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Newest C-17 arrives at CAFB

Story and photo
by Lt. Col. Ed Memi
437 AW Public Affairs

Battling a 15-knot crosswind and wet runway, and avoiding a number of thunderstorm cells was not enough to deter Lt. Gen. Chuck Wald, deputy chief of staff for air and space operations, from landing the 88th production model and Charleston AFB's newest version of the C-17 Globemaster III here Monday.

Wald was the delivery official for the aircraft's maiden flight from the Boeing assembly plant in Long Beach, Calif., to CAFB.

The new aircraft, a Block 13 version, contains a slate of improvements to the on-board computer systems to include a Terrain Awareness

Lt. Gen. Chuck Wald, deputy chief of staff for air and space operations, taxis in a brand new block 13 version of the C-17 Monday. The general flew the aircraft in from Long Beach, Calif. The base will receive 12 of the new aircraft by spring 2003.

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437 LG team to compete for chief of staff award

By Airman 1st Class Amy Perry
437 AW Public Affairs

The 437th Logistics Group is bringing its latest idea to the 2002 Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award competition.

The 437th Logistics Support Squadron Logistics Training Flight, along with members of the 315th Airlift Wing and the 437 LG, developed a new training process that was nominated to represent Air Mobility Command in the national competition.

The Electronic Testing and Evaluation of Student Training, or eTEST, is an internet-based test that is controlled by CAFB maintenance instructors, according to Ferguson. They have a database of test questions in the system, and the test is automatically graded as soon as the student finishes the test.

"This process was the result of Charleston AFB being the premiere C-17 maintenance training wing," said Richard Hutchinson, 437 LG Process Improvement and Quality chief. "We were supporting other bases and developed a backlog of 1,400 tasks. We were falling behind with people at

CAFB."

Those in the maintenance career field take tests annually to keep their qualification, according to Hutchinson. Because CAFB is the premiere C-17 maintenance training wing, the base is responsible for sending out paper tests to all C-17 maintenance workers around the globe.

Tests were manually sent out to each base, and when there were changes to the technical orders, members of the 437 LSS LTF had to change every test and send out the revised version to the other bases that used them, said Tech. Sgt. William Harmon, 437 LSS Distance Learning Center manager. Also, if bases didn't have a safe to keep the tests secure, they would have to order one every time they needed to use it, and that would require more time.

"We took a look at all these things, and we wanted to take care of it," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Ferguson, 315th Aircraft Generation Squadron NCOIC of Reserve Maintenance Training. "Additionally, at CAFB, due to manning and availabilities, we could only offer testing on certain days.

"We figured the best way to (fix) this was to put the test where everyone could get access to the test, 24 hours a day," Ferguson continued. "If we put in a place on the web, we could change the test in our server and it would change all over the world."

The 437 LSS LTF designed eTEST, to train C-17 maintenance students throughout the Air Force, said Ferguson.

"The test is completely randomized," said Harmon. "We implemented the testing process in October 2001. Before that, we had been doing a (local area network) electronic test for 18 months. More than 1,200 tests have been given with the new system."

According to the award package, the eTEST program reduced the overdue tasks by 89 percent. The C-17 eTEST has also dramatically reduced the process cycle time, allowing the individuals to test in their work centers and complete other value-added tasks directly supporting the wing's mission. The process cycle time was reduced by 99.2 percent.

Students can now be more accurately tested from a large and dynamic test base, according to the

award package, which encourages maintainers to become increasingly familiar with the subject matter. Additionally, the order in which each random question is delivered is shuffled so that even if a question repeats between two tests the correct response will always differ.

The C-17 eTEST was developed by Richard Hutchinson, 437 LG Process Improvement and Quality chief; Lt. Col. Chris Hair, 437 LSS commander; Maj. Darryl Frazier, 315th AGS commander; Capt. Jeff Olsen, 437 LSS maintenance supervisor; Chief Master Sgt. Michael Leies, 437 LSS maintenance supervisor; Senior Master Sgt. Art Sullivan, 437 LSS LTF chief; Tech. Sgt. Michael Ferguson, 315 AGS Reserve Maintenance Training NCOIC; Tech. Sgt. William Harmon, 437 LSS Distance Learning Center manager; Staff Sgt. Brain Salyer, 437 LSS LTF network manager; and Staff Sgt. Mike Kretser, 437 LSS LTF workgroup manager.

