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Lt. Col. Steve Groenheim, 14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron commander, hugs his three sons, Steven, 8, Jack, 6, and Sam, 4, upon returning home Tuesday from a three-month deployment. This deployment marks the first time an airlift squadron has deployed as an entire unit from Charleston AFB. Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Clements

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## Commander's Comments

By Col. Karl Young  
437 AW vice commander

### 14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron returns home

Our community friends joined us Tuesday in welcoming the 14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron home from deployment to the Rhein-Main stage in Germany. The squadron did an awesome job, flying more than 2,000 missions into two different areas of operation, carrying approximately 82 million pounds of cargo and more than 28,500 passengers in their three months away. As we welcome them back, we still have nearly 700 people deployed; be sure to reach out and offer support to friends and neighbors who are awaiting a loved one's return.

### Awards

We had more good news on the award front this week. **Tech. Sgt. Terry Topouzoglou** from the 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron was named AMC's military deception NCO of the year. AMC also recognized Senior Airman Shawn Downey as the command's outstanding Defense Message System administrator of the year. Additionally, **Staff Sgt. Travis Corriveau**, a military training leader with Detachment 3, Headquarters Air Force Security Forces Center at the Naval Consolidate Brig was named AFSFC's airman of the year. Our Medical Group also received good news: **Lt. Col. (Dr.) Frank Budd**, Behavioral Sciences Flight, received the South Carolina Psychological Association Award for Exemplary Contributions to Psychology for 2002-2003. Congratulations to these award winners!

### Final C-17 arrives

## Action Line caller concerned over phone jack repair costs

**Q: We recently had to pay for the phone company to come out and fix a phone jack in our bedroom in base housing. Would you please clarify the policy? Thank you for your time.**

**A: Thank you for your inquiry concerning phone repairs in base housing. The phone service in family housing units is a contract between the resident and Bell South. The Air Force is required to provide housing residents with primary service and**

**service to one phone jack within the unit. Over the years, phone jacks occasionally fail; therefore, it is the resident's option to repair any additional phone jacks themselves or contact the phone company and pay for the repairs. If there is zero phone service in the unit, and Bell South is required to re-wire in order to restore service, the resident can be reimbursed with a documented bill from Bell South. This is the only case where phone repair service is reimbursable. Thank you for your call.**

Charleston marked a milestone this week, taking delivery of our 53<sup>rd</sup> and final C-17. As our number of aircraft assigned has increased by about 25 percent over a year ago, the number of missions we have been flying has doubled—a true testament to Team Charleston's hard work. The 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron is keeping a record pace too, loading 1,243 tons on 22 aircraft this past weekend—a new two-day record.

### Commander's call

Wing commander's calls are scheduled for May 7 for civilians, May 8 for enlisted (two sessions) and May 9 for officers. Please give any suggested issues to the appropriate point of contact: for civilians, Michele Arnold, 963-3785; for enlisted, Master Sgt. Michael Irons, 963-5026; for officers, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jerrymar Copeland, 963-2287.

### Easter

A number of great events occur this coming week. Start your week right by attending the Easter brunch, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. If you've never been to this brunch, you need to go—it's an incredible meal and the best deal in town.

### Quarterly awards

The quarterly awards luncheon is Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. at the Charleston Club. Come out and support your unit's winners—the competition is sharp. Please see your first sergeant for tickets.

### Golf course clubhouse

Wednesday at 2 p.m. is the groundbreaking ceremony for a new golf course clubhouse on Cusabee Trail near the existing Outdoor Recreation facility. A reception will follow. The new building is scheduled for completion next summer.

### Bunny Hop

The next commander's fun run—the Bunny Hop—begins Thursday, 11:30 a.m. at the Fitness and Sports Center. Gather up your friends and co-workers and come join the crowd.

As the weather continues to warm up and you're outside more, keep safety in mind for your recreational activities. We don't want you to get hurt while you're having fun. Be safe out there!

The Commander's Action Line is your direct link to me. It's your opportunity to make Charleston AFB 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](mailto:action@charleston.af.mil).

To ensure you receive a response to your concerns, please leave your name and the information needed to contact you.



Col. Brooks Bash  
437 AW commander

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# FREEDOM: *worth fighting for?*

**By Tech. Sgt. Anthony Williams**  
373<sup>rd</sup> Training Squadron instructor

The idea of freedom takes on many different meanings for each of us. While dictionaries easily define freedom as a condition free of restraints, detention or oppression, freedom encompasses even more.

One must take a look at the journey freedom has led our society on to truly understand freedom. We must look at our past, present and future to understand the real definition of freedom.

In America, freedom started as an idea for a group of colonists in the late 1700s who wanted to escape oppressive rule. For these colonists, the idea of freedom was a vast unknown venture surrounded by unimaginable doubt and uncertainty.

Despite all odds, the idea of freedom held an intoxicating promise that magnetized a people into a single unyielding force. It is impossible for us to fully fathom the perilous journey these colonists embarked upon so long ago in its pursuit.

Many battles were fought and many lives lost, but our forefathers withstood the overwhelming odds and eventually declared their independence.

Once secured, freedom has been defended through the generations. Although it has been more than 200 years since freedom was born, we still embrace it today.

