston. You do the math. We could not do this mission without the participation of the Reserve crews who volunteered to help us out."

Most of the reservists volunteer for two weeks of duty.

"That allows us to use them a lot during that time without them burning out of flying time," Heirigs said. "Without the Reserve crews, the active crews would run out of 30-day flying time real fast. They give the active-duty crews an extended life. We can use them on the line for a few weeks and then rotate them onto our staff, let their available flying hours build

back up, and then use them again."

Heirigs said reservists have helped the 17 EAS in other ways.

"Some reservists had worked the one-stop (aircrew processing line) in Charleston, and we needed people to help here at our UCC (unit control center)," Heirigs said. "We had three people assigned and needed six. Reservists volunteered and that was a big help to us."

Reserve vehicle operators from Charleston also volunteered to deploy to help transport crews to and from the flightline.

Flying so many missions can put stress on crews and support people. One of the people in the 17 EAS who help manage stress is the first ser-

"Instead of stripping paint from the aircraft parts with chemicals, we use a bead blaster (a piece of equipment that shoots glass beads) that strips the paint off the aircraft parts," Dale Cook, 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Group environmental manager said.

"We also use a solvent to clean parts of the aircraft," he said. "To eliminate waste, we recycle the solvent with a special cleaning system to be able to reuse most of the solvent."

discussion and griping."

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche recently said that the current conflict in Afghanistan is the first time in recent history where, because it is land-locked, everything that is moved in or moved out has to be done by air, including the water the troops drink, the food they eat and the equipment they use.

The 17 EAS has been at the forefront of that operation, and the way the squadron is using reservists is the way of the future according to its leadership.

"Using volunteer Reserve aircrews and support personnel has been an overwhelming success to this operation," Hirneise said. "It has helped to make our mission work."

One reason his job is easier, according to the commander, is the maturity level of the reservists.

"Most of the Reserve crews are older, and they bring a maturity level to the job that we do not always find in the younger crews," Hirneise said. "Although we have some outstanding young active-duty crews, I feel the maturity of the Reserve crews is a plus for us. We welcome their experience."

He also appreciates their candor.

"They are not afraid to give me feedback," Hirneise said. "Most of my young crewmembers will not come into my office and tell me something needs to be fixed. The reservists will, and they know the fine line between

# PCS season right around corner: Traffic management office offers advice to help make moving personal property easier

By Capt. Beth Szucs  
437 AW Public Affairs

When members get orders to PCS, separate or retire, the first step to arranging movement of household goods is a visit to the 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron traffic management flight personal property processing office.

"You will have two visits with us," said Tech. Sgt. Sven Stauber, NCOIC, personal property processing office.

"On the first visit we will get all the pertinent info from you," said Stauber. He explained the purpose of this visit is to give TMO the necessary information to get shipment arranged, such as what type of move the member wants to do, where they are going and more.

"On the second visit, we will go over the specific details about your move," he said.

If members are separating or retiring from the Air Force, Stauber said there are a few points to remember.

Retirement from the service entitles a member to a home of selection move anywhere in the continental U.S. up to one year after their retirement date, he said.

"Or you can have your things stored for up to a year if you don't know where you want to go," said Stauber. "You can have that entitlement extended for a few different reasons if necessary."

"For folks who are separating, you have 180 days from your effective date of separation to move your property to either your home of record or PLEAD (place entered active duty)," he said. "You can also pick a different destination, and if it is shorter the AF will pay for it. If it is longer you can pay the difference."

There are a few steps members can take on moving day to prevent hassles, said Stauber. First, Stauber recommends every member take an accurate inventory of all household goods, including serial numbers. Also, make sure the movers annotate the serial numbers on the inventory they take while they are packing.

Second, have two or three others at the house while the movers are there.

"Movers usually come in threes and fours and will spread out in different rooms to pack," said Stauber. "You can't be in every room at once, so find someone to come and help keep an eye on the packing."

Finally, Stauber said it is absolutely essential to read the packers' inventory to look for discrepancies, and make sure both parties agree with what is on the list.

"If you don't agree with the carriers, call TMO," said Stauber. "Let us work it out."

After the move is over and household goods arrive, remembering a few key points

will make filing claims much simpler, according to Staff Sgt. Nichelle Cunningham, assistant NCOIC of claims.

She said all members need to completely fill out the DD 1840 and 1840R, which are both on one sheet of paper, and turn the form into the claims office within 70 days of the date of delivery. Members then have two years after the date of delivery to file a claim.

"The 1840 is filled out while the carrier is there, and the 1840R is what you fill out after the carrier has left and you notice other damage," she said.

