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## POWs, MIAs honored

BY JENNIFER TURNER  
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Charleston AFB honored former prisoners of war and military members missing in action by dedicating a new C-17 in their name during the POW/MIA Recognition Day Remembrance Picnic Sept. 20.

Held in the C-17 nose dock and drawing a crowd of more than 200, the event recognized former POWs from all military branches and their families.

"America owes these men and women eternal grati-

*Photo illustration by Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Jason Bailey*

Charleston AFB dedicated a C-17 as the "Spirit of America's POWs and MIAs" during the POW/MIA picnic here Sept. 20.

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## Bender assumes command of 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Group

BY LT. COL. ED MEMI  
437 AW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Col. William Bender assumed command of the 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Group from acting commander, Col. Russ Deluca, during a ceremony at the Charleston Club Sept. 19.

Bender said he jumped at the chance to assume command so he can have an even larger impact on the Air Force mission.

Bender, a Buffalo, N.Y., native, is no stranger to airlift and mobility, having flown KC-135s, C-141s, and having been assigned as the special assistant to the commander at

Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill. Bender is also a graduate of the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA.

Bender said he wants to play a larger role in the Air Force following the terrorist attacks on America.

"At that time, I was a student in the Army War College and was leading a discussion among my Army seminar mates on the roles and missions of Air Mobility Command and was trying to convince them that they needed more C-17s to pull it off."

He said it wasn't very long before their discussions were interrupted

by the attacks. With feelings similar to many Americans, he wondered what the attacks meant for the future. "If I could have picked one job, it would have been the 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Group," said Bender. "I believe in your mission. The C-17 demonstrates the power and caring of a free nation."

The mission comes first, and that, Bender said, is why the OG reputation has been so good throughout the Department of Defense.

"Your reputation is supported at the four corners by teamwork, professionalism, preparation and pride," said Bender. "I heard team-

work described as ordinary people working together to do extraordinary things."

"As your new commander, it is my hope that you will always be proud of your association with this organization and the important work we do every day for this command and country," he continued.

Col. Brooks Bash, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, presided over the ceremony and spoke of Deluca's accomplishments, while acting as the OG commander.

Deluca will become the director

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## COMMENTARY

# New combat wing structure emerges today

By COL. BROOKS BASH  
437 AW COMMANDER

The Air Force's biggest reorganization since 1992 will occur when the new 437<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group stands up in a ceremony today, 10 a.m., at the Charleston Club.

The 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance and Operations Groups have shed those functions not directly related to maintenance or flying, respectively. The new combat wing structure streamlines group structure across the Air Force, while concentrating core support under a single group. The combat wing structure creates an Expeditionary Air Force better suited for waging war.

A brief recap of the reorganization:

437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Group will be redesignated 437 MXG.

437<sup>th</sup> Support Group will be redesignated 437 MSG.

The 437<sup>th</sup> Contracting Squadron and 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron realign under the 437 MSG.

The 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Support Squadron will become 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Operations Squadron.

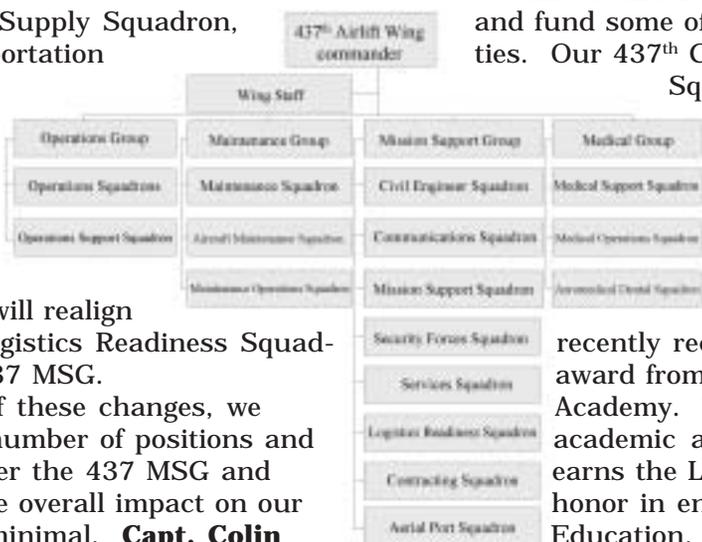
The 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Generation Squadron will become the 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

The 437<sup>th</sup> Supply Squadron, 437<sup>th</sup> Transportation

Squadron, 437 LSS Logistics Plans Flight and 437 APS Traffic Management Flight will realign

into 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron under 437 MSG.

Because of these changes, we realigned a number of positions and budgets under the 437 MSG and MXG, but the overall impact on our people was minimal. **Capt. Colin**



**Huckins**, 437 MSG, and the reorganization committee did an outstanding job. **Lt. Col. Vic Sowers**, deputy commander of the 437 MSG, chaired the committee and was the wing focal point for the entire reorganization.

We held a mobility exercise on Monday and Tuesday, to test our processing procedures for cargo and personnel. I appreciate the outstanding efforts our people put into the exercise. It was a good team effort.

Although we had some challenges, we can take those lessons learned and apply them to our next exercise in mid-October when we practice with the Reserve. Although our operations and personnel tempos remain high, we have to be prepared for an initial response to a higher headquarters inspection scheduled for next April.