## worth repeating

**“(Freedom) is a gift from our parents handed down ... for us to uphold and defend.”**



**—TECH. SGT. ANTHONY WILLIAMS**  
373<sup>rd</sup> Training Squadron instructor

The definition of freedom for today’s generation has changed from achieving freedom to defending freedom.

Today we stand ready to defend our freedom without hesitation because it is the future we hold for our children and ourselves.

For those of us born in the United States, freedom is a delivered privilege. It is there for each of us to flourish in and it thrives in every American.

Freedom serves as a catalyst and rule for our ever-developing society. It is present in our simple, day-to-day choices and difficult, life-long decisions.

Freedom allows us to have our own religious and political preferences. It allows us the right to act, believe and express ourselves in any manner we choose.

However, freedom, just like any living thing, must be protected from the elements

or it too will fall to the wayside.

To continue our way of life and maintain our definition of freedom, our children will have to be confronted with a new idea of freedom—tomorrow’s freedom.

The future promises a new generation of threats to our great way of life both at home and abroad.

The idea of freedom requires a new approach. We must move beyond the defensive stance and embark a new fight, a global fight.

As a nation and a people cultivated by it, we must prepare ourselves to not only fight for the freedoms of others incapable of doing so for themselves, but we must eliminate the threat that would take away their freedom as well as ours.

A canned definition from the dictionary does not adequately convey the idea of freedom.

In our case, it was first fought for through blood, sweat and tears. It is now a gift from our parents handed down from generation to generation for us to uphold and defend. Tomorrow, freedom will be a gift we should give to everyone while we continue to defend ours.

As with the past, the future promises to be full of doubt and uncertainty, but if our past pursuits have taught us anything, let it be that the idea of freedom is without question worth it.

## Charleston chat

### Administrative Professionals Day: *What is the best part of your job?*



**“I like the opportunity to interact with individuals on a daily basis.”**

**— Staff Sgt. Octavia Dean**  
437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing



**“Helping our beneficiaries with their individual issues and care.”**

**— Mavis Pearson**  
437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group



**“The satisfaction I feel knowing I can make a difference in the customer’s career.”**

**— Staff Sgt. Gop Sinboonrawd**  
437<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron



**“The people I work with and providing support for the families.”**

**— Mary Crain**  
Family Support Center



**“I like all the people I work with. They’re really great.”**

**— Patricia Wright**  
315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing

## NEWS

# WB-57F high-altitude research aircraft arrives at CAFB

## Research plane does atmospheric testing from CAFB

By Capt. Krista Carlos  
437 AW Public Affairs

Usually when Charleston AFB receives a high-level visitor, it is someone who has a few stars on their shoulder.

However, on April 13, the base greeted a visitor who actually shoots for the stars: a WB-57F high-altitude research aircraft.

The WB-57F, one of two fully operational research planes of this type still flying today, is conducting atmospheric research in the southeast area and will be kept at CAFB until about April 26, said Bud Meins, NASA mission manager.

The aircraft needs at least a 9,000-foot runway, as well as ample hangar space and good weather conditions, said Capt. Tiffany Montague, Air Force program manager and sensor operator.

"After surveying a number of places in the area, Charleston was chosen as the best location for us to get close to where the plane needs to be," said



The WB-57F, one of two fully operational research planes of this type, is conducting atmospheric research at Charleston AFB until April 26.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ruby Zarzyczny

Montague.

The aircraft will be conducting high-altitude remote sensor testing here, said Montague. The crew is fitted with pressure suits similar to those U2 pilots wear because of the high altitudes, at which they will be flying.

The unique plane and its aircrew, dressed in orange pressure suits, are an unusual sight to see on the Charleston flightline.

"The aircraft always arouses a great deal of curiosity when people see it fly in," said Meins. "A lot of young folks don't even know what a B-57 is and, this one was made in 1963."

spheric missions, to include photo-mapping of Costa Rica, sensing gases of volcanoes, and testing carbons over big cities," said Scott Reagan, NASA pilot. One of the WB-57s flew over the eye of Hurricane Floyd to gather data at around 55,000 feet.

The WB-57 serves as a platform for various types of scientific equipment. Instrumentation can be flown in the payload bay, nose, and wing pods, said Reagan.

"There is definite job satisfaction in knowing that you are helping to improve technology," said Meins.

## Legal office sees jump in number of ID theft cases

By Capt. Jedd Miloud  
437 AW Legal Office

A new kind of crime is victimizing service members in the Charleston area—identity theft.

Over the past several months, the 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing legal office has experienced an increased number of reported cases.

Identity theft occurs when someone steals another individual's personal information to commit fraud or theft. Criminals with access to personal information can open a bank account, a credit card account, a cellular phone account, or other accounts under your name.

The most serious damage of identity theft is to a person's credit history. It could take months or years to repair a bad credit history, which could result in the rejection of lease and loan applications. However, there is some protection to limit your financial losses. Under the

Truth in Lending Act, a person's liability for most unauthorized credit card charges is limited to \$50 per card. Additionally, the Fair Credit Billing Act sets the procedures for clearing up billing errors on credit card accounts.

The best way to protect oneself from identity theft is to take the following proper precautions.