The 437 LG team will represent AMC in the Air Force-wide competition Sept. 12-16 in Washington, D.C. The 437 LG also won in 1998, 1999 and 2000.

COMMENTARY

Team Charleston continues to shine

By Col. Brooks Bash
437 AW commander

I returned Monday from a trip to Rhein-Main AB, Germany, where I had the chance to meet with our people in the 17th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron. Lt. Col. John Norton has done a fantastic job despite the fast pace and grueling work hours for those deployed members. While there, I flew twice down-range into Afghanistan to meet with our people and was impressed with their professionalism, positive attitudes and dedication to safe mission accomplishment. Our people are doing an important job for our country. I was extremely impressed, and I am proud to be a part of the 437th Airlift Wing and the U.S. Air Force.

On Tuesday, we bid farewell to Chief Master Sgt. Harvey Hampton and his wife, Crystal. They made a great team and, for the short time I've been here at Charleston, they were my eyes and ears on the enlisted work force. Both worked extremely hard for the welfare of our enlisted force, and Team Charleston is a much better place because of their efforts. They headed out the door this week to become the command chief team at Malmstrom AFB, Mont. Best wishes and Godspeed.

With the transfer of the Hamptons, Chief Master Sgt. Bob Langston, 437th Logistics Group, will be the acting command chief until Chief Master Sgt. James Roy arrives Sept. 3. Chief Roy is currently the command chief master sergeant for the 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus AFB, Miss. He spent most of his career in civil engineering and also worked in the personnel and support group areas.

We accepted delivery of our first block 13 version of the C-17 this past Monday. Lt. Gen. Chuck Wald, deputy chief of staff for air and space operations, delivered the aircraft and presented honorary keys to 315th Airlift Wing crew chief Master Sgt. Brian Fry.

I am looking forward to the reactivation of the 16th Airlift Squadron July 26 at 10 a.m. in the Charleston Club. The 16 AS has a long and proud history here. Lt. Col. Gary Goldstone will assume command. Come out and enjoy the festivities.

We have a full slate of distinguished visitors coming to Charleston. Maj. Gen. Michael McMahan, Air Force Personnel Center commander, is planning to visit Aug. 11-13. Gen. John Handy, commander of U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command, will visit the local area Aug. 23-26. Gen. John Jumper, chief of staff of the Air Force, is scheduled to fly in one of our brand new C-17s in early September. We are busy with many big events on the horizon, but I welcome the opportunity to show our people to our senior leaders.

This week, I was also pleased to release the results of the Charleston July supplemental selection to technical



Photo by Lt. Col. Ed Memi

Lt. Gen. Chuck Wald, deputy chief of staff of air and space operations, presents Master Sgt. Brian Fry, a civilian crew chief and an Air Force reservist, with a symbolic key to the C-17. Looking on are Brig. Gen. Jerry Black (left), 315th Airlift Wing commander and Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing commander.

sergeant. Staff sergeants selected for promotion were Anthony Quigley, 437th Security Forces Squadron; Brian Wahl, 437th Aerial Port Squadron; and Donald Fannin, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron. Congratulations!

Good times! The base picnic is scheduled for Aug. 2-3, from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The picnic will be held behind the Fitness and Sports Center. We will have ATWIND game pieces for everyone to play. We'll have a band, food and local DJ's to provide entertainment. There will also be activities for all to enjoy, and best of all, it is free.

Tickets go on sale soon for the Air Force Ball, scheduled for Sept. 7. Because the event will be held in the North Charleston Embassy Suites Convention Center, we can accommodate a very large crowd. You do not want to miss this event. The ticket costs will be reasonable, and we expect up to 1,000 people attending.

I am planning to participate in Large Package Week this weekend, which began earlier this week. Large Package Week is a quarterly exercise at Pope AFB, N.C., to practice delivering a brigade-sized Army force. The exercise is a great opportunity to practice large formation flying with many other wings and to perfect our airdrop and airland missions with Fort Bragg. Col. Russ Deluca is the mission commander for this particular LPW.

Once again, continue to be safe as the summer starts to wind down and the new school year begins. Don't let your guard down!

Caller concerned about hand rail at theater

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

A: Thank you for your comments. I appreciate your concern regarding the handicap rails at the base theater. This is an excellent suggestion, and a work order has been submitted and processed by our civil engineer squadron to install the handrails. CES ordered the materials and completed the work earlier this month. Thank you for bringing this safety concern to my attention.