The upcoming October exercise will be especially important as we prepare for this inspection. Our performance during the October MOBEX, depending on how well we do, will determine the extent and intensity of our practice before our inspection in April.

The fiscal end-of-year closeout will be another success because of the hard work put forth by our units to identify and document our needs. We have received a considerable amount of year-end monies. As funds became available, we were ready to execute and fund some of our most important priorities. Our 437<sup>th</sup> Comptroller and Contracting

Squadron staffs will work long hours through the week-end to obligate those end-of-year funds. I appreciate their hard work on behalf of the wing.

**Tech. Sgt. Julie Rice**, 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, recently received the John Levitow award from the Robins AFB NCO Academy. The top achiever in overall academic and leadership performance earns the Levitow award, the highest honor in enlisted Professional Military Education. Congratulations!

**Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Keith Nuzzi**, 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron, had the opportunity to shadow me Tuesday and attend staff meeting on Wednesday. He enjoyed the experience, and I encourage airmen to indicate their interest for this monthly program through their chain of command.

I visited with our South Carolina Senate and House leaders in Washington, D.C., this past week. Our congressional leaders strongly support your contributions to national defense and commented numerous times about our outstanding efforts in the war on terrorism. We are extremely fortunate to have such a supportive congressional delegation. The visit gave me a chance to thank them for their continued support of Team Charleston.

I hope to see a good turnout for our monthly promotion ceremony Monday at 3 p.m. in the Charleston Club. A promotion is a significant milestone in someone's career, and should be celebrated accordingly.

The wing has nearly 700 people deployed. We have exceeded the number of people deployed from last November. I need your help in ensuring that someone is looking after those families left behind. Maintaining a household when your loved one is deployed can be a huge challenge. Your help can make a big difference to a family.

Have a safe weekend and keep up the great work! Charleston is truly world class!



Photo by Airman Stephanie Hammer  
**Col. Brooks Bash**, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, and "his shadow," **Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Keith Nuzzi**, 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron, look through boxed lunches during Tuesday's mobility exercise.

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## IN THE NEWS

# RAF shares C-17 experiences with Team Charleston

*British, U.S. hope to fine-tune C-17 operations, 'get most out of flying days'*

By AIRMAN STEPHANIE HAMMER  
437 AW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

After more than a year of experience flying the C-17, the Royal Air Force came to Charleston AFB for the first RAF/U.S. Air Force Standardization and Evaluation Exchange Conference Sept. 17-19.

The purpose of the conference was for the RAF and the U.S. Air Force to share information and experiences, which they hoped would help both air forces fine-tune C-17 operations, according to Lt. Col. Steve Dellies, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing chief of standardizations and evaluations.

"The goal for (RAF and U.S. Air Force) is to get the most out of our flying days," said Dellies.

Ground and aircrews from No. 99 Squadron at RAF Brize Norton,

Oxfordshire, England, received the last of four leased C-17s August 2001, and have been training at CAFB since September 2000.

According to Darrell Jacobs, No. 99 Squadron flight commander and senior leader for the RAF at the conference, Team Charleston has trained about 85 RAF members, and currently has 20 more here.

"Our ground and aircrews depend a great deal on the knowledge of the U.S. Air Force," said Jacobs.

"We're here to learn (C-17) systems and specs, the whole nine yards, and we have learned a fantastic amount already," said Jacobs.

"The airplane is very complex, almost like a computer with wings," continued Jacobs. "Our deep understanding (of the C-17)

quite obviously comes from experience. Inevitably, there are things on the plane that you didn't anticipate because the plane is still so new, but all the training we've had here has been quite useful."

The RAF has used the C-17 to carry heavy loads in and out of smaller airfields in several missions in the past year, mostly supporting U.K. efforts in Afghanistan.

"It's practically all we've been doing for the past year," said Jacobs.

According to Dellies and Jacobs, the two air forces have a lot they can learn from each other, now, and in the future.

"We've learned a lot from the RAF," said Dellies. "For example, the way they use their crews is drastically different than what we do. They use a non-duty loadmaster to supervise loading cargo on the plane.

"They've done some creative things," continued Dellies. "We might find a way to implement some of these things."

The conference involved more than just meetings. Team Charleston also took the RAF out to do additional training while they were here.

"We're going to demonstrate the full capabilities of a C-17 and, hopefully, they'll be able to take away some techniques that may help them to utilize the plane in the RAF's mission," said Dellies.

The conference ended with training on the C-17 simulator and demonstrations in using night vision goggles during assault landings at North Auxiliary Air Field.

Landing at night without the aid of lights on either side of the runway is a challenging condition crews frequently face while in Af-

ghanistan.

Until now, RAF crewmembers landed at airfields during the night by using a hand-held night vision device instead of NVGs.

The use of NVGs is relatively new and something the U.S. Air Force has only been doing for the past six months.

Six people from the No. 99 Squadron and three others from RAF higher headquarters attended the conference along with Boeing representatives and servicemembers from several Air Force bases from across the United States.

"Anyone involved with C-17 stan/eval, whether active duty or Reserve, had a representative here," said Dellies.

At the end of the conference, both air forces had to agree on one thing, according to Jacobs.

"The airplane is fantastic!"



## CAFB Oktoberfest

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Oktoberfest Junior Enlisted Block Party will be held Oct. 25, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., at the campus area between the dormitories and Gaylor Dining Facility.