All members filing claims are required to attend a claims briefing. These briefings are offered Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m., for walk-in service.

"Don't throw away damaged goods, because we are likely to do an inspection," said Cunningham. "Only hazardous items, such as glass, should be thrown away."

For more information on both the shipping and claims process, call Stauber at 963-2261 or the claims office at 963-5502.

"Feel free to visit us with all your questions, even before you have orders," said Stauber. "We will make every effort to assist you in the planning of your personal property move. We pride ourselves in fantastic customer service."

## Quick tips for a painless PCS

■ **Homebasing follow-on:** When members go on remote assignments families have three options: stay at the previous base, move to the follow-on assignment or go to a completely different location. If a member asks the government to pay to move their family to a different location, the personal property office is required to notify outbound assignments, and the member risks losing their follow-on assignment.

■ **New marriage:** If a member gets married before they PCS, the Air Force will move the new spouse's household goods or pay part of the costs (depending on the location). If members PCS then get married, the AF has no entitlement to pay for the new spouse's shipment of goods.

■ **Do It Yourself Moves:** When doing a DITY move, members need to remember that any money they receive above and beyond the actual expenses is taxed at 27.5 percent. Also, the AF only reimburses members 95 percent of what they would pay a carrier.

■ **Use of the government travel card:** Government travel card bills usually arrive before a member has settled all their moving expenses, so be prepared to pay the bill before reimbursement arrives.

■ **Car storage:** If a member deploys to a named operation or contingency for more than 30 days, the AF will store a vehicle for the member at government expense.

■ **Shipping vehicles overseas:** If a member has a lien on a vehicle, they need a letter from the lender to authorize exportation of the vehicle.

■ **Pets:** Members who have a pet and are PCSing overseas need to call TMO or the veterinary clinic to find the specific requirements for the country they are moving to.

■ **70 days:** Members have 70 days to turn in the pink DD 1840/1840R form to the claims office after a move.

# Days of Remembrance ceremony scheduled for Tuesday

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter  
437 AW Public Affairs

Charleston AFB will observe Days of Remembrance, a time to honor and remember victims of the Holocaust, with a ceremony Tuesday, 10 a.m., at the Base Chapel.

Rosa Singer, a Holocaust survivor and volunteer at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., is scheduled as the keynote speaker.

Singer, her two younger sisters and her mother remained in Antwerp, Belgium in 1938 while her father immigrated to the United States, according to information provided by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jennifer Fehl, chief of the 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Military Equal Opportunity Office. With the start of World War II in 1940, her family tried to flee to Belgium, but the German army overtook France when the family was there.

As Jews, Singer and her family had to return to Belgium and were forced to wear yellow stars. They were no

longer permitted to go to school or visit public places. In order to escape deportation, Singer and her family removed their stars and went into hiding. The Singers survived.

After the war, Singer moved to the United States and married an American. Her sisters also immigrated and married Americans. She went on to complete a master's degree in French Literature at the University of Maryland and taught there for several years before moving on to a position at a Maryland secondary school.

Along with two colleagues, Singer created an accredited graduate course on the Holocaust. Today, the three continue to teach "The Holocaust: a History of Destruction, Resistance and Survival," to schoolteachers and professional librarians.

In addition to her professional career, Singer has been an active volunteer. A member of the Holocaust Commission of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, she is also co-president of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith's

local governing body. Singer also translated and assisted in writing various books about the Holocaust. Currently, she works with her husband as a volunteer at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and is an active member of the museum's Speakers Bureau.

Congress established the Days of Remembrance as the nation's annual commemoration of the victims of the Holocaust, according to the museum's Web site.

The Holocaust, a term of Greek origin meaning "sacrifice by fire," was the systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of approximately 6 million Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators, according to the site.

During the Holocaust, Nazis also targeted other groups they deemed inferior, including Roma (Gypsies), the handicapped and some of the Slavic peoples (Poles, Russians and others). Communists, Socialists, Jehovah's Witnesses and homosexuals, among others, were also perse-

cuted on political and behavioral grounds.

Before World War II, the Jewish population in Europe was more than 9 million. By 1945, close to two out of every three European Jews were killed as part of the "Final Solution," the Nazi policy to murder the Jews of Europe, according to the site. Jews were not the only victims. Tens of thousands of Roma were killed, and at least 200,000 mentally ill or physically disabled people were murdered in the Euthanasia Program. More than 3 million Soviet prisoners of war were murdered or died of starvation, disease, neglect or maltreatment. Non-Jewish Polish intellectuals were targeted, and millions of Polish and Soviet citizens were deported for forced labor in Germany or in occupied Poland.