Action Line

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

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



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Charleston Club: 963-3914 **Medical Group:** 963-6700
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Education Office: 963-4573 **Security Forces:** 963-3611
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IN THE NEWS

Civil engineers test skills on national TV program

Story and photo
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437 AW Public Affairs

Take two Air Force teams, a lawnmower, an eight-hour time limit and all the power tools imaginable and mix them up to get a TV show called Warehouse Warriors, the Do-It-Yourself Network's latest reality game show.

Three members from the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron traveled to the Rivr Media Studios in Knoxville, Tenn. July 12, to compete against three members from the 375th Logistics Group, Scott AFB.

"Warehouse Warriors was conceived so that 'how to' information could be delivered in a more unique way," said Leigh Seaman, supervising producer for Rivr Media.

The program hosts two three-person teams that compete against each other to build an unexpected project in eight hours. In the past, teams ranging from firefighters to radio personalities have built gazebos, dog houses, decks and a variety of other projects, said Seaman.

"I really didn't know about the show at first, but it sounded like fun," said Tech. Sgt. Tim Owsley, Charleston team member. Owsley is a civil engineer and carpenter with almost 17 years of experience building everything from decks to additions on houses.

Both teams arrived at the television studio not knowing what to expect. What they encountered was a

gigantic warehouse filled with every kind of building material, tile, supply and power tool in the inventory. The teams began the competition with a handshake and some friendly jeering and were met by two technical advisors who drove into the studio on two big, green John Deere lawnmowers. Their task...to build a storage hangar/shed for the lawnmowers in eight hours.

Tech. Sgt. Gerald Amidon, 437 CES, and Master Sgt. Mike Derion, 375th Logistics Support Squadron, were the team leaders for the Blue and Red teams. Their job was to steer their team to victory by creating a practical, solid, yet creative plan for the shed and then execute it.

Scott AFB's Red Team decided to develop a small, colorful plan that incorporated a curved roof sporting the colors of the flag and the Air Force symbol. CAFB's Blue team decided to go with a more traditional-looking structure that resembled an actual Air Force hangar.

"This is one of the most solid projects I've seen," said Scott Branscom, WW technical advisor for the Charleston team. These guys really know what they're doing, I haven't had to step in at all."

Branscom said teamwork is what made working with the Air Force teams different. Diversity has been one of the toughest challenges for many teams in the past, when one person wants to do one thing and another wants to do another. The Air Force teams seem to know their part

and work together well to get the job done, said Branscom.

The moment of truth came at the last hour when both teams were down to the wire and still trying to complete their projects. The Red team was still painting the AF symbol on the shed, while the Blue team was still assembling the hangar doors.

As the horn sounded to mark the end of the competition, three judges from a variety of fields arrived to judge the projects.

The projects were scored in three areas: design, execution and creativ-

ity, with creativity weighing the most.

All team members walked away winners. Each individual would have received a \$100 Sears gift certificate, but everyone decided to opt for the money and donate the entire \$600 to the Air Force Aid Society. Both sheds will be donated either to Habitat for Humanity or to the local Air National Guard station.

This episode of Warehouse Warriors will air sometime in November on the Do-It-Yourself Network, when the winner will be announced to the public.



(Left-right) Tech. Sgt. Tim Owsley and Doug Benton, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron; Scott Branscom, Warehouse Warriors technical advisor, and Tech. Sgt. Gerald Amidon, also from the 437 CES, work to build a shed in eight hours.

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Warning System, which maps terrain, allowing pilots to avoid obstacles.

The new aircraft also contains a reactive wind shear warning system displayed on the heads-up display and updates to the Station Keeping Equipment that allow up to

100 aircraft to fly in a formation of 100 square miles, while keeping track of their precise location relative to the other aircraft.

Beginning with the Block 12 versions, the new C-17s feature extended-range fuel tanks that allow an additional 60,000 pounds of fuel to be carried onboard.

"The additional tanks allow about four to five more flying hours," said Capt. Bill Hansen, a 14th Airlift Squadron C-17 instructor pilot who helped deliver the new aircraft.

The base is expected to receive 12 of the Block 13 aircraft be-

tween now and spring of 2003.