Food, drinks and entertainment will be provided free of charge for attendees E-6 and below. All others will be charged \$5.

All junior enlisted personnel are invited and will be excused from duty at 11 a.m., mission permitting, to attend the festivities. Oktoberfest will be an alternate duty location.

"Supervisors are encouraged to make plans to allow as many junior enlisted to attend," said Senior Master Sgt. Matt Harless, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing career assistance advisor and event coordinator. "This is the wing's way to say we care about our junior troops."

For more information, call Harless at 963-8004.

## Combat Camera Photo of the Week



Photo by Staff Sgt. Michelle Leonard

### Line up

The Citadel Summerall Guard performs a drill ceremony during the Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum Sept. 11 Memorial Service in Mount Pleasant, S.C. President George W. Bush proclaimed Sept. 11 as Patriot's Day, a day to remember and honor those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Spotlight

**Crime stoppers:** Charleston AFB Crime Stoppers needs help in solving several criminal incidents in the dormitory area. Between Aug. 25 and Sept. 5, a vehicle license plate was stolen from a dorm resident's vehicle. Between Sept. 14 and 15, several dormitories were vandalized and government property was stolen. To anonymously report any information about these or any crimes on base, call 963-3605.

**Reorganization:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing is holding a combat wing reorganization ceremony today, 10 a.m., at the Charleston Club.

**Retirement:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Generation Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Doreen Castle today, 1 p.m., at the chapel annex. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Mike O'Hara at 963-4708.

**Retirement:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Stephen Dent today, 2 p.m., at the Community Education Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Paul Childers at 963-4652.

**Promotions:** There will be a wing promotion ceremony Monday, 3 p.m., at the Charleston Club. All Team Charleston members are invited to attend.

**Retirement:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Gregory Szupillo Oct. 7, 2 p.m., at the Community Education Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Paul Childers at 963-4652.

## Around the base

**Closure:** The Logistics Readiness Squadron, formerly transportation, supply, TMO and XP, will have a commander's call today, 3 p.m. All sections will be at minimum manning. For more information, call Master Sgt. Janet Osborne at 963-4190.

**Yard sale:** The Consignment Shop is holding a base-wide yard sale Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon, at the

base picnic grounds. Their regular hours of operation are Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and the first Saturday of each month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, call 963-3294.

**Toyland:** Spiderman is visiting the BX Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. for the grand opening of Toyland. Pictures with Spiderman will be available during his visit. To mark the opening, the BX is offering nothing down, no payments and no interest for the first three months on Military Star Card charges through Oct. 4. Spiderman will be leaving the BX and going to the base theater from 1:30-2 p.m. There will be a free showing of "Spiderman" at the theater at 2 p.m.

**Fogging:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron Entomology Shop will be conducting base mosquito fogging every Monday and Thursday nights, 8:30-10:30 p.m. The shop recommends not grilling out during these times.

**Tobacco:** A Tobacco Cessation

class starts Tuesday, noon, at the Fitness and Sports Center classroom. The class runs for an hour each week for five weeks. For more information, call 963-4007.

**Marriage:** The Family Advocacy Program will offer a marriage enrichment class starting Tuesday, 6-8:30 p.m., and running for six consecutive Tuesdays. Classes are free for base personnel and spouses. To register, call Jim Hernandez at 963-6504.

**Closure:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Contracting Office will close at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday for an official function. The office will re-open Friday morning. For emergencies while the office is closed, call 296-6687.

**Hispanic Heritage:** The Hispanic Heritage Dinner and Dance is scheduled for Oct. 11, 7 p.m., at the Charleston Club. David Silva, deputy director of the C-17 Systems Support Management Directorate, will be the guest speaker. Trio Malagon will perform Hispanic ballads during dinner, and a disc

jockey will play Hispanic music from all of Latin America until closing. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Roberto Caceres at 963-4894.

**Citadel volunteers:** The Citadel is holding a career day Oct. 24, 4-5:30 p.m. Officers are needed to volunteer to tell cadets about Air Force jobs. For more information, send an e-mail to [437awpac.comrel@charleston.af.mil](mailto:437awpac.comrel@charleston.af.mil).

**NAHM:** Volunteers are needed to help plan Native American Heritage Month events for November. For more information, call Master Sgt. Dan Stipanuk at 963-4675.

**Palace Envoy:** Senior NCOs are needed for a military liaison team in Albania. MLTs are composed of team members from all branches of the service. This opportunity is open to active-duty, Reserve and Guard members who have a high level of interpersonal skills, flexibility and self-discipline. Volunteer packages must be in before Nov. 17. For more information, call Master Sgt. Ronnie Cullum at 963-4504.

## Charleston Warrior of the Week

### Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Joe Sparlin 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Joe Sparlin is a home station check crew chief for the 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron.

"I handle inspection maintenance, which is scheduled every 120 days for each aircraft," said Sparlin. "I like being hands-on with the aircraft. Few people have the chance to work with \$200 million machines."

A native of Berlin, N.H., Sparlin joined the Air Force almost two years ago after earning his associate's degree.

"I joined the Air Force to finish school and to travel," said Sparlin. "I chose this branch because it offers me the chance to do what I want to do."

A member of the Charleston AFB Honor Guard, Sparlin also volunteers with his unit to work on community projects such as the Special Olympics, Holiday Cheer, and New Hope.

