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Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

The Air Force logo is interspersed throughout the newly proposed Air Force battle dress uniform. The blue, gray and green tiger stripe camouflage ensemble includes many new features intended to increase functionality while providing a distinctive look for the 21<sup>st</sup> century airmen.

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# Commander's Comments

By Col. Brooks Bash  
437AWcommander

### Down range

The fantastic dedication and professionalism of Team Charleston always gives me a sense of pride. After visiting our deployed airmen supporting the war on terror last week, I am convinced we have some of the finest people this Air Force has to offer.

I had a chance to stop and talk with many of our members. You should know they are working extremely hard, often in a combat environment, and they miss Charleston. Stay in touch with your deployed people, keep them up to date on what is happening here, and let them know we are continually supporting not only them, but their families too. I am proud of how our team takes care of each other.

On a related note, thanks to everyone in the deployment chain for their hard work. Charleston AFB had zero deployed discrepancies for May-July. Well done!

### Awards and recognition

Congratulations to our Communications and Information quarterly award winners: **Master Sgt. Mike Critser**, 437<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Octavia Dean**, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Staff and **Senior Airman Trent Hyland**, 437 CS. Our Resource Advisor of the quarter is **Ms. Catherine Gill**, 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron. Great work!

### Air Force Ball

You can head to Wrenwoods Golf Course Aug. 28, and join a tournament in support of the Air Force Ball. The cost is \$35. Funds from the tournament, along with the sale of Charleston glasses, T-shirts and C-17 Christmas ornaments, will help offset the cost of this year's Air Force Ball Sept. 6. Call **1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Corey Ringhisen** at 963-2954 to reserve your space in the golf tournament; see your squadron representative for Air Force Ball tickets.

### AMC commander to visit

We are looking forward to Gen. John Handy, Air Mobility Command



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

**Col. Brooks Bash, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, hosted congressional staff members Monday. The visit allowed the staffers to experience Team Charleston's capabilities and mission.**

commander, visiting here in September. While he is fully aware of the tremendous endeavors Team Charleston tackles every day, this visit will give him a chance to see the mission first hand. I have no doubt we will put our best foot forward to make the commander's trip here rewarding and memorable.

### School's in

Summer officially ended for thousands of children this week as the school session began. I hope you were able to be a part of that "first day back." Check out the experiences of some of the students at Lambs Elementary on page 14. We, as parents, must be involved in our schools. The more you understand about the school system, teachers and curriculum, the better you will be able to support your child. The Family Support Center school liaison program is another avenue. I encourage everyone to get involved, even if you do not have school-age children. Today's students are tomorrow's leaders.

### Safety first....and last

We have done a good job of being safe this summer. Now it is time to be alert for children and increased traffic near school zones. Slow down, and remember to obey the rules for following school buses.

Continue to use caution in your outdoor activities, especially while in the water and on our roads. Please be safe out there.



Photo by Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Tyrone Pearsall

### ATWINNER

**Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Billy Graham, 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron, played his ATWIND tickets and won two round-trip airline tickets from Charleston to anywhere in the United States or Canada. ATWIND tickets are available at a variety of 437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron locations and events until Aug. 31. For more information, go to [www.atwind.com](http://www.atwind.com).**

# OSI: everybody responsible for continued vigilance

Regardless of the Force Protection Condition, Charleston AFB and Air Force security officials want military community members to keep their eyes open for any suspicious activities.

With more terror attacks promised by the enemies of the United States, vigilance is more important than ever, according to national security officials.

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 310, in conjunction with the 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, manages a program, Eagle Eyes, to deal with the observation and reporting of suspicious activity.

Terrorist acts don't "just happen." They are carefully planned actions that require a lot of planning. Specifically, Eagle Eyes encourages people to recognize the following activities as potentially suspicious and to report them to authorities:

- Surveillance: someone recording or monitoring activities; may include use of cameras, note taking, drawing diagrams, annotating on maps, or using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices

- Elicitation: people or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities,

or people; attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone or in person

- Tests of security: attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical barriers or procedures to assess strengths and weaknesses

- Acquiring supplies: purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, etc.; also includes acquiring military uniforms, decals, flight manuals, passes or badges (or the equipment to manufacture such items) or any other controlled items

- Suspicious persons out of place: people who don't seem to belong in the

workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, etc.

- Dry run: elements of this activity include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow to facilitate a terrorist act

- Deploying assets: people and supplies getting into position to commit the act; this is a person's last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs

For more information about the Eagle Eyes program, call Staff Sgt. Christopher Bill at 963-3248. (**Courtesy of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations Public Affairs office.**)

## Airmen's daily contributions important to mission success

By Lt. Col. Michael Kucsera  
437<sup>th</sup> MDG Dental Flight commander

The chief of staff of the Air Force has his "Chief's Sight Picture," which speaks of a particular issue, enhancing the direction of the Air Force on a large organizational level. Our major command commander, General John Handy, has his "Flight Plan," which outlines Air Mobility Command's focus areas in support of the larger Air Force goals. The 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing mission statement is, "dedicated professionals working together to support, train and deliver world-class airlift from our nation's premier Air Force base." This describes how we contribute to both AMC's and the Air Force's "bigger picture."