"We will average about one or two deliveries a month," said Jerry Bateman, CAFB's liaison to the C-17 System Program Office.

Bateman added that Charleston will eventually have 48 primary aircraft assigned when the last one is delivered, priced at about \$200 million each. With the arrival of this aircraft, Charleston is home to four versions of the C-17. Eventually, the older block versions will be upgraded as part of a retrofit program.

"Charleston now has the newest C-17 with the latest navigation equipment, and this aircraft is very important to mobility command and the Air Force," Wald said shortly after arrival. "We're hoping to get 180 of these aircraft and maybe we'll go beyond that with 222. We'll be building these aircraft for a long time."

The general described the new terrain warning system as extremely helpful when fly-

ing the C-17.

"The system gives you a warning a large distance out, and it gives you the right directions up or down to avoid those obstacles," Wald said.

He noted the new system is worldwide compatible.

Wald has flown mostly fighters, F-16s and F-15s, during his more than 30 years of service, but said he loves the new C-17s.

"This aircraft doesn't compare to anything I've ever flown," Wald said. "I called Gen. John Handy, commander of U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command, while airborne, and told him I'm switching from fighters to C-17s. It's an unbelievable aircraft and flies like a dream. It flew a lot like an F-15. It is hard to believe you have that much weight behind you when you are flying it."

"The C-17 is a great strategic asset. I compare it to an aircraft carrier," Wald added. "That's how important it is to the United States. This air-

craft means a lot to the other services, particularly to the Army and Marines because of its capability of rapid mobility. If you look at other countries in the world, they drool over the capability we have with this aircraft.

"If it had not been for the C-17, we would not have gotten the Marines into Camp Rhino or the Army into Kandahar," continued Wald. "We closed out the Army four days early when they went into Afghanistan. You can't ask for more."

He added the C-17's ability to land on austere runways as short as 3,000 feet and to quickly off-load oversized cargo was a key advantage.

Wald did say there is major difference between flying fighters and airlifters.

"When flying a final approach, you kind of do things backwards," said Wald. "You do altitude with the power instead of with the stick and that's because the aircraft is designed a special way with flight controls. It's a great concept, design."



Photo by Lt. Col. Ed Memi

Lt. Gen. Chuck Wald, deputy chief of staff for air and space operations, takes a look at a brand new block 13 version of the C-17 Globemaster III.

NEWS BRIEFS

Charleston Warrior of the Week

Photo by Airman 1st Class Amy Perry

Senior Airman Ryan Thompson

437th Aerial Port Squadron

Senior Airman Ryan Thompson is a passenger service agent in the 437th Aerial Port Squadron Passenger Terminal Flight.

"We advertise and (get) Space (Available) flights for active-duty, dependents, retirees and reservists," said Thompson. "We try to get them on planes to fly for free."

Thompson said some of the most visited spots are Soto Cano, Honduras; St. Croix, Virgin Islands; Frankfurt, Germany; Lajes Field, Azores; and many spots on the East Coast.

The Alexandria, Ind., native will hit his three-year mark in the Air Force in August. He has been stationed at one other base, Fairchild AFB, Wash.

Last October, Thompson was deployed with Aerospace Expeditionary Force 10 for five months to Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, as a customs and immigrations representative. He said he processed comedian Drew Carey and his road show through customs. He also cleared former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Jim Finch's paperwork.

When he's not at work, Thompson said he enjoys spending quality time with his wife of one year, Sarah, and going to the beach.

He also showed his commitment to the Air Force by joining the honor guard. He said he joined the base honor guard more than a month ago because "it helps me keep in touch with the Air Force core values."

Gatewood at 963-6901.

CCC: Term I registration for City Colleges of Chicago runs now-Aug. 8. For more information, call 552-5959.

Closing: The Consignment Shop is closed for a summer break. The store will reopen Aug. 1. Once it reopens, the shop will resume normal hours; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Tuesday 6-8 p.m.; and the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The shop is located in Bldg. 203 on Graves Avenue.

New ADC: Capt. Aaron Reed recently assumed the position of Area Defense Counsel for Charleston AFB. The Defense Paralegal, Maye Nussman, assists him in carrying out his duties. Reed's mission as ADC is to assist active duty, Guard and certain Air Force Reserve members with a wide variety of defense services, including representation at courts-martial, non-judicial punishment, administrative discharge actions and Letters of Reprimand. For more information, call 963-4417, or go to the ADC office located in Bldg. 503, Room 119.