Between 1942 and 1944, Nazi Germany deported millions more Jews from the occupied territories to extermination camps, where they were murdered in specially developed killing facilities.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Charleston Warrior of the Week



Photo by Capt. Beth Szucs

### Leonard Flescher Charleston AFB volunteer

Leonard Flescher, who retired from the Air Force in 1977, is a volunteer at the Charleston Club and the base theater.

"I try to volunteer five days a week, Monday through Friday, at the club, and then Fridays and Saturdays at the theater," said Flescher.

He helps out in the dining room and in the back areas at the club. He says he feels especially good about helping on Fridays, when the club is the busiest.

"I really like what I do," said Flescher. "I like it because when you are in the service for so long you like to be around other people in the service. You have a bond. You want to communicate with the others. I get to do that here."

Flescher feels very strongly about participation in the club and hopes to get more.

"When I was in at Seymour-Johnson (AFB) you had to wear a suit and tie for dinner on Friday night or you would get turned away," said Flescher. "A lot of people went, though."

"Last year I was big into the membership drive and got 30 people signed up," he said.

In his free time he enjoys spending time with his wife, Gloria, and 16-year-old son, Tristan. He also enjoys watching sports and keeping up with current events.

"It is important to keep up with current events now," he said. "After September, a lot of us (retirees) were hoping we could come and help do jobs so that the troops could deploy without worrying."

Although he might not be able to still serve on active duty in the Air Force, Flescher plans to keep volunteering and helping in any way he can.

Entry fees are \$40 and include green fees, cart, beverages, lunch and a donation to the scholarship fund and chapter. Prizes will be awarded for first- through third- place teams, longest drive and closest to the pin. There will also be a putting contest and other door prizes. For more information or to enter a team, call Glenn McNeil at 963-3183, Tom Skillman at 963-3181, Gene Reeves at 552-4314 or Ron Westall at 963-3058.

**SIU:** Southern Illinois University is holding open summer registration for its one-year Workforce Education and Development program now through May 1. Classes will begin May 4 and conclude April 2003. For more information, call 552-7320.

**Yard Sale:** Tables are now on sale at the Consignment Shop for the Base-wide Yard Sale May 11, 8 a.m.-noon, at the base picnic grounds. The Consignment Shop is also looking for consigners. According to the shop's staff, furniture is a very hot item right now. The shop is located in Bldg. 203 on Graves Street. For more information, call 963-3294.

**Scholarship:** The Order of Daedalians is sponsoring two flight scholarships in the amount of \$750 each, with the potential of matching funds from their national headquarters. Further scholarship guidelines are available at [www.daedalians.org](http://www.daedalians.org). For more information, call 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Joel Eppley at 963-2150.

### Spotlight

**Awards luncheon:** The Wing Quarterly Awards luncheon, previously scheduled for Tuesday, has been rescheduled for Monday, 11 a.m., at the Charleston Club.

**Promotion:** Major George Pierce, 437<sup>th</sup> Supply Squadron commander, will be promoted to lieutenant colonel in a ceremony April 26, 2 p.m., in Bldg. 532. For more information, call 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Lara Kalin at 963-4881.

### Around the base

**Blood Drive:** The next Charleston AFB Blood Drive will be held Monday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Education Center Auditorium. All blood types are urgently needed. For more information, call Capt. Paul Brown at 963-4678 or contact your squadron representative.

**Golf tournament:** The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its annual golf tournament April 26 at Wrenwoods Golf Course. Check-in for the captain's choice with handicap tournament begins at 7 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Entry fees are \$20 and include lunch and beverages. There will be giveaways, and prizes will be awarded to the first-

place team in each flight, longest drive and closest to the pin. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Ed Lawson at 963-3693 or pick up sign-up sheets at the Wrenwoods Golf Course Pro Shop.

**Closure:** The Community Education Center will close at 1:30 p.m. May 2 for Community College of the Air Force graduation practice and will be closed May 4 for the annual CCAF graduation ceremony.

**Golf tournament:** Charleston AFB's Top 3 will hold its annual golf tournament, open to all Team Charleston members, May 3 at Wrenwoods Golf Course. Check-in for the captain's choice tournament begins at 11:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Entry fees are \$15 and include range balls and beverages. Prizes will be awarded for first-, second- and third-place teams, and for longest drive and closest to the pin. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Matt Harless at 963-8004 or sign up at the Wrenwoods Golf Course Pro Shop.