These are big-picture views that need to filter down to every individual in the organization. When we all track the same vector and work synergistically, we enhance our individual efforts, and the result is organizational success.

This is neither a novel idea nor a particularly complex concept; however, many people focus on their special area of expertise or work center and often forget how crucial their contributions are to the bigger picture.

I use the concept of a puzzle to explain this to the members of the dental team. We each have our piece of the puzzle, or particular

### worth repeating

"At whatever level in your organization, it is crucial for you to realize the importance of the tasks you complete daily."



— Lt. Col. Michael Kucsera  
437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group Dental Flight commander

contribution, which completes the bigger picture. In the case of dental services, the dentist, hygienist, assistant, support staff and patient each have a role, which completes the picture of quality dental services. Dental services then becomes a piece of the bigger medical group picture of quality healthcare, supporting the mission of the 437 AW.

The term team describes a number of people who function cooperatively as a group. All of us working together for a common goal equates to teamwork. The opposite is also true. If in the course of completing our particular task for the team, we fail to give the highest level of customer service, we detract from the overall big picture.

I believe customer service is easy to understand when you substitute friend or family for

the term customer. Treat each and every customer as you would your own friends and family, and the result will equal success! When each piece of the puzzle practices outstanding customer service, we enhance the overall effectiveness of the wing and further contribute to the bigger picture.

At whatever level in your organization, it is crucial for you to realize the importance of the tasks you complete daily. Each task is associated with a customer, either directly or indirectly, and each one of your contributions is essential to completing the big-picture puzzle.

As a relative newcomer to Team Charleston, I continue to be amazed at the depth and quality of our team. We each have unique and special roles covering the whole spectrum of flying operations and support services. Taken individually, it's where we work; however, taken collectively, it's what Team Charleston contributes to the bigger picture of AMC and the Air Force.

Leaders, supervisors and commanders must ensure airmen understand the value and significance of their daily contributions. Once that is understood, we can move to the next level of exceeding our customers' expectations and provide the highest level of service, enhance our team, and contribute even greater value to the bigger picture.

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## NEWS

# AF announces staff sergeant promotions

The Air Force selected 172 Charleston AFB senior airmen for promotion to staff sergeant Wednesday.

Air Force-wide, 13,651 of 27,416 eligible senior airmen were selected for promotion, a 49.79-percent selection rate. The complete list of selectees will be posted today to the Air Force Personnel Center's Web page at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom/>.

People who tested are expected to receive

their score notices by the end of August, officials said. Score notices allow airmen to see how their Promotion Fitness Examination and Specialty Knowledge Test scores rank against those they are directly competing with for promotion within their Air Force specialty code. Individuals can also get an electronic copy of their score notice, available today, 8 p.m., by clicking on 'vMPPF' at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>.

The average score for those selected was 265

points, with the following averages: 30.81 points for enlisted performance reports, 53.29 for Promotion Fitness Exam, 53.54 for Specialty Knowledge Test, 15.52 for time in grade, 10.60 for time in service and 0.62 for decorations. The average selectee has 1.62 years time in grade and 4.25 years in service.

Those selected will be promoted to staff sergeant from September to August 2004. **(Air Force Print News also contributed to this article.)**

## Team Charleston members selected for promotion

### 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Camera

Casey Crowe  
Daniel Harrison  
Maureen Ledford  
Joann Makinano  
David Peterson

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

Douglas Kuhn  
Joshua Pogue

### 15<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron

Michael Conway

### 16<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron

Michael Blouin  
Humberto Camara

### 17<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron

Christopher Cobb

### 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron

Timothy Abiera  
Ean Bruette  
Daniel Carter, Jr.  
Jerry Good  
Ricky Govin  
Robert Kolbe III  
Sean Lambert  
Allen Miller

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Yolanda Jones  
Alexander Melenciano  
Amber Roberts  
Brandon Turner

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Jason Brown

Robert Brown  
Joshua Chambliss  
Shawn Collier  
Jeremy Crowley  
Matthew Giblin  
Gwen Giles

Matthew Gillespie  
Christopher Griffin  
Michael Gupton  
Gregory Hallum  
Timothy Hammond  
Mark Harrington  
Jeromy Kimbrough

Jeffrey Klein  
John Lapinski  
Derek Lefler  
Charles Long  
Scott Madden  
Ryan McCosco  
Mathew Morrison  
Phillip Perry  
Cory Pierce  
Eric Pierce

Eugene Reaves  
Robert Spitzers  
Tabitha Stewart  
Michael Stone  
Ryonn Terzenbach  
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Jarod Rump  
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Daniel St. George  
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Tamica Talley  
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Jonathan Mason  
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Eric Craine  
Amanda Downey  
Michael Doyle  
Loren Goins  
Jeffery Hansberry  
Joshua Hardy  
Patrick Howard  
Shawn Johnson  
David Johnston  
Joseph Knouse  
Joseph Legros  
Scotty McCormick  
Scott Meadows  
John Perkins  
David Preston  
Jason Riggs  
Chad Rowlett  
Jeffrey Taylor  
Antonio Waller

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### 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Support Squadron

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Walter Guillen  
Shakeera Wright