- Keep your personal information as secure as possible.
- Do not release your Social Security Number unless it is absolutely necessary.
- Substitute passwords for your mother's maiden name.
- Beware of scams, protect your driver's license and credit cards and check your credit report periodically.

As with any crime, identity thieves are also subject to prosecution. If you become a victim of identity theft, contact the base legal office at 963-5502.

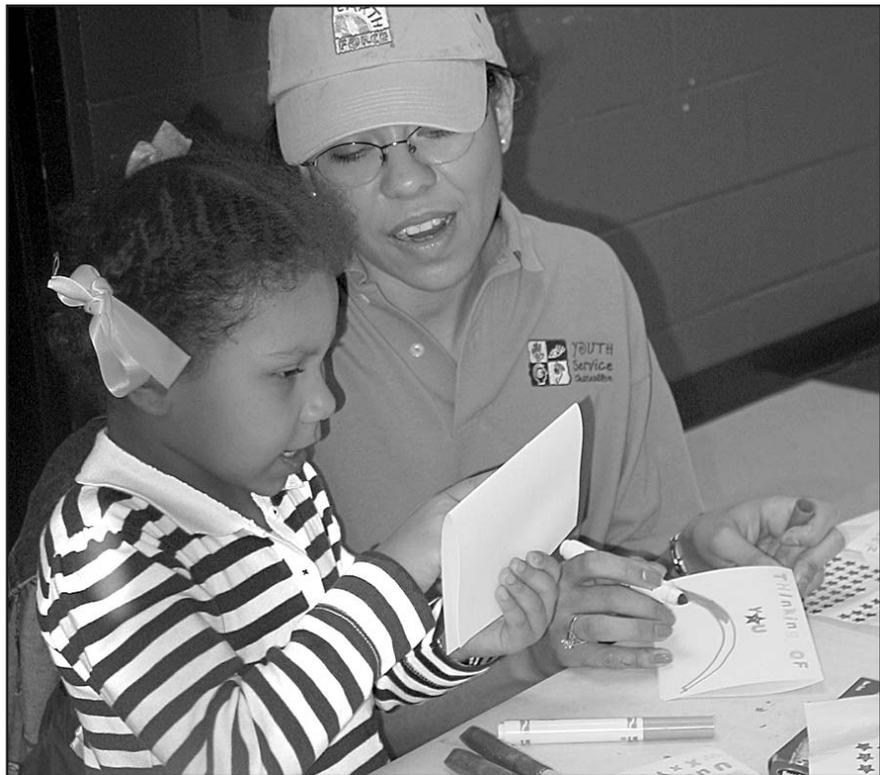


Photo by Capt. Krista Carlos

Volunteer Gina Strother and daughter Gabrielle, 4, decorate cards for children at CAFB April 12 for National Youth Service Day. Approximately 35 students from Charleston County Schools volunteered to make cards for base children with deployed parents. There are more than 180 children of deployed personnel from the 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing.

# Pelican families reunite after 90-day separation

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter  
437AW Public Affairs

About 30 members of the 14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron returned to Charleston AFB Tuesday following a three-month deployment to Rhein-Main AB, Germany.

From Rhein-Main AB, the pilots and loadmasters of the 14 AS "Pelicans" flew missions into Afghanistan and Southwest Asia in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

This event marked the first time a C-17 airlift squadron deployed as a unit, a concept usually attributed to fighter and bomber squadrons.

Families and members of the Charleston community waited on the flightline to greet their returning heroes, waving flags and carrying signs to welcome them home.

"I just feel really happy," said 8-year-old Devin Bass, daughter of 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Kevin Bass, 14 AS pilot, and his wife, Melissa. Devin said while her father was gone, she felt very alone.

When Kevin stepped off the plane, Melissa said all she could think was, "He's finally home."

While deployments can be diffi-



1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Eric Bippert, 14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron pilot, greets his wife upon returning to Charleston AFB Tuesday.

cult for children, Trisha Groenheim, wife of Lt. Col. Steve Groenheim, 14 AS commander, said this time around wasn't as challenging as it could have been.

"Even though there was a war going on, they (the Groenheim's 4, 6- and 8-year-old sons) weren't fearful and didn't have changes in their personalities," Trisha said.



Master Sgt. Ray Cordero, 14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron first sergeant, hugs his wife after returning home from Rhein-Main AB, Germany, Tuesday.

Husbands, wives and children weren't the only "family" members waiting to greet returning Pelicans.

"I'm just glad to have the rest of the family back," said Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Scott Thomas, a 14 AS member who returned to CAFB early to care for his wife, who was injured while he was away.

Between Jan. 15 and April 15, the

14 AS moved 82.5 million pounds of cargo. Pilots and loadmasters delivered 28,542 passengers and flew more than 2,000 missions. In March, the squadron logged 758 C-17 departures.

The 14 AS was replaced by an airlift squadron from McChord AFB, Wash. In July, the 16<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron from CAFB will swap out with them as operations continue.

## Several cases of SARS reported in southeast United States

### Charleston AFB medical experts educate base populace on avoiding virus

By Capt. Krista Carlos  
437AW Public Affairs

With more than 160 cases of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome suspected in the United States, CAFB medical experts are educating the base populace on the disease.