**Marriage Enhancement Seminar:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group will offer a marriage enhancement class beginning May 7 and meeting for six consecutive Tuesdays from 6-8:30

p.m. The class is free to base personnel and their spouses. For more information and to register, call Jim Hernandez at 963-6504.

**Golf tournament:** The Charleston Chapter of the National Defense Transportation Association will hold its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship and Chapter Fund-Raising Golf Tournament May 10 at Crowfield Golf and Country Club, Goose Creek. Check in for the captain's choice tournament begins at 11 a.m., with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### Family Support Center

**Pre-Deployment Briefing:** Monday and April 29, 8 a.m., and Thursday, 4 p.m.

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

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

**Base School Committee:** Tuesday, 7 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.

## National Days of Remembrance

Charleston AFB will observe Days of Remembrance, a time to honor and remember the victims of the Holocaust, Tuesday. A service and guest speaker, from the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., are planned for 10 a.m. at the Chapel. The local Jewish Service Center has other events planned throughout the month and can be contacted at 571-6565. The Base Library will also display a variety of books for viewing during the observance. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Michael Breedlove at 963-4927.



## COMMENTARY

## Team Charleston wins many state AFA awards

By Brig. Gen. Rusty Findley  
437 AW commander

Team Charleston will have nearly a clean sweep at the annual South Carolina Air Force Association Awards banquet at Shaw AFB, May 11. The 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing was named outstanding active duty wing and the 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing was named outstanding Reserve wing in the state. The 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Group was selected as the outstanding group while Capt. **Brad Cochran**, 15<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, was named outstanding officer of the year. **Jo Ann Russell**, 315 AW, was named the Outstanding Air Force Person of the Year in the civilian category, and Master Sgt. **Betty Hill** was named Recruiter of the Year in the Air Force Reserve category.

At staff meeting, I was honored to recognize **Tona Cook** and the seven members of the Manpower and Organization Office for winning the Air Mobility Command 2001 Professional Excellence Award. Despite having the smallest staff in the command, they have produced outstanding results throughout the year. They are our behind-the-scenes warriors ensuring we have the positions and the right structure we need to accomplish the mission.

I also presented the Air Mobility Command annual newspaper contest award to Staff Sgt. **Cecilio Ricardo**, 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Camera Squadron, for having the best stand-alone picture in a base newspaper. Tech. Sgt. **Susan Wilburn**, 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Generation Squadron, received a wing coin for receiving the Levitow award as the top graduate at the NCO Academy at Robins AFB, Ga. Congratulations.

It was recently announced that the Air Force 2001 Supply and Fuels Outstanding Personnel of the Year was fuels superintendent Senior Master Sgt. **Harold Stafford**, 437<sup>th</sup> Supply Squadron. It is no small feat to win the top Air Force honor as the best in your respective field. Congratulations on your achievement!

I was also pleased to cut the ribbon, along with Brig. Gen. Jerry Black, 315 AW commander, on the new playroom in the Fitness and Sports Center Monday. For several years, parents with small children have put childcare as the number one reason why they did not use the Fitness and Sports Center. The new playroom allows parents with small children to exercise regularly on cardio-equipment while being able to supervise their children at the same time.

Construction finished ahead of schedule in March with two 32-inch TV's, a CD player, and FM radio components hooked up to a cardio-theater system with two treadmills, two cross-trainers, two upright bikes and two recumbent bikes.

The Child Development Center staff helped with the design, layout of toys, type of furniture and safety precautions from the very beginning. The 21<sup>st</sup> Air Force commander provided the initial \$20,000 to get the project going, and I matched those funds to ensure the "Quality of Life" project was completed. The child's area was equipped with environmental fitness toys, a reading "story time" area, a color TV with DVD/video entertainment and play pens for small infants six months and older.

A special thanks to our 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron, **Steve Parrish** from the Fitness and Sports Center and his staff for their efforts in providing a world class facility for our outstanding people.

Seven high school seniors and one military spouse received \$1,000 scholarships from the Officer's Spouses' Association and the Enlisted Spouse's Club at the 2002 Silver Wings Scholastic

Assistance Awards Tuesday evening. It was my honor to attend the banquet and congratulate all the scholarship recipients. First Command Financial Planning also presented \$1,000 scholarships to **Amber Allardice** from the Academic Magnet High School and **Courtney Jordan** from Summerville High School.

Receiving Silver Wings Scholastic Assistance were **Ashley Marie Blackwell** from Summerville High School, **Tiffany Cox** from Goose Creek High School, **Kelsey Jones** from Summerville High School, **Thomas James Kandl** from Bishop England High School, **Travis Lytton** from Fort Dorchester High School, **Craig Stiller** from Bishop England High School, **Kristin Valle** from Fort Dorchester High School and **Angela Walker** from Southern Illinois University.