"It's great to arrive in the Air Force uniform and show kids how they can be like you are," Sparlin said. "It's all about the giving of yourself to the community."

Having applied for the Reserve Officer Training Corps, Sparlin said he hopes to attend Charleston Southern University, where he has already been accepted.

In his spare time, Sparlin said he plays football for the maintenance squadron and practices with CAFB's drill team.



Photo by Jennifer Turner

## NEWS

# Loadmaster captures history of Charleston AFB

STORY AND PHOTO BY  
AIRMAN STEPHANIE HAMMER  
437 AW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A member of Team Charleston has spent the past year-and-a-half collecting military related memo-



Tech. Sgt. Alec McGuyver, 317<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron loadmaster, has collected a wide array of memorabilia from Charleston AFB. The collection is on display at McGuyver's squadron.

abilia, capturing the history of Charleston AFB.

Tech. Sgt. Alec McGuyver, 317<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron loadmaster, said his vision is to see his collection grow into a small museum to be enjoyed by members of CAFB and the surrounding community.

McGuyver has collected a wide array of memorabilia, ranging from the heritage of the 317 AS and history of the C-17s and C-141s, to Military Airlift Command treasures. Everything collected is displayed in several trophy cases at the 317 AS building.

"This really stemmed from a combination of my duties as a historian and my general interest in military history," said McGuyver.

McGuyver emphasized the importance of military history and what an important job the squadron historians have.

"It's a thankless job, but it's important," said McGuyver. "It's the grass roots of how our country has evolved since we've gained our independence, and how the will and

might of our people has made the country as great as it is today."

Jeryl Krause, 437<sup>th</sup> Operation Support Squadron flight records superintendent, will retire in a couple of weeks, after 22 years at CAFB, and wants to see McGuyver's vision live on.

"The purpose is to make available an increased visibility of military life and the important part our military people have played in our history," said Krause. "It's really a visual reminder.

"I'd like to see people donate things they might have inherited or found in an old attic to (McGuyver) instead of putting it out on the side of the street with the garbage," continued Krause, an ex-pilot who has been with Air Mobility Command all his life.

Krause said he was impressed with the work McGuyver has put into the displays and hopes everyone will come out and support his efforts.

"I think the subject (of history) is important," said Krause, "because,

now in this time of increase patriotism as a result of 9/11, people are more aware of the military and are appreciative.

"There's no telling the value of all the things in here, but when it comes to an emotional value, it really is priceless," continued Krause.

McGuyver said he is always looking for donations to add to the collections. If unable to donate, he said he would also gladly accept items on loan and display them, giving appropriate credit to those who make the donations.

According to McGuyver, anyone interested in seeing the displays is welcome to come and view them anytime.

"I think that people will like the fact that there's such a large span of period portrayed with all the different cabinets and just the general theme of military history," said McGuyver.

For more information, or to make donations, contact McGuyver at 963-2463, or 963-2430.

## AF releases new ad campaign

BY AIRMAN 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS AMY PERRY  
437 AW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Air Force recently released its new ad campaign, "We've been waiting for you."

The television commercials show the stories of young teenagers with interests in particular skills, who later use those skills in the Air Force.

Senior Master Sgt. Matt Harless, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing career assistance advisor, said any type of recruiting is important to the force.

"On the surface, an Air Force recruitment video may not seem to be the highest priority during these challenging times," said Harless. "However, times like these bring to the forefront the exact reason why it has never been more important to ensure we make every effort to recruit and

retain our forces."

Without recruiting, the active-duty forces will easily be depleted, said Harless.

"Every three years, we lose over 30 percent of our active-duty members to separation and retirement," said Harless. "Recruiting and retention allow us to replenish those forces. If we aren't diligent in that effort, we cannot ably fight the war on terror, protect America, and sustain our effort in providing humanitarian relief, refuge and comfort to those who have suffered greatly under the hand of evil regimes."

Recruitment, retention and raising public awareness of the mission of the U.S. Air Force are the main goals of the commercials. The recruiting goal for 2003 is approximately 37,000, according to an Air Force news release.

## Fire safety week Oct. 6-12

Every Fire Safety Team starts with the fire inspectors and the fire fighters, but they can't always do it alone.

That's why this year's Fire Prevention Week theme is "Team Up for Fire Safety."

Effective fire safety depends on teamwork. Team up with fellow co-workers, family members and classmates to prepare an effective plan to prevent and, if necessary, survive a fire.

Fire Prevention Week this year falls on Oct. 6-12. The Base Fire Department will be hosting several learning experiences during Fire Prevention Week.

Fire Prevention Week's history has its roots in the Great Chicago Fire, which began on Oct. 8, 1871, but continued into, and did most of its damage, Oct. 9, 1871.

### Fire Safety events

#### Monday-Tuesday

- Issuing fire extinguishers to housing residents at the housing office, 8-11:30 a.m., and 1:30-3:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday

- Holding fire drills for the bowling alley, Charleston Club, golf course and the Base Chapel
- Fire department tours available 9:30-11:30 a.m., and 1:30-4 p.m.

#### Thursday

- Holding fire drills for base facilities during duty hours
- Smokehouse demonstrations available for family day-care providers 6-7 p.m., and base residents starting at 7 p.m.