Although there are no documented cases in South Carolina to date, medical experts say SARS poses a possible threat to the local area as well as Charleston AFB due to several cases reported in the southeast region.

"The main reason it is a potential threat here is because of the military [personnel] and the global reach we have," said Lt. Col. Scott Norris, 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group chief of medicine. "We are bringing back folks from all over the world who are transiting through here. Some may have a history of traveling to places that are endemic, which are typically the Far East. You also have to consider there is an international airport here too."

However, Dr. David Tornberg, deputy assistant defense secretary for clinical programs and policy, emphasized that no component in DoD, including the military services, had a

SARS problem. He indicated there have been no reported cases of SARS within DoD.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website, SARS was first reported among people in Hong Kong and Guangdong Province, China, and Hanoi, Vietnam, and has since spread to other countries. It is spread by close contact between people, usually when someone is sick with the disease and coughs droplets into the air and another person breathes them in.

"Symptoms are not unlike a lot of cold-type symptoms, said Norris. "They include congestion, body aches, shortness of breath, difficulty with exertion and fever. If somebody has had an exposure risk and develops symptoms, they should give their care providers a heads up that they may have a risk of SARS so they can take special precautions."

"If someone reports symptoms (and has an exposure risk), we notify CDC and the Department of Health and Environmental Control," said Capt. Debra Caporizzo, 437<sup>th</sup> MDG public health officer. "If anyone reports symptoms, they are to see their doctor right away. If someone has it, or they're having symptoms

but they're feeling okay, they can be isolated at home until 10 days after resolution of the symptoms. If they may have been exposed, but have no symptoms, then they work as usual."

Even though there is currently no cure for SARS, public health and medical professionals here say personnel shouldn't be too worried.

"Don't be scared of it," said Norris. "It shouldn't affect what you do day-to-day. You want to have a heads up to minimize that exposure risks."

"Local transmission is mainly in those other countries like Canada, China, Vietnam, and Singapore," said Caporizzo. "Our advice is don't travel to those areas if you don't have to, wash your hands frequently, stay out of crowds, and stay away from coughing, sneezing people."

"Most otherwise healthy people are probably going to do okay with it [SARS], but it's certainly more severe than the common cold," said Norris. "Many of the deaths or serious illnesses are likely to affect folks who are either older or very young or have other health problems that would make them prone to have difficulties with it."

For more information about SARS, visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

# AROUND THE AIR FORCE

## Reservists provide care on POW's return flight

Seven Air Force reservists provided medical care aboard the C-17 flight that brought Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch and 45 other patients to the United States Saturday.

The crew consisted of five airmen from Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, one from McChord AFB, Wash., and one from Charleston AFB. Together they cared for the former prisoner of war and other patients on the flight from Ramstein Air Base, Germany. The C-17 arrived at Andrews AFB, Md.

Besides Lynch, the flight contained others wounded in Iraq and their family members ranging in age from infant to retiree.

The medical crew "worked non-stop" from the time the aircraft took off, according to Capt. Jim Kern, one of the crew members. The airmen dispensed medications, changed bandages, monitored treatment and assisted the patients to make the nine-hour flight as comfortable.

"I just let (the patients) talk," said Capt. Kimm Sandusky, another crew member. "Every one had a story. I told them, I'm proud of you."

Lynch was accompanied by three medical attendants and members of her family.

"(The Lynch family) didn't like all the publicity," said Staff Sgt. Sandi Golden, another crew member. "The family said that (Lynch) was just the same as all the other soldiers on the plane."

After the C-17 landed at Andrews, the patients were driven to hospitals and medical centers in the Washington, D.C., area for medical care.

An active-duty crew from Charleston AFB flew the McChord AFB, Wash., C-17 that carried Lynch and other patients back to the states. **(Air Force Reserve Center News Service)**

## Spitting incident reminds airmen to stay safe

**LUKE AFB, Ariz.** – The wife of a military member here received an unexpected message recently from an anti-war protester.

Jessica Resendez, who was wearing a sweatsuit printed with an Air Force emblem, was walking through

a shopping center parking lot when a woman grabbed her sleeve and asked her if she was in the military.

After explaining that she was the wife of an airman, the woman spat at the ground near Resendez's feet and said, "This is what I think of your military."

"She was looking at me with the most hate I've ever seen," Resendez said. "I looked at her and said 'How dare you.' It was all I could say. I walked back to my car and cried."

Airmen need to be prepared for these incidents, especially when wearing their uniform or clothing printed with Air Force symbols in public, according to an Air Force Office of Special Investigations agent.

"With current world events, varying views of the public and higher stress levels, one should always be cautious and vigilant of their surroundings," said Special Agent William Pillai, acting commander of Air Force OSI Detachment 421.

People confronted with a similar situation should walk away, Pillai said. Do not argue with the individual or allow the situation to become violent.

Despite the incident, Resendez

continues to wear her Air Force T-shirts in public.

"I'm proud that I'm part of this family ... even if people want to spit at me," she said. **(Air Education Training Center News Service)**

## First humanitarian flight arrives at Baghdad

**WASHINGTON** – Although combat continues in a number of areas in Iraq, coalition efforts to increase humanitarian assistance are becoming more important, according to U.S. Central Command officials.