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Raven Hill  
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Kevin Paul, Jr.  
Marvin Streeter  
Kinshishi Tellis

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Renaldo Dupree  
Jeremy Littleton  
Thomas Losh  
John Matecki  
James McBride  
Matthew Miller  
Maria Mroczek  
Antoine Parham  
Matthew Perez  
Justin Schleyer  
Travis Simmons  
Franklin Spigner  
Brian Student  
Brandon Townsend  
Sabrina Witt

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Jessica Fike  
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Michael Britt



*Photos by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi*

Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Jonathan Besko (left) and Senior Airman Brandi Wyatt, both communication specialist with the 11<sup>th</sup> Wing Communication Squadron, put the newly proposed Air Force battle dress uniform to the test at Bolling AFB, Md. Three hundred of the proposed uniforms will undergo a wear test slated to begin in January. Airmen from a cross section of Air Force career fields will provide feedback on the fit, durability and functionality of the proposed ensemble which will come in men's and women's cuts.



**Above:** Capt. Rachel Sullivan (right), a maintenance officer, and Tech. Sgt. Thomas Stone, a maintenance specialist, both with the 89<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Group give the optional henley style T-shirt a try on the flight line at Andrews AFB, Md.



**Left:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Arcelia Miller, Air Force Special Security office puts, the newly proposed Air Force battle dress uniform through its paces at an entry control point on Andrews AFB.

# AF unveils plan to wear test proposed utility uniform

**By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski**

*Air Force Print News*

Air Force officials announced plans Aug. 6 for the wear test of a new utility uniform that could replace the current battle dress uniform.

The blue, gray and green tiger-stripe camouflage ensemble is a departure from the current woodland-pattern uniform. It includes many new features intended to increase functionality and provide a distinctive look for airmen of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, officials said.

Three hundred uniforms will undergo wear testing from January to July at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; Hurlburt Field, Fla.; Langley AFB, Va.; Luke AFB, Ariz.; McChord AFB, Wash.; Ramstein Air Base, Germany; Robins AFB, Ga.; Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

The test will generate feedback about fit, durability and functionality.

"Our intent is to create a uniform that will be distinctive, practical, easy to maintain, comfortable and, most important, a uniform you will be proud to wear," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper.

"We have become a more expeditionary force, with less time at home to spend caring for the uniform," he continued. "In the last 20 years, material technology has improved greatly. As a result, we have designed one uniform that can

satisfy our various climates and utility needs, while eliminating the need for professional ironing to provide a polished appearance."

The distinctive Air Force uniform is designed to fit well, look sharp and require much less maintenance than the current uniform, General Jumper said.

"We (also) need to ensure our airmen have a uniform that fulfills our unique air and space missions," he said.

A key step in bringing any new uniform item into service is feedback from airmen in the field, said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray.

"We want your feedback as well – not shoot-from-the-hip feedback," he said, "But feedback that comes from seeing the uniform in action and thinking about how it will meet your needs based on your work environment.

"It's important to remember that this is a wear test, and the decision about whether or not to adopt some, all or none of this uniform will be made after considering the results of the test and feedback about how it meets airmen's needs," he continued.

The wash and wear uniform will be easier to maintain and will not require professional laundering or starching, according to officials. They estimate home laundering can save airmen up to \$240 over the course of a year.

Unlike the current BDU, the new version comes in men's and women's cuts. The separate women's uniform reflects the growth in the number of women in the service. In the late 1980s, women comprised less than 13 percent of the total force; today nearly one in five airmen are women.

Other possible advantages to the uniform include:

- Using the same fabric identified by the Marines as the optimum material for wash and wear characteristics

- A camouflage pattern that corresponds to the jobs airmen do in most situations requiring a utility uniform

- Recalling the "tiger stripe" camouflage pattern used during the Vietnam War, but with the distinctive Air Force logo embedded into a color scheme that preliminary testing indicates may provide better camouflage

Officials are also considering maintenance-free boots and alternative T-shirts.

The uniform patterns are being cut, with production to begin in November. Data collection, analysis and any potential adjustments will occur August through October 2004. A final decision on the uniform is expected in December 2004. If approved, production could begin as soon as 2005, with a phase-in date to be determined.

# AROUND THE AIR FORCE

## Promotion study list now available

**RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** – Promotion-eligible enlisted people can now find out which materials to study for the 2004 testing cycles.

The most current Weighted Airman Promotion System catalog, which lists the materials used by test writers to develop the 2004 promotion tests, is now available on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/testing](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/testing). The catalog lists study references for those testing for staff through chief master sergeant.

WAPS career development course study material, when required, is automatically shipped to eligible members by officials at the Air Force Institute for Advanced Distributed Learning. Enlisted members should check the WAPS catalog every year to ensure they have the current references, which often include non-CDC publications, officials said.

WAPS career development course study material will be mailed by the end of September for people testing for technical and master sergeant, and in October for people testing for staff sergeant. Eligible people who have not received the CDCs by the end of November should contact their unit WAPS monitor to initiate follow-up action, officials said.