#### Friday

- Parade and fire department display at the BX, 2:15-6 p.m.

The fire ravaged the city, killing more than 300 people, leaving 100,000 homeless and destroying more than 17,000 structures over 2,000 acres in 27 hours.

In 1925, the president signed a proclamation pronouncing a national obser-

vance during the week of Oct. 8.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week, call the 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department at 963-3777.

**(Submitted by 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Prevention Flight)**

# LG wins big: 437 LG garners 4<sup>th</sup> Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award

By AIRMAN 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS AMY PERRY  
437 AW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Group took home its fourth Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award at the Air Force Association conference in Washington, D.C., Sept. 17.

The 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Support Squadron Logistics Training Flight, along with members of the 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing and 437 LG, developed Electronic Testing and Evaluation of Student Testing to train C-17 maintenance students throughout the Air Force.

The eTEST is a replacement for the old paper-based maintenance testing, said Richard Hutchinson, 437 LG process improvement chief.

The paper-based testing required members of Team Charleston's 437 LSS LTF to manually send out tests across the globe to keep C-17 maintainers up-to-date with training requirements.

Team members presented their process improvement to five judges in front of 10-foot screens with

a narrator and four speakers who explained different aspects of eTEST, said Tech. Sgt. William Harmon, 437 LSS LTF distance learning center manager.

"There were 21 competing teams," said Harmon. "We weren't allowed to see the other presentations, so we had no idea how we did."

Gen. John Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, presented the awards.

"The announcer named the first winner, and it wasn't us," said Harmon. "As he continued to name the second, third and fourth winners, we were getting very nervous. After the fourth winner was named, Gen. Jumper got up and started to leave. The announcer quickly told him there was one more award to be handed out. Then the announcer named eTEST as the fifth winner, and we all jumped up and hollered. We were definitely nervous."

The team allowed Staff Sgt. Mike Kretser, 437 LSS LTF webmaster, the youngest NCO on the team, to

accept the award, said Hutchinson.

Hutchinson said every team in the LG that has won the award allowed the youngest member to accept the award. The LG went to the 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2002 AFA conferences for the Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award, and each time they won.

Hutchinson said the comments he received from the judges were that they were impressed with the backlog the Internet-based testing eliminated.

eTEST presenters included Capt. Jeff Olsen, 437 LSS; Master Sgt. Tony Trodglan, 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Generation Squadron; Tech. Sgt. William Harmon, 437 LSS; Tech. Sgt. Ken Spinler, 437 LSS; Tech. Sgt. Michael Ferguson, 315<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Generation Squadron; Staff Sgt. Brandon Cleary, 437 LSS; Staff Sgt. Mike Kretser, 437 LSS; Staff Sgt. Darek Malone, 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Camera Squadron; Richard Hutchinson, 437 LG; and Rick Wood, 437 AGS.



Photo by Airman Stephanie Hammer

## Breaking barriers

Tech. Sgt. Tim Moore, 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces antiterrorism program manager, works to take down the barrier at Midland Park Road Sept. 19. Security forces re-opened the road and moved the vehicle search area to the Rivers Gate. This is the first time since Sept. 12, 2001 that traffic has been allowed to use Midland Park Road.

## BENDER

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of operations management, Directorate of Operations, Headquarters AMC.

"One of the litmus tests of his leadership is that when I go to bed, I don't lose any sleep because I know Col. Deluca is losing a lot of sleep," said Bash. "I don't worry."

He added that Deluca has taught him a lot about the C-17.

"He has sent over 20 aircrews a day into the airlift system to fight the war on terrorism, flying into a combat zone," Bash said of Deluca's achievements.

Bash praised Bender's accomplishments and the trust placed in him by receiving group command.

"Many are called, but few are chosen," Bash told the audience. "He is taking command of a group during a historical period in our nation's history. Not many group commanders have taken the reins when our nation was at war."

## POW

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tude," said Col. Karl Young, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing vice commander. "We are also indebted to their families.

"In the words of President John F. Kennedy," continued Young, "a nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers."

Noting that CAFB currently has more than 600 airmen deployed, Young said that the

men and women who fly, fix and support today's aircraft and missions carry on the legacy of those who made sacrifices in the past.

"It is a privilege to christen this C-17 The Spirit of America's POWs and MIAs," said Ed Wenrich, a POW imprisoned in Germany during World War II.

"We are very proud of these C-17s, and, more particularly, the crews who fly them," continued Wenrich. "We salute you."

According to Wenrich, 142,000 Americans have been captured and held as POWs since World War I. This figure does not include 93,000 MIA Americans who have not been accounted for.

Former POWs attended the picnic, sponsored by the Ralph H. Johnson V.A. Medical Center, and remembered the un-

derlying meaning of the ceremony.

"They gave me this medal for being able to survive POW camp," said Fred Best, a World War II B-24 ball turret gunner, who was shot down on his 27<sup>th</sup> mission and imprisoned in Austria for 13 months. "They don't give medals for just being locked up.

"When you return, tell them of us and say, for their tomorrow, we gave our today."

--The Kohima Epitaph

"My advice to today's airmen is this: if you ever find yourself in a POW situation, play it by ear," continued Best. "It is the only thing you can do. Do your best, and stay out of the way of the mean guards. That's what I did."

Thomas Byers, a World War II nose gunner, who was a POW in Germany for six months, said he also appreciated the ceremony and the airmen who took the time to attend.