"Last night, the first humanitarian-focused flight went into Baghdad International Airport," said Army Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks, CENTCOM deputy operations officer, in a press briefing at the command's forward headquarters in Qatar Saturday.

The flight consisted of two coalition aircraft delivering four pallets of food, water and medical supplies provided by the Kuwaiti government and the International Red Crescent, Brooks said.

According to Brooks, coalition humanitarian relief efforts continue to overcome conditions in areas

without adequate power or that have been ignored by the Iraqi regime.

Fresh water remains a challenge, and coalition forces are striving to meet this important and basic need, he said.

Humanitarian-assistance supplies are also regularly arriving in the region by ship as more and more countries make contributions, he said. Efforts to put as much of the existing infrastructure back into use are also ongoing.

"The coalition plan for combat operations deliberately avoided (targeting) infrastructure to ensure it would be ready for use as quickly as possible," Brooks said.

Besides the humanitarian-assistance shipments, coalition forces are also redistributing supplies that have been captured from the Iraqi regime.

Brooks cautioned that there is still much work to be done in both military and humanitarian assistance operations.

"However, the coalition remains committed to completing the removal of the regime while also transitioning to an effort focused on the needs of the Iraqi people," he said. **(Air Force Print News)**

## Combat Camera Photo of the Week



Photo by Staff Sgt. Stacy Pearsall

### Take a break

**Master Sgt. Mark Kuntz (right), a survival, evasion, resistance and escape instructor, takes a break during exercise Foal Eagle. Kuntz and other instructors are training South Korean air force members how to navigate, communicate and guide U.S. Air Force rescue units during the exercise.**

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Spotlight

**Retirement:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Ron Tidd Wednesday, 4 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jimishi Lewis at 963-6256.

**Commission:** Staff Sgt. Cherissa Jackson will be commissioned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant today, 2 p.m., at the Community Education Office. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Denese Bellamy at 963-2262.

## Community support

**Beauty:** The Academy of Cosmetology is sponsoring a Military Appreciation Day Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. The Academy is offering free shampoo and sets, manicures, pedicures, and facials to anyone with a military or dependent ID card. No appointments are necessary. The Academy is located on Dorchester Road, the first stop light after Ashley Phosphate Road. For more information, call Penny Smart at 552-3241.

## Around the base

**Quarterly Awards:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Quarterly Awards Luncheon will be held Tuesday, 11:30 a.m., at the Charleston Club.

**ESC:** The April Enlisted Spouses Club social will be the induction ceremony Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., at the Family Support Center for new officers and welcome of new members. For more information, call Marcia Lytton at 760-6892.

**Commissary:** The Commissary will be closed in observance of Easter Sunday and will resume normal hours of operation on Tuesday.

## Charleston Warrior of the Week



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Zarzycny

### Airman Matthew McNea

#### 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Airman Matthew McNea is an Aircraft Maintenance apprentice C-17 crew chief responsible for making sure the aircraft is mission ready.

"I am the auto mechanic of the aircraft world," said McNea. "Some of my responsibility are launching and recovering aircraft, changing tires, completing aircraft inspections and making sure all the maintenance is accomplished."

Airman McNea said he joined the Air Force because he wanted to take control of his life and put it in a new direction.

"What I like best about my job is seeing a C-17 on the news dropping food, water or troops into a country and knowing I am a direct part of the mission ... this makes my job worth every minute," said McNea.

McNea has been at Charleston since June 6, 2002.

"Although nothing can replace home (Milford, Iowa), Charleston is definitely a great place to be stationed and have fun," said McNea.

In McNea's spare time he says he's just like everyone else.

"I find ways to have a great time," said McNea. "Anywhere from going and hanging out at the beach to staying in and watching a movie with some friends. Road trips are a great way to have a good time too."

**Mosquito fogging:** The Entomology Shop will be fogging on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8-11 p.m., for the next three weeks. On those two days, please avoid outside activities during these hours.

**Health care by appointment:** Recently, the 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group experienced a significant increase in patients 'walking in' for health care. To continue to provide exceptional customer service, the clinic's policy is to provide health care by appointment. They ask that all patients with routine and non-emergency needs call for an appointment to enable them to pro-

vide timely, quality care for all patients.

**Committees:** Committee members are needed to assist in planning events in celebration of Asian/Pacific Islander month. Please call Capt. Heather Gordon at 963-3662, or Master Sgt. Sherley Jones at 963-7052 if interested. Family members are welcome.

Committee members are also needed to assist in planning events in the Victims of the Holocaust Memorial Service. Please call Capt. Heather Gordon at 963-3662, or Tech. Sgt. Michael Hayes at 963-3655 if interested. Family members are welcome.

**Boy Scouts:** Individuals are needed to help with the base Boy Scout troop. No experience necessary. For more information, call Lt Aaron Rivers at 963-4687, or e-mail at [aaron.rivers1@charleston.af.mil](mailto:aaron.rivers1@charleston.af.mil).

**Survey:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron is running a

survey on the National Institute of The Blind Service Store. The service store is part of base support infrastructure and may need to be improved or changed to better fit the needs of the base. The survey will help obtain a consensus on how well the store is servicing the community.

Take the survey at <http://globemaster/437msg/lrs/437LRS.htm>.