Test administration dates for the 2004 chief master sergeant promotion cycle are Sept. 2 - 5. The dates for senior master sergeant testing are Jan. 10 - 24, while testing for technical and master sergeant takes place Feb. 15 - March 31. Senior airmen will test for staff sergeant May 1 - 31. **(Air Force Print News)**

## Program desperately needs blood

**WASHINGTON** – The Armed Services Blood Program needs eligible Type O blood donors to support ongoing military operations worldwide and to replenish the military's frozen blood reserves.

A single battlefield injury victim can require more than 40 units of blood in an emergency. Type O donors are especially important to readiness because their blood can be transfused safely for all blood types,

especially in remote areas where it is not possible to test for blood type, said officials.

Blood program officials encourage potential donors, or those who could sponsor a group blood drive, to contact their local military blood collection facility. To find out how to donate blood at Charleston AFB, call Capt. Paul Brown at 963-4928. **(American Forces Press Service)**

## Civilians authorized exercise time

**WASHINGTON** – Air Force appropriated-fund civilian employees are now authorized to take up to three hours off each week to exercise, according to a policy change memorandum issued June 23.

It is all about encouraging employees to adopt lifestyles that support healthy working environments, said Maj. Gen. John Spiegel, director of personnel policy.

"Incorporating this policy into our current environment is reflective

of our continuing interest in fostering healthy lifestyles, and is especially important considering the stressful environment in which we work and live," General Spiegel said.

This policy will be left up to local commander discretion, based on mission requirements and major command guidance, the general said. As workloads permit, managers and supervisors will determine the employees' use of time off for exercise activities. In addition, commanders are free to use other flexibilities already in place such as alternative work schedules, credit hours, compensatory time-off, annual leave or leave without pay.

Physical exercise activities may include participation in intramural sports, running, walking or use of the base gym. The physical activity must enhance the Air Force's mission in some appreciable manner. The goal is to ensure the health and wellness of the Air Force's workforce, both civilian and military, General Spiegel said.

Participants must meet certain civilian health promotion criteria to realize this benefit, General Spiegel said. Civilians wishing to participate in a local program may be required to obtain a fitness education assessment from their primary care provider or physician and should maintain a log or record of their activities, goals and progress.

Participation in a health promotion program is generally restricted to the use of facilities under the direct control of the installation commander. Participants must also complete a request for approval for excused absence and get approval from their second-line supervisor. As with many new programs, local bargaining obligations must be satisfied before implementation.

This policy change will be reflected in the next revision of *Air Force Instruction 36-815*, "Absence and Leave." **(Air Force Print News)**

## Combat Camera Photo of the Week



Photo by Master Sgt. James Bowman

### Open wide

**Lt. Col. Roger Fiedler, a dentist assigned to the 561<sup>st</sup> Medical Company, Vilseck, Germany, fills teeth for an Iraqi man during a civil affairs mission in Airport Village near Baghdad International Airport, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Aug. 5.**

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Spotlight

**AF Ball Golf Tourney:** The Air Force Ball Golf Tournament is Aug. 28, with registration at 7:30 a.m., and a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m., at the Wrenwoods Golf Course. The cost is \$35, which includes cart, green fees, range balls, a barbecue pork luncheon and beverages. The hole in one prize is a Ford Ranger pick-up. Sign up with squadron Air Force Ball representatives or at the golf course. For more information, call 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Corey Ringhisen at 963-2954 or e-mail [corey.ringhisen@charleston.af.mil](mailto:corey.ringhisen@charleston.af.mil).

## Around the base

**Road closure:** Batson Drive will be closed Tuesday-Thursday between Gross Ave. and Hodge Ave. The road may be closed longer pending inclement weather.

**First Six:** The First Six heads to the Lowcountry Food Bank Wednesday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Transportation will be provided from the Charleston Club at 8:30 a.m. E-1s - E-6s are invited to attend. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Heather Amdal at 963-6527, or Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Brandi Matthews at 963-6704.

The next First Six meeting is Thursday, 2 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Heather Reid at 963-7354.

**Club Fun:** ATWIND and the Charleston Club sponsor a club fund day Aug. 22, noon – 4 p.m. This is the last major ATWIND event and the kick-off for the Charleston Club "Travel the World on Us" membership drive Aug. 18 - Oct. 31. For more information, call the Club at 963-3914.

## HHC sponsors "Jail and Bail" Wednesday

The Hispanic Heritage Committee is sponsoring a mock "Jail and Bail" fundraiser Wednesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Have someone arrested for one hour for a donation of \$10. Arrestees can get out of jail for a donation of \$20. ATWIND tickets will be awarded to the arrestee and requester.

The "Jail and Bail" hotline can be reached at 568-0248 Monday and Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Sonja Bragg at 963-5226.



## Charleston Warrior of the Week

### Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Christopher Simmons 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Christopher Simmons works in the wheel and tire shop in the 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron, where he disassembles, cleans, and rebuilds C-17 wheel and tire assemblies.

Airman Simmons said he likes the high level of responsibility his leadership gives him as the day-shift floor supervisor.

The Jacksonville, N.C., native has been at Charleston AFB for two years and joined the Air Force because of the educational benefits, an opportunity to better himself and to travel around the world.

Currently, Airman Simmons is working toward a degree from the Community College of the Air Force in workforce, education and development. Once he achieves his bachelor's degree, he plans on applying for Officer Training School.