"The plane naming was the greatest honor they could have shown us," said Byers. "Today's Air Force has fine, intelligent young men and women who are the cream of the crop."

Also praising the commemorative activities was veteran Herbert Goff, a World War II Army POW held in Belgium, who later served in the Air Force for 18 years.

"I'm looking forward to touring the new C-17," said Goff. "I've been on a few planes, but not this one. I would love to fly on it."

## FEATURE

# CAFB hosts AMC exchange zone testing

### Exchange zone test asks, 'Can movements continue without contamination?'

By AIRMAN 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS AMY PERRY  
437AW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Air Mobility Command used Charleston AFB equipment and personnel to conduct an exchange zone test here Sept. 16-19.

An exchange zone test is conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of transferring troops and cargo from a "clean" area into a "dirty" area following a biological or chemical attack, said Senior Master Sgt. Todd Herzog, AMC's airtransportability and aerial delivery test manager.

Herzog said the scenario here represented an intermediate location airfield, located at least

three flying hours away from the contaminated base, where the exchange of cargo and troops occurs. In a planning scenario, aircraft from a "clean" location with troops and cargo would arrive at the immediate location and offload on the "clean" side of the airfield. These troops and equipment will pass through an exchange zone, and then be loaded into aircraft on the "dirty" side of the airfield. The "dirty" aircraft would shuttle between the intermediate location and the contaminated theater area of responsibility.

An exchange zone consists of a contamination control area, troop transfer area and a cargo transfer

area, said Herzog. The reason for the exchange zone is to ensure contaminants are not transferred from the intermediate location's dirty side to its clean side.

Herzog said when cargo is moved from the clean side of an airfield to a dirty side of an airfield, there is the potential that the equipment working on the dirty side comes into contact with a piece of equipment working on the clean side. The exchange zone tests whether or not the movement of troops and cargo can continue without contamination spreading to the clean side. The exchange zone should prevent cross-contamination. During the cargo transfer opera-

tion a mixture of oil of wintergreen and Tinopal was used to simulate the chemical agent. Oil of wintergreen creates vapors that will set-off the detector's alarm, and the Tinopal glows under ultraviolet light. The mixture was applied to the tines of forklifts working on the dirty side of the airfield.

Ensuring that personnel will not contaminate the clean side is a top priority.

"Personnel working the dirty side of the airfield will eventually have to go back to the clean side of the airfield to eat meals and rest," said Herzog. "That's why we set up a contamination control area. People working in the dirty zone will have the ability to go through the CCA and clean up before they go back to the clean side of the airfield."

A group from the Army's Dugway Proving Ground was responsible for technical support of the test, said Herb Davila, test site manager for DPG.

To test for cross-contamination, DPG set up solid sorbent sampling tubes all over the exchange zone test site to collect air samples, said Herzog. The sorbent tubes are connected to a vacuum pump with rubber tubing, and the pump draws one liter of air per minute through the tubes. Airborne particles are trapped in the tubes, and later analyzed to determine the contaminant levels.

"What we're hoping is that sorbent tubes on the clean side of the airfield won't detect anything (vapors from the simulant



Photos by Staff Sgt. Matthew Hannen, 1 CTCS

Senior Airman Eric Yount, 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron Mobility Flight, guides a forklift in the contaminated side of the exchange zone. The exchange zone field test team was tasked to validate and prove that clean cargo, troops and rolling stock could be processed from a clean zone through an exchange zone into a contaminated zone without cross-contamination migrating back into the clean zone.

agent), and that will give one indication that nothing has transferred," said Herzog.

The Improved Chemical Agent Monitor, a hand-held monitor, was also used as a vapor detector during the test. It is pointed at a person or piece of equipment to 'sniff' out any contaminants, said Herzog.

"So when we apply the simulant agent (Bengay) to the outer garments of personnel working in the dirty zone, they will use the ICAM and take a reading so that they will know what the contamination level is," said Herzog. "They (CE Readiness) will then process the person through the CCA, and when that contaminated person gets to the end of the decontamination line they will take a final reading on the other end. If there's no vapor reading there, we cleaned the person up good, indicating that cross-contamination to the clean side

of the airfield did not occur."

The last method they used to detect cross-contamination from personnel was "glow germ." Herzog said it was the same

product used in the medical community to train doctors on how to wash up before surgery. Doctors apply the product to their hands and then scrub up for surgery. After the student doctors are finished scrubbing, they put their hands under an ultraviolet light. If their hands are glowing, then they didn't scrub well. After all personnel working in the exchange zone and dirty zone processed through the CCA, Dugway test team personnel used an ultraviolet light to scan everyone for the presence of glow germ.

"It's the same with the forklift," said Herzog. "We're going to put a simulant agent

on the forklift tines, and if we find any glow from the (vapors from the oil of the wintergreen) on the clean side of the exchange zone then we know it transferred from the dirty side to the clean side."

After the test was completed, DPG collected all of the information gathered from the test and went back to DPG to compute the information.

Davila said after the data has been collected and analyzed at DPG, they send the information to AMC. AMC will take that data and the data collected by the AMC test managers and validate how well it worked.

Herzog said he expected the test results to show that the clean side would stay clean and wouldn't be exposed to the contamination.

Davila echoed his sentiments.

