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Andrew Small, son of Aircraft Maintenance Squadron No. 1 pitcher Tech. Sgt. Dan Small, waves a trophy after AMXS defeated Flyers/Operations Support Squadron 18-14 to win the Intramural Softball Tournament Tuesday.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Clements

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By Col. Brooks Bash
437AWcommander

Congratulations

Congratulations are in order for all Charleston AFB's newest promotees, honored at yesterday's promotion ceremony. I was pleased such a large crowd turned out to honor coworkers who have been entrusted with the responsibility of higher rank.

Congratulations to the 437th Medical Group, which earned an Excellent rating in its recent Health Services Inspection. Hats off to outstanding performers **Staff Sgt. Ronnie Godbolt**, 437th Medical Operations Squadron, and **Tammy Martin**, 437 MDG network administrator. **Tech. Sgt. Tim Tarrant**, 437 MDG, also contributed greatly to meeting Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations requirements. See page XX for the full story.

We received word this week that **Capt. Joseph Sanduk**, 14th Airlift Squadron, and **Capt. Jason Renter**, 16th Airlift Squadron, are among 11 Air Force pilots chosen to conduct initial training of C-130J pilots. **Tech. Sgt. Charles Irwin**, 437th Operations Support Squadron, is one of 10 loadmasters selected to be part of the initial cadre. Congratulations!

ATWIND

If you see **Arvene Middleton** or **Tech. Sgt. Susan Henry** around base, congratulate them on winning \$100 and \$500, respectively, in ATWIND cash last week. Pick up your tickets at participating locations around base, and remember to play at least **two** ATWIND entries for **each** member of your family. Several weeks ago, our \$1,000 winner won by playing the free number, 9999-2003-999; if you or any member of your family has not played yet, visit www.atwind.com to see if you are a winner today.



Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing commander (not pictured), hosted Deputy Undersecretary of Defense Diane Morales on a base visit Wednesday. Lt. Col. Kevin Brewer, 437th Aerial Port Squadron commander, shows Morales around APS. "I've followed the C-17 for a long time," said Morales. "It really is an excellent airplane, and we need more of them."

Disaster Preparedness

Last week we put to the test our ability to recover if a hurricane struck the base. Special thanks to our exercise evaluation team, which is compiling lessons learned. Now is the time to ensure your family has its own hurricane plan. Be sure you have ample emergency supplies, and a plan in case you are required to evacuate. I urge you to visit the state's hurricane preparedness web site, www.state.sc.us/emd, to get helpful pointers.

Commissary parking

Thank you for your patience with a difficult parking situation at the base exchange and commissary. Demolition of the old commissary should be complete a week from today, making way for a new parking lot by the end of September.

Security

As we continue to prosecute the war on terrorism, it is as important as ever to stay vigilant. Be constantly aware of your surroundings, and do not hesitate to report suspicious activity to the law enforcement desk, 963-3600. This vigilance has stood us in good stead in the past, and we must maintain situational awareness, no matter what Force Protection Condition we are in.

Safety

We are more than halfway through the 101 Critical Days of Summer. Unfortunately, the Air Force has suffered greatly due to motorcycle accidents; 10 of 18 Air Force deaths this summer have been motorcyclists. Let's make sure no one from Team Charleston becomes part of this alarming statistic. If you ride a motorcycle, take extra precautions. Do not be lulled into a false sense of security based on your training or experience. Vehicle drivers, be on the lookout for cyclists, and give them extra space on the road. 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.

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

Dispatch

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Light, lean and agile AMC reorganizes to better serve warfighters

By **Gen. John Handy**

*U.S. Transportation Command and
Air Mobility Command commander*

Light, lean and agile. In a word, expeditionary. On Oct. 1, Air Mobility Command will once again adapt to a changing environment. Today, the world is a much smaller and more dangerous place. As an organization, we must streamline operations and leverage technology to respond.

Highlighting the importance of forward operations, 15th and 21st Air Forces will be redesignated as Expeditionary Mobility Task Forces, taking over the lead of AMC's four subordinate Air Mobility Operations Groups. AMC's staff directorates will transform to an "A-staff," adopting a common, joint organizational structure as they continue to focus on "train, organize and equip."