In his off-duty time, he enjoys volunteering on and off-base, working out at the gym, spending time downtown and going to the beach.

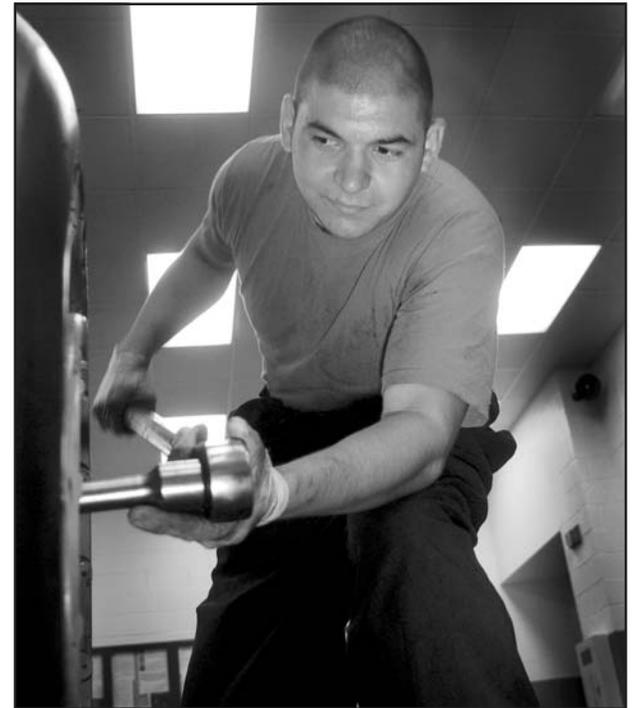


Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

**Women's Equality Day:** A panel of Charleston AFB military and civilian women will discuss women's equality through the years Aug. 25, 2-4 p.m., in the Education Center ballroom.

The Women's Equality Day buffet luncheon is Aug. 26, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., at the Charleston Club. The guest speaker is Chief Master Sgt. Carla Sharman, 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron. The cost is \$9 for members and \$11 for non-members.

**Stepfamily class:** Family Advocacy offers a five-session class concerning stepfamily living beginning

Aug. 26 and continuing the following four Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, call Jim Hernandez at 963-6504.

**Air Force Ball:** The Air Force Association Chapter 297 is sponsoring the Air Force Ball Sept. 6 at the North Charleston Convention Center. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The guest speaker is Lt. Gen. Duncan McNabb, Headquarters U.S. Air Force Staff, Plans and Programs deputy chief.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased through squadron representatives. The menu includes a garden salad, herb chicken with roasted garlic crème, vegetables, rolls, and Chocolate Lovin' Spoon Cake or cheesecake.

Baby-sitting services are offered on site for \$10, and reservations can be made with Tech. Sgt. Janet Clayton at 963-6024. The 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron offers free transportation from Charleston AFB to the convention center. Valet Parking at the convention center is offered by the 437<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Squadron. Promotional Embassy Suites rooms are offered that night for \$89. To make reser-

vations, call 747-1882 and reference the Air Force Ball.

**Golf Tourney:** The Charleston Chapter of the National Defense Transportation Association is having its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship and Chapter Fund-Raising Golf Tournament Oct. 3, with check-in beginning at 11 a.m. and a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m., at the Wrenwoods Golf Course. The cost is \$40, which covers the cart, green fees, beverages and lunch. For more information, call Ryan Westall at 963-3240.

**Decals:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron requires all cars to get a decal or personnel will have to get a visitor's pass each time they enter the base. The Pass and ID shop will be open Saturdays and Sundays in September allowing 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing members to get vehicle decals.

**Enlisted Spouse's Club:** The Enlisted Spouses' Club is sponsoring a silent auction at the Charleston Club. Sign up at the bid book by the Charleston Club ATM and barber shop. For more information, contact Pam White at 767-5797 or [mrssarge441@msn.com](mailto:mrssarge441@msn.com).

## FEATURE

# Charleston AFB kids go back to school

Story and photos by  
Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Amy Perry  
437 AW Public Affairs

Monday kicked off the 2003-2004 school year for many Charleston AFB children.

Although most were returning for another year, a new group of faces was seen at Lambs Elementary School.

Kindergartners stepped into their new world, and military parents were there to help their children make the transition.

The kindergartners were a little cautious at first, said Lambs' principal Janice Timko.

"But the minute they see the teachers smiling at them, they know it'll be okay," continued Mrs. Timko.

To offer extra assurance, many parents came with their children on the first day of class.

"It's a big day in a kid's life," said Staff Sgt. Daniel Ray, 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron antiterrorism and force protection NCOIC, who brought his daughter Emily. "It's bitter-sweet for parents. It's awesome experiencing your kid's accomplishments, but it's sad at the same time to watch them grow up so fast."

Emily's older brother, Jacob, also attends Lambs. Sergeant Ray and his wife, Kelly, think

it's important to be a part of the education process.