The scholarship funds are open to all active duty, Reserve and retired spouses and their children who reside in the local area.

The Year of the Warrior Spirit Warrior 5K Poker Run was held Thursday at the McCombs Way track and we had a good turnout. We were fortunate to hear from several outstanding YOWS briefers from the 437 CES and 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron in the Charleston Club that afternoon. A special thanks to Master Sgt. **Michael Garrou**, 437 CES, and Tech. Sgt. **William Cline**, 437 SFS, for their briefings. A video was also shown that was once used to brief the N.Y. fire department personnel about our accomplishments. It was a much better turnout for the April Warrior brief. The briefings were clearly motivational for everyone who attended.

Following the presentations, it was my honor to present YOWS coins to the following individuals for April: Staff Sgt. **Brad Rawn**, 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. **Kelly Daughterty**, 15<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron; Tech. Sgt. **James Siroky**, 437<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron; Staff Sgt. **Elsie Graham**, 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group; and Master Sgt. **David Ingram**, 437 AW Command Post.

I also presented coins to Staff Sergeants **Wesley Childers** and **Eric Samples**, both from the 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron, who were deployed during the March 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Group Warrior brief.

I hope to see everyone at the Wing Quarterly Awards luncheon Monday at 11 a.m. in the Charleston Club. Please come out and cheer on your people by showing your squadron/group pride.

We will honor and remember the victims of the Holocaust April 23 with a special service in the chapel at 10 a.m. Scheduled to speak at the service is Rosa Singer, whose family avoided the Germans during World War II and who is a member of U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum speaker's bureau in Washington, D.C. The service is open to everyone. We are hoping for a large turnout. See the article on page 3 for more details.

It has been almost eight months since the deadly terrorist attacks on America, yet the 437 and 315 AW operations and personnel tempo is still very high. The war on terrorism has required a number of sacrifices from those deployed on the front lines, our folks working here and the families left behind. The wing still has more than 650 people deployed around the world. We need to look around and make sure those families are well taken care of. We have a great support network on the base and each of us must look out for one another, as this war will likely continue for a long time. Let's do our best to take care of the whole Team Charleston family during these difficult times.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Kaminsky

**Tyler Wilson and Alexis Nuckoles help Brig. Gen. Rusty Findley, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, and Brig. Gen. Jerry Black, 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, cut the ribbon on the new playroom at the Fitness and Sports Center Monday.**

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# Top 10 ways to stay out of jail

**By Capt. Conrad Huygen**  
RAF Lakenheath ADC

As an Area Defense Counsel, I'd like to share with you some observations and advice from what I've seen over the past six months.

I am addressing this article primarily to E-5's and below because from 1987-1991, I was in your shoes.

*Observation one* is that too many airmen drink far too much. A large proportion of the cases I deal with involve alcohol. I'm not telling you not to drink at all, but the volume of alcohol I hear about is shocking. If you drink yourself into a stupor every weekend, you need help - please get it before you and I have to talk about your Article 15.

*Observation two* is drug use is by far the most common court-martial offense, and it oftentimes follows drinking. If you use drugs, you'll get caught because one of your friends will rat on you - drug use tends to be a group activity and someone always ends up talking about it. I'm not an expert on human nature, but if you think your friends are different, you're simply kidding yourself.

*Observation three* is that commanders, first sergeants and the legal office staff are not out to get you.

These are all men and women of great integrity who take adverse action only when presented with evidence. Sometimes that evidence is credible and makes sense, sometimes it doesn't, but nobody is out to get you.

*Observation four* is that airmen who face adverse action are generally good people. I have the best clients in the world and will do everything in my power to defend you if you become one of them.

Here, then, is my Top Ten List of things you can do to complete a successful enlistment. An honorable discharge and the G.I. Bill opened every door that I've walked through as an adult, from college to jobs to law school.

10.) Quit getting sloppy drunk; otherwise, you'll end up doing something really stupid.

9.) Don't ever use drugs; ask yourself if it's worth your career, your \$20,000 G.I. Bill, and a criminal record.

8.) Don't lie, even a little; either say nothing at all when questioned until after you speak with a lawyer or tell the truth. There is no other option.

7.) Live within your means; I can't afford a Porsche - you can't afford a

Porsche.

6.) Be likeable and valuable; good troops get breaks because they've earned them.

5.) If you want to fight, try organized boxing; it's a lot harder than it looks.

4.) Always be squared-away and 10 minutes early; your uniform, haircut, military bearing, and punctuality really do reflect who you are.