Survey: Naval Hospital Charleston is exploring the expansion of computer technology in an effort to improve service to patients. Anyone receiving healthcare at the Naval Hospital or Naval Weapons Station can assist in this process by responding to an electronic survey, online at www.nhchasn.med.navy.mil. For patients without computer access, the survey will be available at the Naval Hospital in the pharmacy area during the next few weeks.

Reservations: Travelers may call or visit the Passenger Travel Section upon notification of official travel, even if they don't have orders in hand. According to the Passenger Travel Section staff, many people are under the impression that they must have orders to conduct travel business. By waiting to receive orders, many customers encounter flight non-availability problems and other difficulties. For more information about official travel, call the Passenger Travel Section at 963-3066.

Supply: The 437th Supply Squadron Customer Service Center is the point of contact for unit supply needs. The center researches national stock numbers, issues SATS cards and checks the status of particular items. For more information, call 963-4826.

Family Support Center

Pre-deployment Briefing: Daily, 10 a.m. and 2 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.

Spotlight

Change of command: The 437th Logistics Support Squadron is hosting a change-of-command ceremony Wednesday, 10 a.m., at the Charleston Club. Maj. Andrea Rupp will assume command from Lt. Col. Chris Hair. For more information, call 1st Lt. Aaron Rivers at 963-7104.

Closure: Effective Aug. 1, the Dorchester Gate will no longer issue vehicle decals. All vehicle registration will be accomplished at the main pass and registration office in Bldg. 254. The change is aimed at minimizing waiting time for personnel attempting to register their vehicles at Charleston AFB. For more information, call 963-3626.

Around the base

AAHC: The African American Heritage Council is holding a membership drive during July. The council will meet Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., in the Wings Bar at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Denese Bellamy at 963-2262 or Tech. Sgt. Steven Beasley at 963-5082.

Civilian jobs: The Palace Acquire Intern Program open season for outstanding scholars runs through Aug. 2. Students with at least a 3.45 grade point average who are looking for a government job can apply through the program during this time. For more information, go to www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cp/recruit.

Membership drive: The Charleston AFB First Six is holding a membership drive today, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the base picnic grounds. There will be free hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and sodas for all E-6s and below. For more information, call Senior Airman Heather Reid at 963-5549.

Quarterly luncheon: The 437th Airlift Wing will recognize its quarterly award winners at the Quarterly Luncheon Tuesday, 11 a.m., at the Charleston Club. The cost is \$10 for club members and \$12 for non-members. Tickets are available through unit first sergeants.

Study skills: There will be a study skills seminar at the Community Education Center Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. This class has been successful in helping personnel prepare to take their career development course exams, college tests and CLEP/DANTES tests. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 963-4575.

Display: Pratt and Whitney, maker of the C-17's engine, is setting up an exhibit for the benefit of their military customers at Charleston AFB Wednesday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., in the parking lot on Arthur Drive, across from the Base Chapel. The company will show a surround sound movie so visitors can experience a virtual flight. Engine exhibits will also be on hand.

Volunteers: Beech Hill Elementary School is looking for volunteers to help

paint classrooms and do general gardening Wednesday and Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Those interested need only volunteer a couple of hours. This work will help the Summerville school get ready for the upcoming school year. For more information, call Susie Welsh or Ruth Taylor at 821-3970.

Workshop: The Life Skills Support Center is presenting the Building Your Self-Confidence Workshop, Thursday, noon, at the Family Support Center. The workshop will teach methods of developing confidence. To register, call Airman 1st Class Tonita Edney at 963-6852.

Hurricane: The Family Support Center is hosting Hurricane Brief 2002 Thursday, 7 p.m., at the FSC. The hour-long briefing will feature information for personnel and family members new to hurricane season in the Lowcountry. For more information or to RSVP, call 963-4406.

Ice Cream: The Truth Project is hosting an Ice Cream Party Thursday, 8 p.m., in Dorm 460, Room 118. For more information, call the Chapel at 963-2536.

AFSA: The Air Force Sergeants Association holds a meeting the second Tuesday of every month, 4 p.m., at the Charleston Club. AFSA has more than 155,000 members and advocates improved quality-of-life and economic fairness for enlisted personnel and their families. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Tundra

Manpower directorate realigns under personnel

By Staff Sgt.
Jason Smith
437 AW Public Affairs

The 437th Airlift Wing Manpower and Organization Office is getting ready to be part of the personnel community.