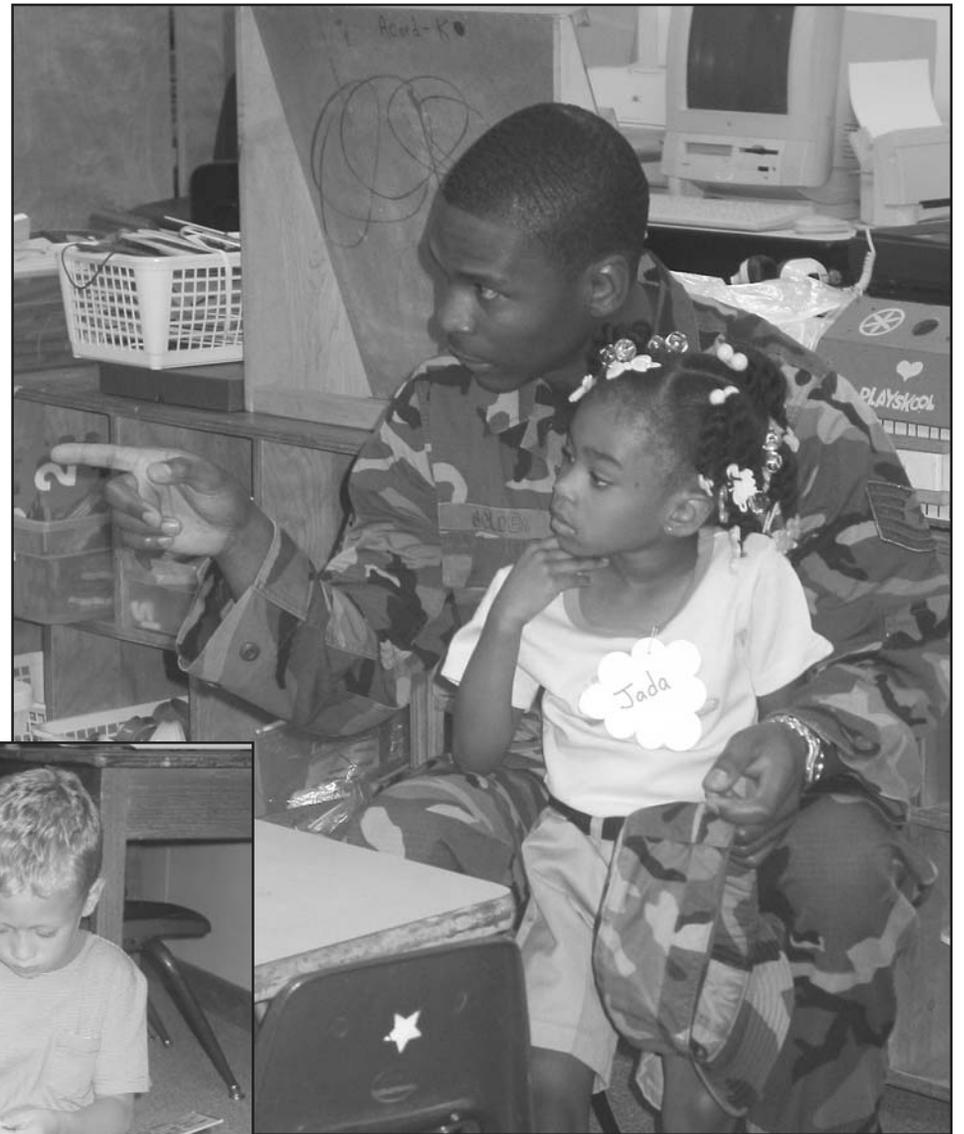
"My wife and I are very involved in both of our children's education," said Sergeant Ray. "We encourage them to always try hard and do their best, and we attend all of the special functions they are involved in. We even have lunch at their school from time to time."

Some students were only new to Lambs. Jada, daughter of Tech Sgt. Steven and Tara Bolden, 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron Management and Systems Flight document control NCOIC, attended an academy prior to going to kindergarten at Lambs.

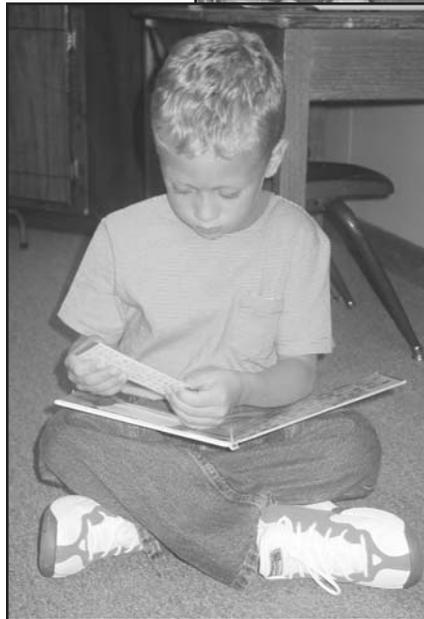
"While she is used to the learning environment," said Sergeant Bolden, "she is thrilled to be going to Lambs with her big brother, Devin. She considers herself a big girl now."

The majority of students at Lambs are from military families, said Mrs. Timko.

"The presence of the military parents is felt strongly here, and that's not just because



**Above:** Tech. Sgt. Steven Bolden, 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron, shows his daughter, Jada, around her new kindergarten class Monday.