"In paper, and everything we've seen, it should work," said Davila. "There should be no reason why it shouldn't work."

Davila said the report should be completed by December.



**Airman 1st Class Curt Sims, 437th Aerial Port Squadron Passenger Service Flight, checks a forklift and equipment for contamination during cargo transfers from the clean side of the exchange zone to the contaminated side. The results of the test are due out in December.**



**Staff Sgt. Herman Gipson, 437th Aerial Port Squadron Mobility Flight, and Edward Deems, field technician, perform a vapor scan on exchange test participants using a Portable Surface acoustic wave gas chromatograph.**

# Aerial Port's force multiplier

## ORM important to APS in ways not always obvious

By Lt. Col. Kevin Brewer  
437APS COMMANDER

The 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron's (RULES!) view of the Operational Risk Management Program is probably not unique in the Air Force, but it is one of our best ways to cut accidents, raise safety awareness and protect our nation's resources, including personnel and equipment.



This improves our mission readiness. When something allows you to make greater use of your resources, it can be called a "force multiplier." ORM allows me, as a commander, to keep aerial porters and equipment working on the mission and keep them out of the medical clinic, off profile, out of the maintenance shop and off the junk line. This also cuts the workload down for all related personnel and agencies.

A permanently injured person creates workload for the medical community and personnel system. They need to be replaced, creating a demand on the recruiter, trainer and personnel system. It also costs the service in monetary terms and public relations aspects, and it creates difficulties for the family.

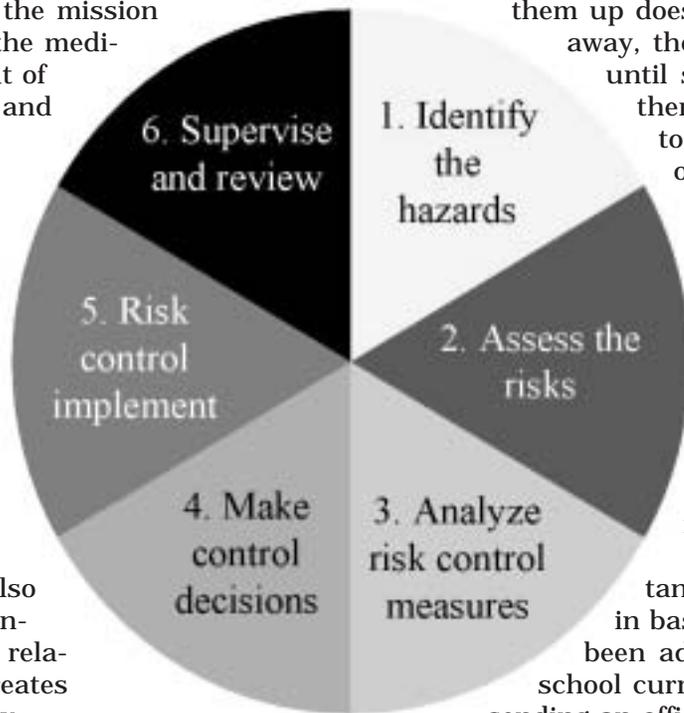
A temporarily injured person usually can't deploy, requiring someone else to pick up his or her load. With current operational levels, challenges with manpower are becoming a fact of daily life; the Air Force just doesn't have the surplus to make up the difference. There is a ripple effect and the cost can only

be estimated.

Operational risk management is not new or applicable only to the aerial port mission. It has been in the Air Force inventory since 1996 and recently received another ringing endorsement by our current chief of staff, Gen. John Jumper. Jumper recently wrote, "ORM provides airmen at every level with a sound, mission-enabling tool to expand our expeditionary capabilities."

I think it's a mission-enabler, and in the aerial port, it's also a force multiplier. Some think that ORM is just for safety, but it has other applications also.

Most of you have heard of the environmental disasters that some bases are cleaning up that happened as a result of poor management and operational decisions. Dumping



chemicals in a "hole" and covering them up doesn't make them go away, they're just hidden until someone finds them. It's more work to clean them up once they're discovered than to properly dispose of them in the first place. The services, and ultimately the taxpayers (us), are paying millions for clean-up actions that resulted from not using ORM.

ORM is so important that it's included in basic training and has been added to technical school curriculums. I'm even sending an officer for ORM instructor training given at Kirtland AFB, N.M. After training, he will be able to pass on to our folks the latest ways to bring ORM into our workplace and homes.

That's right; ORM can be used in the home as well as the job! In fact, most of our accidents occur off duty. The Air Force uses a six-step "building block" approach: (1.) Identify the hazards. (2.) Assess the risks. (3.) Analyze risk control measures. (4.) Make control decisions. (5.) Implement risk controls. (6.) Supervise and review.

Some think it's just common sense, but it's more than that. ORM lets us look at our decisions systematically. We balance risks against gains and then choose the best combination. My recommendation to you is know it, use it and make sure others do too. ORM like most things in today's Air Force is a team effort!



## Chapel schedule



107 Arthur Drive  
Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
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.

**Protestant Services:** *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School in Bldg. 245, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service and 11 a.m. Children's Church. *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Bldg. 217 (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:** 99 cents for adults and children.