The director of manpower and organization realigned July 1 to report to the deputy chief of staff for personnel, according to an Air Force news release.

The realignment is a move that begins planning for an Air Force-wide merger of the manpower and personnel career fields, according to the release.

There is little information right now about when and how the change will happen on Charleston AFB, but Tona Cook, 437 AW Manpower and Organization chief, said issues are being worked Air Force wide to ensure the transition is a smooth one.

"There are separate panels for enlisted, officers and civilians that are meeting to discuss how this is going to work," said Cook. "They also have to discuss things like promotions, training requirements, organization issues and establishing qualifications to enter the career field."

To help with the panels' efforts, CAFB manpower specialists are completing surveys on different job-related topics. The surveys are in three different categories: job inventory, task difficulties and training emphasis. Cook said the results are being

saved to disk and forwarded where they will be compared Air Force wide.

"There are so many questions that still need answered," said Cook. "Both AFSCs (Air Force Specialty Codes) are too diverse to merge. I think manpower will remain a viable career field, but we still don't know what personnel functions we'll have to learn and what manpower functions the personnelists will have to learn."

Cook said merging manpower with another organization has been talked about for years, and it was believed at one time that the unit would become a part of finance.

Even though changes are going to be taking place, Cook said the initial anxiety has already passed.

"We're used to change," she said. "When the word first came out, there was a lot more anxiety than there is now. It's pretty much business as usual. For the most part, it may be nothing more than a title change."

To maintain communications, Cook said the Air Force Manpower and Innovation Agency is developing a Web site to answer frequently asked questions about the merger. Both the personnel and manpower communities can discuss concerns and issues particular to their own specialty in a forum-style environment. The site will be updated regularly as new information is available.

Combat Camera Photo of the Week



Photo by Staff Sgt. Reynaldo Ramon

On closer observation ...

Tech. Sgt. David Ripper, an image ready analyst from Air Intelligence Agency, Lackland AFB, Texas, exploits imagery taken by the U2 Dragonlady July 4 on the light table. The Mobile Intelligence Processing Element, currently deployed with the 380th Aerospace Expeditionary Wing, is a one-of-a-kind wet-film processing mobile facility used for internal purposes.

Around the Air Force

Citizenship: About 15,000 members of the U.S. military had one more reason to celebrate this Fourth of July. On that day, President Bush issued an executive order waiving the three-year military service requirement normally needed by servicemembers to receive U.S. citizenship.

With the waiver of the requirement, resident alien military members will be able to gain their citizenship in the second year of their enlistment, instead of waiting until the end of their third year. This will enable people to make decisions on re-enlistments, retraining and other career events well in advance of their separation date. (AFPN)

Kudos: Since the beginning of Operation Enduring Freedom, the U.S. military has sent more than 158,000 people and 228,500 tons of cargo into and out of the Central Command area of operations. And the men and women of the U.S. Transportation Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., made it all happen.

TRANSCOM's mission is "to move everything that moves in the defense transportation system anywhere in the world, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year," the organization's commander, Air Force Gen. John W. Handy, said.

TRANSCOM is a unified command with components in the services including Air Mobility Command. (AFPS)

1 CTCS presents Warrior Briefing at theater: Images, video show how squadron supports OEF

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
437 AW Public Affairs

Members of the 1st Combat Camera Squadron presented video and still imagery to illustrate their roles as mobility warriors during this month's Warrior Briefing July 11 at the Base Theater.

"We exist as the premiere agency in charge of providing quality, real-time, operational imagery to Air Force and DOD key decision makers critical to their assessment, planning and direction of military operations worldwide," said Lt. Col. Clifton Douglas, 1 CTCS commander.

As the only active-duty squadron of its kind in the Air Force, 1 CTCS members face high operations tempo in

fulfilling that mission, according to Douglas. Typically the 128 personnel assigned to the squadron log 14,000 temporary duty days off station per year.

Because real-time imagery is so important to senior leadership, deployed squadron members often get to see and experience much more than the average Air Force member, Douglas said.