**Left:** Kyle Wilson, son of Staff Sgt. Phillip Wilson, 437 LRS, looks through a book on his first day of kindergarten.

they're in uniforms," Mrs. Timko said. "It's obvious they have high expectations of their children, and they spend any time they have free with the children here, eating lunch or picking them up."

Mrs. Timko said she enjoys the close relationship between the base and the school and appreciates all the support for Lambs.

"It's great to know the base is over there," said Mrs. Timko.

## Base agency helps schools

The School Liaison Committee has been working on forming partnerships with the four schools that support base housing residents; Lambs, Hunley Park, Morningside Middle and North Charleston High Schools, said Betsy Crump, 437<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron Family Support Center. The committee is chaired by the mission support group commander and is

comprised of the Family Support Center, 437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron Family Member Flight and Family Advocacy. The purpose of the committee is to address local school and transition issues.

There are parent representatives from the schools that support base housing residents, private schools, magnet schools, home schools and other public schools in the local area.

"Our parent representatives provide valuable insight to inbound parents about their

respective schools," said Mrs. Crump. "They also work closely with the schools in identifying issues. The intent is not to replace the Parent Teacher Organization, but to complement each other while working on issues that affect military-connected students."

The SLC meets on the second Tuesday of every month, noon, with lunch at 11:30 a.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Mrs. Crump at 963-4411.

# 'I can't go to the Air Force Ball'

## Air Force Ball myths exposed

By Master Sgt. Angel Newman  
437 AW Public Affairs

This year's Air Force Ball, Sept. 6, is shaping up to be one of the best ever, according to Master Sgt. Steven Foster, Air Force Ball committee co-chair. Yet many misconceptions continue to plague this annual event. To set the record straight, the committee is providing answers to some of the most perpetuated myths.

### **Myth: "I'm only an airman; I can't go to the Air Force Ball. It's for officers."**

*Truth: The ball, sponsored by the Air Force Association Chapter 297, is an opportunity for all Team Charleston members, officers, enlisted, civilian employees, and supporters throughout the community, to come together and celebrate the great tradition of our Air Force. The camaraderie is meant to be shared by everyone.*

### **Myth: "I'm a Reservist; I can't go to the Air Force Ball."**

*Truth: First, see response above. Team Charleston means everyone. Operation Iraqi Freedom and the continued war on terrorism have been a true team effort, and the Air Force ball is a bit of a reward for everyone's hard work this year. It's a chance to get dressed up and enjoy a night out.*

### **Myth: "I don't have \$500 for a mess dress uniform. I can't go to the Air Force Ball."**

*Truth: For starters, a mess dress uniform usually costs under \$300. However, enlisted members can wear the semi-formal combination, which consists of the service dress uniform with a white shirt, under \$20 at clothing sales, and a tie or tab, with no hat or nametag. That's how easy it is to dress for the ball. Officers have to wear the mess dress, but just think how good those medals look hanging off the fitted jacket.*

### **Myth: "My spouse is deployed; I can't go to the Air Force Ball."**

*Truth: Again, refer to the first myth. Families are part of the team, and the job couldn't get done without the support of our families. Home-alone spouses are highly encouraged to come to the ball. Holding down the home front can be taxing. A night out, with childcare and valet parking available, might help. Get a group of friends and make it a girls, or guys, night out.*

### **Myth: "I won't have any fun if I go to the Air Force Ball."**

*Truth: Every situation is what you make of it. Take a few hundred of your friends, have a great meal, good conversation, an inspirational speaker, and then dance the night away with a top local band. Sounds like fun in there somewhere.*

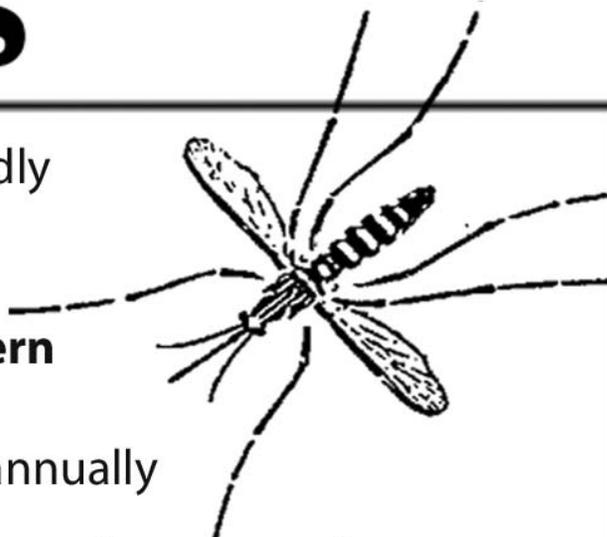
Tickets are now on sale for \$25. For more information or to purchase a ticket, contact a unit representative, or call 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Justin Sincoff at 963-4881.

## WELLNESS TIP

**Mosquitoes** spread deadly diseases, including **Malaria, Dengue Fever, West Nile Virus, Yellow Fever** and **Eastern Equine Encephalitis**, that kill more than **2 million people** annually

**Prevent** mosquito bites and prevent disease:

- \* **Avoid** outdoor activities at **dawn** and **dusk**
- \* Wear **long-sleeved** shirts and long **pants**
- \* **Use** insect repellents containing **DEET**



SOURCE: AMC Surgeon General's Office

Information graphic by AMC Public Affairs

## 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 - 4:15 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. No daily Mass on Mondays.