**DRMO:** The Defense Reutilization Marketing Office can help meet mission requirements. All DoD organizations can screen free excess assets at [www.drms.dla.mil](http://www.drms.dla.mil). For more information, call the 437<sup>th</sup> Supply Squadron at 963-4826.

**Stories:** The Medical Operations Squadron is looking for personal stories on how base nurses/medical technicians may have positively touched a patient's life for use in an upcoming article. Volunteers are asked to contact Lt. Col. Dezell at 963-6830 if they have a story they would like to share.

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## FEATURE

# Help is just three digits away... CAFB dispatchers answer the call

By 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jennifer Andrews  
437 AW Public Affairs

Despite the calm, collected voice on the other end of a 911 call, a lot goes on behind the scenes at the dispatch centers at Team Charleston.

The 911 calls are handled differently than at a traditional civilian dispatch center. The Law Enforcement desk and the Fire Alarm Control Center work as a team from two separate locations. When a person calls 911, both dispatch centers pick up the phone at the same time.

"Only one person works each shift [at each center]," said Staff Sgt. Andrew Glover, a fire department dispatcher for a year and a half. "It can be very challenging with multiple calls versus a civilian dispatch center which has several dispatchers."

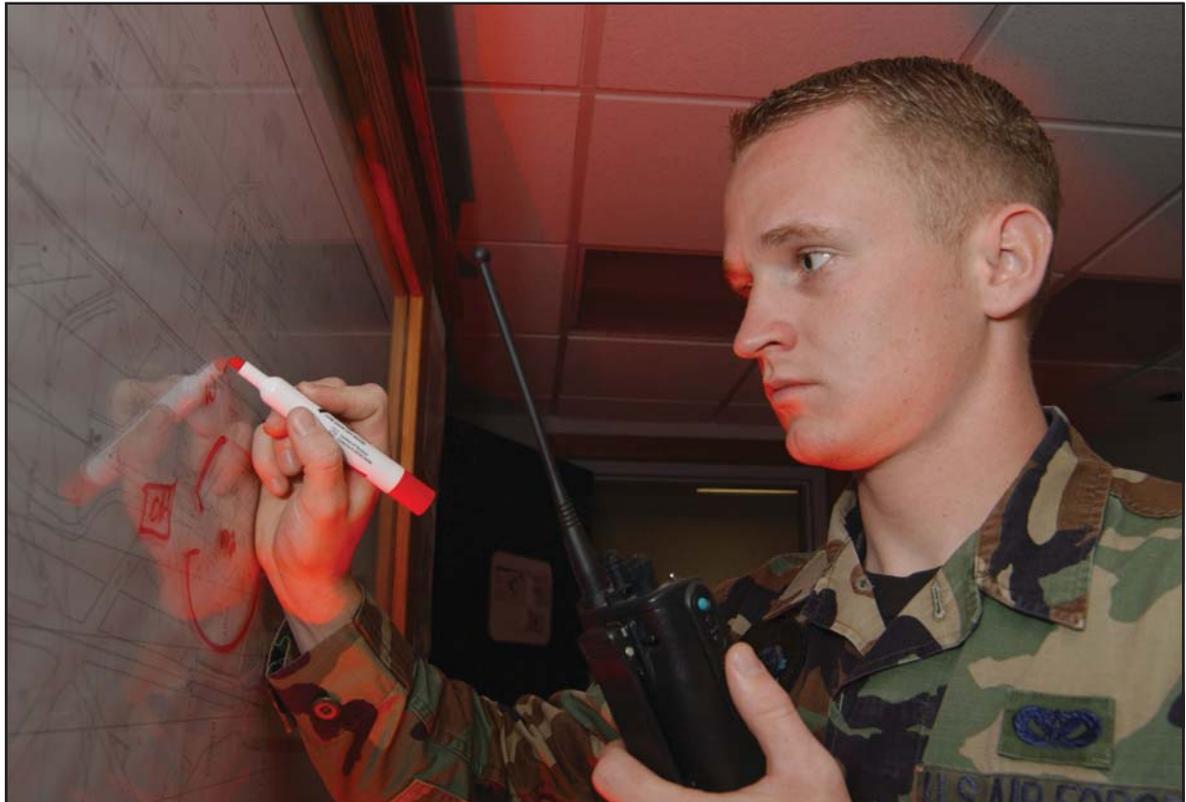
When a 911 call comes in, the fire department takes the call and asks the initial questions while the LE dispatcher monitors the call. If it is a law enforcement issue, then the fire department confirms that LE is on the phone and turns the call over to them, while the fire department monitors the call.

"If the call is turned over to the LE desk, we continue to monitor the call, just in case a medical response or manpower is needed also," said Staff Sgt. Shawn Chenault, NCOIC of the fire department control center.

One thing people need to remember is that the fire department's extension 3777 and the law enforcement's extension 3600 are administration lines and shouldn't be used to report emergencies, said Chenault.

"911 has priority and will be answered immediately as opposed to an admin line that may ring three or four times, prolonging the response, if the dispatcher is on another call," said Chenault.