Staff Sgt. Larry Simmons, a combat photographer, kicked off the image-packed presentation with the photographs he took at the Pentagon immediately following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

"We saw people working around trying to get all the stuff cleaned up, not really knowing what was going on," Simmons said. "We saw all the emo-

tions there too, happiness from the people who new where their loved ones were at, we saw anger, sadness. We also saw professionalism. By the next day, Sept. 12, everybody in the Pentagon was back to work."

Another first responder to the terrorist attacks took the stage to tell his story following Simmons.

Tech. Sgt. Tim Bailey, an aerial videographer, left Charleston with a team of 1 CTCS personnel Sept. 12 via rental vehicle to McGuire AFB, N.J. Bailey said the images he and his team members took from helicopters flying over Ground Zero, the site where the World Trade Center Towers once stood, were used by decision makers and search-and-rescue personnel to plot a course of action for recovery

efforts.

"It's something I'm very proud to have had the opportunity to capture, because this is the stuff that is going to go into picture books that my son will be reading one day," Bailey said.

Following Bailey's segment of the presentation, 1st Lt. John Dautel, a contingency response team leader, introduced two members of his team, Technical Sergeants Mark Kenyon and Efrain Gonzales.

Kenyon and Gonzales spoke about the time they spent in Afghanistan and other Operation Enduring Freedom locations.

Tech. Sgt. Manuel Trejo and Staff Sergeants Scott Reed and Cecilio Ricardo were also part of the 1 CTCS presentation.

FEATURE



Tech. Sgt. Tim Moore, 437th Security Forces Squadron, gives up after his terrorist plot in the second part of the Warrior Skills Competition is foiled by members of the 437th Airlift Wing Staff team.

Photo by Lt. Col. Ed Memi

WARRIOR SPIRIT

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
437 AW Public Affairs

Charleston AFB's warriors came out in full force July 11 in part two of the Warrior Skills Competition.

This month, teams geared up and headed out to the Ability to Survive and Operate area to participate in a scenario where they had to guard a communications asset, according to 2nd Lt. Kory Knowles, 437th Communications Squadron and opposing forces controller for the scenario.

Once in the field, teams had to dodge demanding journalists, harassment from conscripts, a sneak attack by terrorists and invasion by opposing forces.

Following the scenario, teams proceeded to the firing range, where their skills in arms were tested.

When all was said and done, and the scores from June's competition were figured in, the 437th Support Group emerged victorious, beating out the 437th Airlift Wing Staff team by two points.

Earlier in the day, CAFB's chief master sergeants and colonels faced off in a Chiefs-and-Eagles shooting match. The chiefs edged out the colonels in that competition, 863-800.

CAFB will celebrate more of its mobility warriors and warrior spirit, with the Warrior Cup to be awarded at the base picnic Aug. 2. A final Warrior Briefing is scheduled to be given by the 437th Medical Group Aug. 15.

Capt. Erika Tanner, 437th Support Group executive officer, surrenders to base warriors after being caught in the forest at the Ability to Survive and Operate area. Tanner played a member of the opposing force during the second part of the Warrior Skills Competition.



Photo by Robert Kay



Photo by Lt. Col. Ed Memi

Staff Sgt. Mario Dominguez, 437th Comp-controller Squadron, guards an asset.



Photo by Lt. Col. Ed Memi

Staff Sgt. David Bailey, 437 SFS, poses as the Statue of Liberty. Bailey played a conscript for the competition.

Base names Yard of the Month winners for June



Senior Airman Christopher Griffin, 437th Aircraft Generation Squadron maintenance technician, mows his lawn as his family tends to the garden. From left to right, Kempsie, Tabetha, Tanya and Nathaniel work on the garden. The Griffin family's lawn has a patriotic theme with red, white and blue flowers.



Tech. Sgt. Mark Keck, 437th Security Forces Squadron Combat Arms instructor, picks weeds from his garden. Keck said he enjoys keeping his yard nice because it feels more like home if he works with it and makes it decent. Keck was the winner for Hunley Park family housing.

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 in Bldg. 216 (old Chapel).

Buddhist: Columbia Shambhala Meditation Center, Suite 109, Columbia, S.C. 29405. Phone: (803) 254-9048.

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

Jewish: Call Jewish Lay Leader: David Sirull at 571-3264.

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.

Tonight, 7:30 p.m.