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



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

**Today, 7:30 p.m.**

**"Martin Lawrence Live" - Martin Lawrence**

Comedian Martin Lawrence takes the stage for a stand-up performance in which he covers everything from his childhood to a series of arrests in the 1990s. **(R) 103 minutes**

**Saturday, 2 p.m. - Free**

**"Spiderman" - Tobey Maquire**

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

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

**"Simone" - Al Pacino**

A disillusioned movie producer's lead actress abruptly drops out of his film. Unbeknownst to the public, he decides to replace her with a computer-generated starlet, Simone. Swept up by her instant success, he cannot bear to admit his fraud to the world or to himself. **(PG-13) 117 minutes**

## SPORTS &amp; FITNESS

To the net

## Staff to represent U.S. on Armed Forces Volleyball Team

By EDDIE GOAD  
437 SVS HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

Robert Caldwell, 437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron Readiness Training Flight, has been selected to the 2002 U.S. Armed Forces Volleyball Team and is part of a 12-man team to represent the United States during international competition Sept. 20-Oct. 2 in Romania's port city of Constanta.

Caldwell, a Charleston native and four-time All-Air Force Volleyball player, was a member of this year's Air Force team that captured the gold medal during

August's Armed Forces Tournament in Millington, Tenn.

Caldwell was chosen as one of the 12 finest players in the U.S. Armed Forces with his new team now slotted for further competition against the best of the world's military players in the Conseil International du Sport Militaire Tournament in Romania.

The 6-foot-6-inch staff sergeant expressed surprise when he was named to the team.

"During the Armed Forces tournament, the Air Force was clearly the strongest, and all twelve of our players played well, and were interchangeable, and

that's why we won," said Caldwell. "The other services also had really good players, so when I was named to the Armed Forces team, I was shocked, but proud."

Sharla Alexander, Air Force Service representative, Pope AFB, N.C., and one of the four voting members from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines who are responsible for selecting the Armed Forces team said Caldwell was a quality player.

"Bobby (Caldwell) played well," Alexander said. "He impressed the other service reps with both his play and attitude, and earned a spot on the team."

Among the expected volleyball heavyweights to compete by the Black Sea are China, Italy and Germany.

"Some of their players are national team members and even Olympians," said Caldwell. "China's starting front line is supposed to average about 6 feet 8 inches (tall), and Germany has some 7-footers.

"I have an enormous opportunity here to represent this country, my service, my base and my squadron, and not many are given such a chance," Caldwell continued. "I am honored and grateful for this."

## Severson severs Swami field with win

By THE SWAMI  
PIGSKIN PROGNOSTICATOR

Dave "Oaktown" Severson put the whammy on 74 entries last week as he turned in a very impressive, Swami-like 13-1 record.

Severson's only loss was picking the Vikings over the Panthers. The Swami agrees with Severson on that pick. The Panthers won't be a contender at the end of the year when things really count. They will be just like the Cowboy scrubs.

Severson thinks the boys who wear silver and black (Raiders) will be the team to beat this year. His beloved Raiders are playing like the team of the '70s when they had Kenny Stabler and Fred Biletnikoff.

Severson can often be found playing with a microphone and acting like John Madden over in the 437<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron. Severson didn't have to worry about his tiebreaker score of zero. He failed to pick a score, so the Swami picked one for him.

In fact, the Swami did a lot of picking for some people. It is unbelievable how many people miss picking a game and sometimes the tiebreaker score. When that happens, the Swami picks the loser for you.

Week three appeared to be an easy

week for almost everyone. Trailing Severson by one game was Shannon Johnson, Scott Greer and Stephen Sabol. Four people fell below the dreaded .500 mark. One of those was Sheryl Sande, who decided to slip her picks in a couple days late. The Swami graciously accepted her horrendous picks so he could make fun of her. Also turning in Swami picks (on time) was Susan Copeland. The only thing she forgot to do was pick teams for the games. Technically, Copeland finished with a 0-14 record. That's a first in Swami history. Congratulations Copeland, you win nothing!



Severson has won a nice stash of prizes from the friendly folks in the 437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron. He will be enjoying a free round of golf at Wrenwoods, bowling at Starlifter Lanes, lunch at the Charleston Club, pizza from Stone Willy's and some other great services functions.

The Swami has received some fan mail from people asking about getting their picks in on time when they work shifts. You can e-mail them in before Sunday's games, but if you are dropping them off at Public Affairs, you better get them there before 4 p.m. on Fridays because the public affairs people are running over to the Charleston Club in hopes of winning the big money.

## Week Five

Name/Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sunday, Oct. 6

**Tampa Bay @ Atlanta**

**Oakland @ Buffalo**

**Arizona @ Carolina**

**New York Giants @ Dallas**

**Cincinnati @ Indianapolis**

**New England @ Miami**

**Pittsburgh @ New Orleans**

**Washington @ Tennessee**

**San Diego @ Denver**

**Kansas City @ New York Jets**

**Philadelphia @ Jacksonville**

**St. Louis @ San Francisco**

**Baltimore @ Cleveland**

## Monday, Oct. 7

**Green Bay @ Chicago**

Monday night total points: \_\_\_\_\_

Swami's Monday night points: **48**

Swami's picks are in bold and italics.

Send your picks to: Swami@charleston.af.mil

Picks may be dropped at the Public Affairs office in Bldg. 1600, Room 224.

\*\*Picks must be submitted by Friday, Oct. 4, 4 p.m.\*\*