It is also important for cell phone users to know that if they call 911 on a cell phone, the call goes to Charleston County dispatchers, not base dispatchers, slowing down



Staff Sgt. Andrew Glover, CAFB fire department dispatcher, draws out grid coordinates on a dry-erase map for an emergency call received on base. Part of a dispatcher's job is to locate where the call is coming from and send responders to the appropriate location.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Corey Clements

response times, said Chenault.

"If people call on base, our response time is one to three minutes from the time the phone rings," said Glover. "We've got great response times, but we're still working to beat them."

When a call comes into the dispatch center, the caller's information will pop up on the dispatcher's computer.

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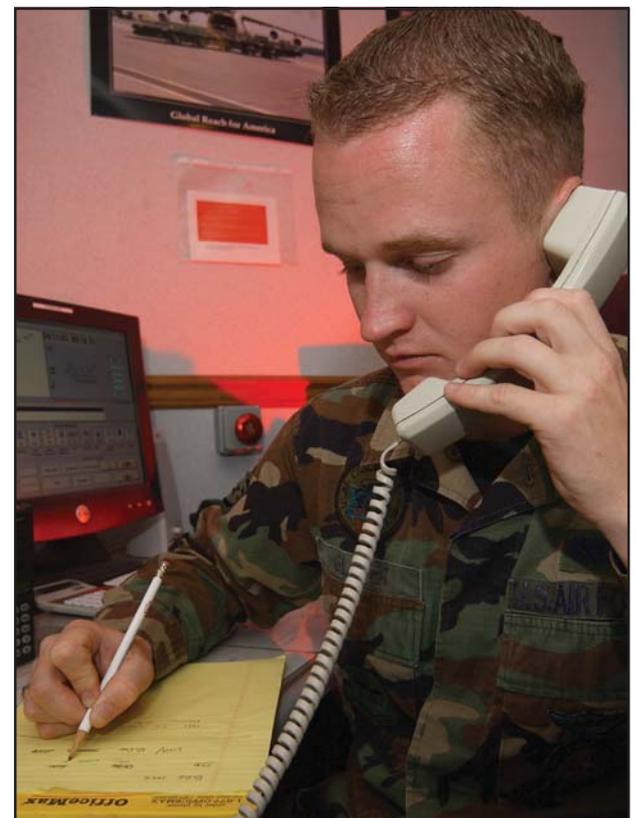
tion," said Senior Airman Bryan Oliver, a fire department dispatcher since September. "The information helps us let the responders know what to expect at the scene."

While the job can be stressful at times, the dispatchers feel it's worth it.

"We've had people who we've helped come in and thank us," said Glover. "That makes us feel pretty good that we were able to help them."

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CAFB Fire Department dispatcher**



Glover takes notes for an emergency call from a base resident.

# Chaplain explains meaning of Easter

By Chaplain (Capt.) John Shipman

437AW Protestant Chaplain

Easter is known for a variety of reasons and is often thought of as a time of chocolate bunnies, baskets, bonnets and marshmallow eggs. Additionally, Christians commemorate this time as their cornerstone of faith. Easter is a time of celebrations, but there are many customs and legends that have nothing to do with Christianity. Christians know Easter as a time of triumph and celebration over sin and death. It is the greatest festival of the Christian church. The origin of the celebration of Easter for Christians began in AD 325 when the church

council of Nicaea decided that it should be celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the vernal equinox of March 21. This year Easter is celebrated April 20. Easter is connected with the 40-day penitential season of Lent. Palm Sunday, one week before Easter, celebrates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Holy Week begins on this day. Holy Thursday, or Maundy Thursday, is in memory of the Last Supper of Christ with his disciples. Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion. Scholars believe the name Easter comes from the Scandinavian "Ostra" and the Teutonic "Ostern" or "Eastre," both goddesses of mythology signifying spring and fertility whose festival was celebrated on the day of the vernal equinox. Some Easter customs have come from this and other pre-Christian spring festivals. Others come from the Passover feast of the Jews, observed in memory of their deliverance from Egypt.

Many Easter customs come from Europe. The white lily, bunnies and colored eggs are just a few of the easily recognizable symbols of Easter and each have a place in the culture of the United States.

The Easter egg is the symbol of fertility and new life. The customs and traditions of using eggs have been associated with Easter for centuries. In medieval time, eggs were traditionally given at Easter to the servants. In Germany, eggs were given to children along with other Easter gifts. Easter eggs were painted with bright colors to represent the sunlight of spring. Painted Easter-eggs

were used in rolling contests, given as gifts or exchanged by lovers and romantic admirers, much the same as valentines.

"Here comes Peter Cottontail, hoppin' down the bunny trail  
Hippity hoppity, Easter's on its way!"

Most people know the song but few know the history behind the Easter Bunny. The Easter Bunny has its beginnings in pre-Christian fertility lore. Bunnies (hare and

rabbits) were the most fertile animals known, and they served as symbols of the new life during the spring season. The bunny as an Easter symbol seems to have its origins in Germany, in the 1500s. The edible Easter bunnies had their origin in

Germany during the early 1800s, and were made of pastry and sugar.

The Easter Bunny tradition came to the United States by way of German settlers who arrived in the Pennsylvania Dutch country during the 1700s. The arrival of the "Oschter Haws" (Easter Bunny) was considered almost as wonderful as a visit from "Christ-Kindel" (Christ Child) on Christmas Eve. The children believed that if they were good the "Oschter Haws" would lay a nest of colored eggs.