"Bad Company" – Anthony Hopkins

Gaylord Oakes is a veteran CIA agent who must transform sarcastic, street-wise punk Jake Hayes into a sophisticated and savvy spy to replace his murdered identical twin brother. He only has nine days to accomplish this "mission improbable," before having to negotiate a sensitive nuclear weapons deal. **(PG-13) 111 minutes**

Saturday, 2 p.m.

"Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron" – Animated

A wild and rambunctious mustang stallion, Spirit, journeys through the untamed American frontier. Encountering man for the first time, Spirit defies being broken, even as he develops a friendship with a young Lakota brave. The courageous young stallion also finds love with a beautiful paint mare, Rain, on his way to becoming one of the greatest heroes of the Old West. **(G) 82 minutes**

Saturday and July 26, 7:30 p.m.

"Spider-Man" – Tobey Maquire

After being bitten by a radioactive spider, Peter Parker's body chemistry is magnetically altered. He can scale walls and ceilings, and he develops a "spider-sense" that warns him of approaching danger. **(PG-13) 119 minutes**

Fitness & Sports

—Sports briefs—

Swamp Foxes: The Charleston Swamp Foxes arena football team is sponsoring a military appreciation night July 27, 7 p.m. at the North Charleston Coliseum. Tickets are half price and are available at the box office. For more information, call 452-1700.

School physicals: Family Practice and Flight Medicine are offering school/sports physicals July 31. TRICARE Prime enrolled Charleston AFB children in kindergarten-12th grade are eligible. For appointments, Family Practice patients can call 963-6880, and Flight Medicine patients can call 963-6923.

Golf tournament: The Charleston AFB First Six Association is hosting a golf tournament Aug. 2, 8:30 a.m., at Wrenwoods Golf Course. The cost is \$15 plus green and cart fees. To sign up, call 963-4177, or contact Senior Airman Heather Reid at 963-5549.

Smoking cessation class helps quitters...

...it also teaches the financial benefits of being tobacco free. The class will teach behavior modification, stress management and weight-control tips.

By Staff Sgt. Jason Smith
437 AW Public Affairs

The Charleston AFB Health and Wellness Center is offering a tobacco cessation class starting Tuesday, noon, in the Fitness and Sports Center Classroom.

The class will last for one hour and run for five consecutive weeks.

Tech. Sgt. Janet Clayton, HAWC NCOIC, said she recommends the class for a variety of different reasons. For starters, smoking is unhealthy.

"Cigarettes take an average of 13.8 years off your life," said Clayton. "Now that's what I call terrible customer service. But has anyone every filled out a complaint card on them? Probably not!"

Some chemicals in cigarettes that cause these health problems include ammonia, formaldehyde, benzene, nickel, arsenic and carbon monoxide, according to Clayton. At least 40 of the 200 chemicals common in cigarettes are known to cause cancer.

If health risks aren't enough of a reason to make a smoker want to

quit, Clayton said the financial benefit of quitting should be.

"Have you ever sat down and figured out how much money you actually spend on your nicotine addiction?" asked Clayton. "If you smoke a pack a day and spend about \$3.50 per pack, then each week you fork out \$24.50.

"Let's look deeper," she continued. "Each month you spend \$98 which turns into \$1,176 per year. Over 10 years, that's \$11,760."

Clayton said she's confident the CAFB program can help those who want to quit smoking, no matter what their reason. The class has an 80.6 percent quit rate after the last session. Three months after graduation, 49 percent of participants are still tobacco free.

The class is geared toward supporting tobacco users in the transition to become tobacco free, said Clayton. Participants will be taught behavior modification, stress management and weight control tips.

"Having a classroom setting helps because everyone is going through

the exact same thing and can gain advice and suggestions from other around them," said Clayton.

Staff Sgt. Richard Kaminsky, 437th Communications Squadron, is not only a smoking cessation class instructor, he's also a client.

"I'm an instructor because I felt being an instructor who is a former smoker (would carry) more credibility with smokers who are trying to quit," said Kaminsky.

Kaminsky, who has been smoke free since he took the class in August 2001, said he recommends the class to anyone who wants to quit. Although he thinks he could have quit without the class, there are definite benefits to taking it.

"We provide a support base for those wanting to quit, and the class is filled with others who can relate to their personal circumstances," said Kaminsky. "Besides, they have to come to the class if they want the Air Force to pay for their Zyban and Nicoderm patches."

To sign up for the tobacco cessation class, call 963-4007.