3.) Treat everyone with respect; military members and civilians alike deserve it.

2.) Don't hang out with idiots; you will eventually get blamed for what they did.

1.) Always ask for a lawyer when read your rights; trust me, you have no idea what you're doing if you agree to answer questions. Your ADC is here to serve you, but you have to ask for us.

Capt. Heather Logan is the Area Defense Counsel at Charleston AFB. ADC is responsible for representing Air Force members facing various types of adverse action initiated by the Air Force and offers confidential advice and counsel to any CAFB member who is suspected of a crime or is facing negative paperwork. For more information, call 963-4416.

## YOWS Nose Art Competition

The Year of the Warrior Spirit Committee is hosting a nose art competition.



The objective of the competition is to recruit some of Team Charleston's best artists, even those in the closet, to enter nose drawings for the C-17, said 2nd Lt. Ron'Dell Harley, Charleston AFB YOWS nose art competition coordinator.

Winning artwork will be posted at Air Mobility Command and with approval, portrayed on some or all of the C-17s.

Drawings will also be used in YOWS briefings, held throughout the year.

"I know the wing has a lot of talented individuals, and it would be good to see one of our own as the winner," said Harley.

Deadline for submissions in the competition is July 1. Winners should be announced by early August, according to Harley.

For more information, call Harley at 963-5578.

## FEATURE

## National Volunteer Week celebrates spirit of giving

Story and photos by  
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437 AW Public Affairs

During his state of the union address, President George W. Bush called on Americans to volunteer, giving two years of their lives, about 4,000 hours, to service in their neighborhoods, communities and nation.

But volunteering is nothing new at Charleston AFB. In fact, according to Mike Burden and Brian Churchill, Family Support Center volunteer resource coordinators, the more than 550 volunteers here racked up 47,611 hours of service, saving the Air Force \$732,728.

April 21-27 marks National Volunteer Week, this year's theme being "Celebrate the American Spirit - VOLUNTEER!" The Points of Light Foundation and Volunteer Center National Network sponsor the week to provide an opportunity to put volunteers, like those at CAFB, in the spotlight.

"Volunteering may not always be easy, but it is necessary," Churchill said. "The simple fact is, volunteers provide compassion that government cannot always provide to everyone."

There are a multitude of places volunteers can and do give their time on base. These base agencies include the Retiree Activities Program, Base Chapel, Family Support Center, Family Services, Child Development Center, Base Legal Office, Fitness and Sports Center, Health and Wellness Center, Base Library, Youth Activities,

Outdoor Recreation Center, Consignment Shop, Officers' Spouses' Association, Enlisted Support Club, Self Help Store, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and the American Red Cross, according to Burden. Off base volunteer opportunities can be found at the Volunteer Center of the Lowcountry.

To give something back to base volunteers, the Family Support Center and 437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron created the Recognizing Achievements in Volunteer Excellence program, according to Churchill. Through R.A.V.E., those who contribute volunteer hours each month qualify for a variety of incentives, with the rewards increasing as the amount of time given per month increases.

Volunteers around base gave a variety of reasons when asked why they give their time.

"The president said volunteer, so here we are," said Rita Smoak, who, with her husband, Ed Smoak, has been volunteering at the Family Support Center since February. "I went through the war (as a child in England during World War II), and it's great to be able to do something for somebody who is going to do something for you. And they're giving their lives."

Her husband said the couple wouldn't be there if they didn't enjoy it.

"It gives us a sense of accomplishment," Ed said. "And it's something we can do together."

At the Rivers Gate Visitor Center, guests to CAFB may run into Joseph Mestnik, a volunteer for 11 years. Mestnik said he started volunteering during Desert Storm, when a lot of casualties were expected and volunteer help was in demand. While fortunately United States troops didn't suffer as much as was expected, Mestnik said he decided to stay on.

One volunteer said she started volunteering after her doctor advised it. Karoline Meason, who spends her time at the 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group's Pharmacy, said she enjoyed it so much, she's been doing it ever since.

Ever since 1986, which is well before many of her customers joined the military.

"I like working with the people, joking around with them and helping them out," she said. "I've learned a lot. If I were younger, I'd go to pharmacy school."

Celebrating National Volunteer Week is really the one big way Team Charleston can say "thank you" to the team members who put in time without any more compensation than the good feeling they



**Karoline Meason, a volunteer at the base pharmacy since 1986, finds a customer's prescription. Meason said she started volunteering when it was recommended by her doctor, but continues to do so because she has fun and likes helping people.**

get from giving of themselves, according to Burden.