**Protestant Services:** Sunday - 5 p.m. Sunday School, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service and 11 a.m. Children's Church. Sunday - 5 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Bldg. 245.

**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.

**Today, 7:30 p.m.**  
**"Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde"**  
- Reese Witherspoon

Elle Woods turns her legal and fashion-savvy know-how toward getting a bill through Congress. The issue at hand is animal testing. She befriends the hotel's doorman who becomes her guide to the political system. **(PG-13) 94 minutes**

**Saturday, 2 p.m.**  
**"Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas"** - Animated

The adventure starts with the goddess of Chaos stealing the "Book of Peace," and framing Sinbad for the crime. Setting out to prove his innocence, Sinbad is challenged by terrifying monsters. **(PG) 86 minutes**

**Saturday, 7:30 p.m.**  
**"Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines"** - Arnold Schwarzenegger

Arnold returns in this third installment of the popular sci-fi action saga. **(R) 109 minutes**

## SPORTS & FITNESS

# AF basketball coach shoots for gold

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber  
315 AW Public Affairs

All-Air Force men's basketball coach Mark Watley arrived at Charleston AFB July 28 to evaluate and select 12 players to represent the Air Force in the Armed Forces Basketball Championships starting tomorrow at Camp Lejuene, N.C.

It's his passion for the game, which he said teaches about life, that makes Watley tick.

"When times get tough, it (basketball) teaches you to depend on other players," he said. "You have to depend on others, much like the Air

Force mission does. When you deploy, I depend on you, whatever your career field is. That's what basketball has taught me."

Watley's job this year is to win the gold medal for the Air Force after finishing second to Army two years in a row. To accomplish this, he stresses hard training.

"If my preparation is superior to my opponents' preparation, they couldn't possibly win," he said. Watley pushes his players hard in training camp practice because he said, "the championship is won right now."

Although winning the gold medal is impor-

tant to Watley, he puts the camp in perspective and motivates his players to do their best.

"You never know when you will be coming back here with deployments and the way the world is today," he said. "You have to make the most of your opportunity here."

His players are learning this, and many other lessons from Watley. Tyrone Wilson, a 5-foot-11-inch guard from Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, is in his fourth year on the All-Air Force Team and has worked with Watley as both a player and coach.

"In 2000 we played together, and we won the gold," he said. "Watley helped me with my weaknesses and told me my time would come."

"He's a hands-on coach, and the players like that," Wilson continued. "They respect him because he has been in our shoes, and he understands what it means to be a player. I would play on a broken ankle for him."

Watley's practices are structured and intense, as he simulates game situations.

"Those hard practices are meant to make us better players, and they do," said Wilson.

Earl Mitchell, a 6-foot-7-inch forward from Hickham AFB, Hawaii, is in his second year on the team. He praises Watley for his passion and teaching ethics.

### worth repeating

"Coach Watley eats and sleeps basketball. He pinpoints our strengths and weaknesses and gives us the tools to win and be successful."

— Earl Mitchell

All-Air Force men's basketball forward



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

Mark Watley, All-Air Force men's basketball coach, directs his players during a practice here. Coach Watley will lead the team in the Armed Forces Basketball Championships tomorrow at Camp Lejuene, N.C.

"Coach Watley eats and sleeps basketball," he said. "He pinpoints our strengths and weaknesses and gives us the tools to win and be successful. He reinforces the responsibility we have representing the Air Force and that we are in the top one percent of all basketball players in the Air Force."

That kind of motivation is something that Watley does best.

"Never forget those people over in the desert have afforded you the opportunity to come here," said Watley. "That should motivate you out of this world."

## Hoop dreams

### All-Air Force Basketball Team



No.	First Name	Last Name	Base
1	Tyrone	Wilson	Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
4	Derrick	Jackson	Offutt AFB, Neb.
10	Travis	Cantrell	Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio
15	Israel	Figuroa	Tyndall AFB, Fla.
21	Tyron	Wright	Whiteman AFB, Mo.
23	Kendric	Green	MacDill AFB, Fla.
24	Kendrick	Proctor	McConnell AFB, Kan.
25	Earl	Mitchell	Hickam AFB, Hawaii
32	Tom	Bellairs	USAFA, Colo.
33	Michael	Chandler	Cheyenne Mountain, Colo.
44	Corey	Nelson	Los Angeles AFB, Calif.
55	Darroll	Young	Mountain Home AFB, Ind.
<b>Coach</b>	Mark	Watley	Cheyenne Mountain, Colo.
<b>Asst.</b>	Gaberial	Scott	Tinker AFB, Okla.
<b>Trainer</b>	Neal	Beaty	Langley AFB, Va.
<b>OIC</b>	Eddie	Goad	Charleston AFB, S.C.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

### Stopped cold

Team Charleston Hockey Team goalie, Jeramie Banks, 373<sup>rd</sup> Training Squadron, prepares to block a slap shot in the semi-final game Monday. Team Charleston beat Frankie's Tires 12-11 in sudden death.