The children built nests in a secluded place in the home, the barn or the garden. Boys would use their caps and girls their bonnets to make the nests. The use of Easter baskets would come later as the tradition of the Easter Bunny spread throughout the country.

In another cue from nature, the Easter lily has become a recognizable Easter symbol.

The beautiful trumpet-shaped white flowers symbolize purity, virtue, innocence, hope and life—the spiritual essence of Easter. The actual burying in the ground of the flower bulb in the fall and its growing in spring is symbolic of Jesus and his death, burial and rising from the grave. Easter lilies commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of life everlasting. The pure white lily has also been closely associated with the Virgin Mary. In early paintings, the Angel Gabriel is pictured extending to the Virgin Mary a branch of pure white lilies, announcing that she is to be the mother of the Christ Child.

## Easter Chapel schedule

### Catholic Mass schedule:

**Easter Vigil – Saturday, 8 p.m.**

**Easter Sunday Service – 9:30 a.m.**

### Protestant Service schedule:

**Easter Sunday – Sunrise Service 6 a.m. followed by Easter Breakfast, 11 a.m.**

**Contemporary Service – 9:30 a.m.**

## 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:** Synagogue Emanu-El, 5 Windsor Dr., Charleston, S.C. Phone: 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.**

**Tonight, 7:30 p.m.**  
**"Old School" – Luke Wilson**

Three guys try to relive their college days by moving into a house near their old campus. They form an "unofficial fraternity" where students can enjoy the riches of the partying lifestyle without having to abide by the university's fraternity rules. **(R) 91 minutes**

**Saturday, 2 p.m.**  
**"Daredevil" – Ben Affleck**

Matt Murdock, son of a boxer, gets killed by petty criminals for refusing to take a dive. This drives young Matt to fight crime despite a childhood accident that robbed him of his sight. **(PG-13) 102 minutes**

**Saturday, 7:30 p.m.**  
**"The Hunted" – Tommy Lee Jones**

An FBI deep-woods tracker captures an assassin who makes a sport of killing deer hunters. When the killer escapes the city, the FBI agent must hunt down this thrill killer before he starts to hunt them. **(R) 94 minutes**

## SPORTS & FITNESS

# Outlaws steal victory, CAFB players assist

**Story and photo by  
Tech. Sgt. Ruby Zarzyczny**  
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Airmen from Charleston AFB are waging war; a war without embedded reporters or weapons of mass destruction. These Charleston-based warriors are fighting for the right to claim the 2003 USA Rugby National Championship trophy.

On April 12, the Charleston Outlaws Rugby team defeated the Knoxville Tennessee Rugby Football Club 36-16, and advanced to the USA Rugby South finals.

Although not a "military team," the Charleston Outlaws have several players at CAFB. These players contribute to the team's long-standing relationship with members of the local community, said Matt "Pretty Boy" Harless, Outlaw coach and CAFB member.

"We finished our spring division with a perfect 4-0 record, and have won two playoff matches since then," said Harless. "On April 27, we play for the south championship (38 teams) in Greenville, S.C., and if we win, we go on to Virginia for the national quarterfinals. After the quarterfinals, the semi-finals and finals are held in Pittsburgh, Penn. The national championships will also be held there."

CAFB members Lance "Merk" Merkley and Michael "Sugar" Morales, Air Force retirees Daniel "Dido" Moran, and Bobby "Thumper" Cenicerros, Jared "Smitty" Smith and Chris "Doc" Valverde from the Navy Weapons Station, are the military representatives on this winning team.

"This joint effort of both civilian and military team members has helped the team achieve their best

results in the club's 34-year history," said Harless.

"Having both military and civilian team members broadens our scope and

ability by introducing different styles of play."

Although not well known within the United States, rugby is a popular sport in

Europe and in the military service academies.

"Rugby is as a combination of football and soccer," said Morales, who starting

playing in 1996 at the Air Force Academy. "Rugby is the best sport in the world, and it's great to know that even though you may be out of college, you can still play a competitive contact sport on a good team."

"Playing for a successful men's division team is not only great fun, but also provides an opportunity to interact with people from all walks of life within the local community," added Merkley.

In addition to players, the Charleston Outlaws are always in need of an audience.

"Spectators and supporters mean a lot to us," said Harless. "It always makes you play harder when you know you have a crowd of friends and family watching. It is a great opportunity to meet people from around the world with whom you share a common bond; and often lasting friendships are formed. Spectators should expect to have fun, meet a lot of new people, and make a lot of friends. And did I mention the parties?"

Charleston plays in the following seasons: January through April (Spring), May through August (Summer) and September through November (Fall).

The Club is always looking for new players of any ability and experience to come and join in on the fun and camaraderie. For more information about the Charleston Rugby Football Club, view the website at [www.charlestonrugby.com](http://www.charlestonrugby.com) or e-mail [matt@charlestonrugby.com](mailto:matt@charlestonrugby.com) or call 813-6366.



Lance Merkley is the #1 jumper in the line-out competing for possession of a ball thrown in from the touch line (side line). A line-out is done after a ball goes out of touch (bounds).