"During the month of April, and especially during National Volunteer Week, take time to say 'thanks for all you do' to every volunteer you meet," Burden said. "Team Charleston salutes volunteers for their caring and selfless service. The positive impact volunteers make on our base and local community is priceless."

According to the Points of Light Foundation Web-site, volunteering isn't just nice, it's necessary for the health of society. Volunteers bridge the gap between people and communities.

"In every instance where my administration sees a responsibility to help people, we will look first to faith-based organizations, charities and community groups that have shown their ability to save and change lives," said Bush. "We will make a determined attack on need, by promoting the compassionate acts of others. We will rally the armies of compassion in our communities to fight a very different war against poverty and hopelessness, a daily battle waged house to house and heart by heart."

Base volunteers do just that.



**Ed and Rita Smoak, volunteers at the Family Support Center, spend their volunteer time stocking the shelves of the Airmen's Attic, doing computer work and helping serve customers.**



**Joseph Mestnik, who volunteers his time at the Rivers Gate Visitor Center, fills out a guest pass for two Charleston AFB visitors. Mestnik has spent the last 11 years volunteering at CAFB.**

# Air Force secretary visits AMC, U.S. TRANSCOM

**By Staff Sgt. Scott Leas**  
*AMC Public Affairs*

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche visited Scott AFB, Ill., April 11 to meet with leaders of U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command and see firsthand how worldwide air mobility forces are launched into action.

Roche assessed the commands as tremendous assets to the nation's defense and applauded the efforts of AMC's airlift and aerial refueling contributions to the global war on terrorism.

"It's nice to see the incredible group of people who have been managing this operation for month after month and to see the tools they use," he said. "Information technology is clearly a major contribution and the exploitation of that technology is really quite remarkable. I'm very impressed.

"For the first time in the history of war this country has fought in a landlocked area where every single thing going in and coming out has gone by air," he said. "Food, water, ammunition, troops were all transported by air, and that's really quite incredible."

Both commands have a special role in the global war on terrorism both in Afghanistan and stateside, Roche said.

"It can be said that TRANSCOM,

and the Air Force, have fought two theaters of war at the same time," he said. "In fact, the number of sorties flown until recently were very close. Twenty-thousand sorties in the operating area around Afghanistan compared to 18,500 in the United States."

He said people are often surprised at the degree of stress Operation Noble Eagle has had on both fighter and tanker forces based in the United States.

"TRANSCOM and AMC were under tremendous operational strain fighting two theaters of war simultaneously," said Roche.

"The president has said that this will be a long-term campaign, and Afghanistan is still a volatile place," he said. "I think (it is) especially volatile for TRANSCOM and AMC assets because on any given day there could be a terrorist who wants to set up and try to knock out one of our aircraft coming in or going out."

While the global war on terrorism is not over, Roche said operations for both Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle have hit a plateau. Priorities are focusing more on sustainment and rotation. Supply of forces currently based in theater and regeneration of aircraft and people are a high priority now.

"The Air Force is no longer focused

on the heavy bombings like we had in Operation Anaconda," said Roche. "Sustainment and rotation is now the major task in OEF. So what is going on there now is not so much the pushing of new stuff forward as much as replenishing, sustaining and rotating airmen as part of the (Aerospace Expeditionary Force)."

Operations supporting Noble Eagle are similarly stabilizing, he said.

"In Noble Eagle we have a reduction in the number of aircraft in the air. We are keeping more tankers on alert as we approach a more steady and sustainable state," said Roche.

One of the ways Roche said he and the Air Force are looking to help alleviate some of the long-term stress on the KC-135 Stratotankers and KC-10 Extenders is the possible leasing of Boeing 767s. It is their hope, he said, that this will also accelerate the modernization of AMC's aging tanker fleet.

"Our reasoning for doing this is there is a potential for doing something that is economically very sensible for the Air Force," said Roche.

Bringing in a new world-class tanker into AMC will drastically reduce the demand for maintenance and depot time as compared to older aerial-refueling aircraft currently in the Air Force's inventory, he said.

Leasing aircraft has great poten-

tial to be economical for the Air Force, explained Roche, because costs are restricted to use of the aircraft and not associated with development and testing of new aircraft, he said.

"When you lease an aircraft you only start paying for it the moment it shows up on your field," Roche said. "You don't pay for it ahead of time.

"This could save us a lot of money," he said. "And we could get them a lot sooner than [if the Air Force were to develop and purchase aircraft], which would not get them in the force until the end of the decade."

Roche also explained that leasing 767s gives the Air Force an opportunity to retire 124 KC-135 E models while also giving AMC and the Air Force the chance to determine if configurations of leased aircraft are acceptable to future tanker purchases. Roche also indicated that modernization and acquisition of airlift capabilities is an Air Force priority and said that there is a growing consensus to continue acquisition of the C-17 Globemaster IIIs, and raise the number of those aircraft purchased from 180 to as many as 222.

Modernization of other airlift capabilities is also a priority, he said, with a multi-phased C-5 Galaxy modernization, and an update to the C-130 Hercules fleet.

## 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 events

Religious Education: First Eucharist Retreat, April 27, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Chapel Annex

Total Youth Ministries: Sunday and April 28, 4 p.m., Chapel Annex

Mass schedule: Mondays-Fridays, 11 a.m.; Saturdays, 5 p.m.; Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturdays, 4-4:45 p.m.

### Protestant events

Protestant Men of the Chapel: Breakfast in the Annex, Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

Total Youth Ministries: Sunday and April 28, 4 p.m., Chapel Annex

Holocaust Memorial Service: Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Single Parents Luncheon: Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Chapel Annex

Craft Class: April 30, 9 a.m., Bldg. 245

Traditional Protestant Service: Sundays, 11 a.m.

Contemporary Worship Service: "The Truth Project," Thursdays, 7 p.m.

## 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.**

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

#### **"The Time Machine" – Guy Pearce**

Alexander is determined to prove that time travel is possible. His determination is turned to desperation by a personal tragedy that now drives him to want to change the past. Testing his theories with a time machine he is hurtled 800,000 years into the future. **(PG-13) 96 minutes**

### Saturday, 2 p.m.

#### **"Return to Never Land" – Animated**

World War II is raging and has come to the very heart of London. Wendy tries to comfort her young ones with stories of her experiences in Never Land. However, Captain Hook kidnaps Jane's daughter and whisks off to Never Land. Hook plans to use Jane as bait to capture Peter Pan. But Peter rescues Jane from the villain's clutches and a rollicking adventure is underway. **(G) 72 minutes**

### Saturday and April 26, 7:30 p.m.

#### **"We Were Soldiers" – Mel Gibson**

In a small clearing called zone X-Ray, Lt. Col. Hal Moore and 400 young fathers, husbands, brothers and sons, all troopers from an elite American combat division were surrounded by 2,000 North Vietnamese soldiers. The ensuing battle was one of the most savage in U.S. history. **(R) 138 minutes**

## Fitness & Sports

# CAFB tech. sergeant wins South Carolina award for fitness

**By Jessica Kaleina**  
*437 AW Public Affairs*

Tech. Sgt. Denese Bellamy, 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron, received the 2002 Individual Award for the South Carolina Governor's Council on physical fitness during a banquet April 11.

Her husband, Todd Bellamy, nominated her for the award.

Criteria for the statewide award required the nominee to be a person who provides a positive role model for physical activity; exhibits safe, healthy fitness habits; and encourages others to live healthier more physically active lives. To be

nominated for this award, a four-page letter had to be written, along with a variety of supporting documents showing the accomplishments and involvements of the nominee within the community in regards to health and fitness.

"I am proud and honored to receive the award," Bellamy said. "South Carolina needs this type of organization to promote health and fitness, especially in this area."

Every morning, at 4:30 a.m., Bellamy goes and works out doing a variety of cardio, weight training and body building exercises. She said her favorite exercises include anything that works out the legs because they are the most challenging, and they work the entire body.

"People have different passions to give them their get up and go," said Bellamy. "Fitness is my passion, that's what gets me moving."

Bellamy is a certified aerobics and personal trainer and teaches aerobics classes at the Health and Wellness Center along with participating in the Airman Leadership School's wellness program. She also helps people on an individual basis.

She said sometimes people will

come to her and ask for her help and expertise in getting ready for the fitness requirement for commissioning programs. She then will act as their motivation and incorporate exercises they can do with her during her morning routine.

"I enjoy being able to help people succeed by teaching them and educating them about something I love and is important to a healthy life," said Bellamy.

Bellamy said she had always been a very active person, always on the go and always moving. When she had to go through physical therapy because of an injury she received while working out her interest in the mechanics of a proper workout peaked. Her injury occurred because of improper weight training.

Bellamy started taking classes on nutrition and health and became certified to teach aerobics and personal training. To keep her certification, she must update her training by attending workshops so that she can keep current on new nutritional findings and health advancements.



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Lisa Zunzanyika, 1 CTCS*

**Tech. Sgt. Denese Bellamy, 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron, leads an aerobics class at the Fitness and Sports Center.**