And, at the heart of it all, 18th Air Force will stand up as AMC's warfighting component, utilizing the Tanker Airlift Control Center as its air operations center.

This isn't the first time AMC has seen change. The activation of AMC in 1992 was a tremendous milestone in the evolution of America's Air Mobility Team. I had the honor of serving as the first commander of the TACC and have since seen its roles and responsibilities increase over time. This restructur-

ing maximizes those capabilities as we stand up one operations center under a single, three-star Numbered Air Force command element charged with presenting forces to our combatant commanders across the globe.

A three-star general will command 18 AF, and a one-star general will lead the TACC, each located at Scott AFB, Ill. Each EMTF will fall under the command of a one-star general, who will report directly to the NAF commander.

The result will be a single commander charged with the tasking and execution of all air mobility missions. AMC's wings and groups based in the continental United States, as well as the EMTFs with their subordinate AMOGs at Travis AFB, Calif.; Hickam AFB, Hawaii; McGuire AFB, N.J., and Ramstein AB, Germany, will report to 18 AF.

We will retain the heritage of the 15 AF at Travis AFB and the 21 AF at McGuire AFB. The lineage and honors of these proud organizations will continue in the EMTFs, which will perform the mission of leading operations within our global en route system.

As a former NAF commander and as the AMC commander, I have watched the role of the NAFs diminish over time. This reorganization returns them to their historical roots of executing global mobility operations and eliminates functions redundant to the AMC

staff.

The activation of 18 AF takes us to the future of NAF warfighting roles. It gives us a clean reporting chain, reconnects the disconnects and puts the NAF in operational control. It places responsibility for warfighting directly with the 18 AF commander.

This reorganization should be transparent outside of our command but will have a remarkable impact on our efficiency. The greatest effect will be on our headquarters staff, which will convert to an "A-Staff" structure.

For example, the headquarters will stand up an "A-7" directorate combining both civil engineers and services. For the first time, Mission Support Group commanders in the field will have a central point of contact in the staff for these key functions. The AMC staff will emerge as a true headquarters to train, organize and equip, leaving global operations to the 18 AF.

The time is right for this reorganization, especially as we face the demands of the Global War on Terrorism. We must have a command structure that is light, lean and more effective to meet the demands of the combatant commanders.

America's mobility forces are transforming and, at the same time, retaining our proud heritage.

Charleston chat

What was the first thing you did after returning home from a deployment?



"I went out with my friends. I was just happy to be back in Charleston."

— Senior Airman Keegan Filipiak
437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



"There was nothing as good as Mexican food over there, so I got tamales and a margarita."

— Staff Sgt. Juan Femath
1st Combat Camera Squadron



"I didn't go to the beach, because if I never see sand again, it'll be too soon."

— Staff Sgt. Bob Inlow
437th Maintenance Squadron



"I wanted to find out how much time I had off before I had to work again."

— Senior Airman Kevin McConico
437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



"I wanted to take a bubble bath to wash the sand piles out of my ears."

— Airman Sarah Sandifer
437th Operations Support Squadron

NEWS

MDG passes inspections with flying colors

Clinic focuses on war readiness, receives 'Excellent'

By Airman 1st Class Amy Perry
437 AW Public Affairs

The 437th Medical Group received an Excellent rating during health inspections July 22-24.

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and the Air Force Inspection Agency's Health Services Inspections were impressed with the clinic because of its focus on maximizing readiness, said Lt. Col. Daniel Flynn, 437th Medical Support Squadron commander.

"We recognize that the most important weapons system is the human weapons system," he said. "Our efforts are focused on enabling warfighters to perform their mission."

Nine HSI inspectors and two JCAHO survey-

ors noted the clinic's proficiency.

HSI inspections every three years ensure compliance with existing policy and the community standard of clinical practice. The HSI looked at expeditionary medical operations, in-garrison medical operations and leadership capabilities here.

The JCAHO sets the international standards by which health care quality is measured. It evaluates an organization's performance in areas that affect patient care and examines the clinic's qualifications, competencies and responsibilities as well as the surveillance, prevention and control of infections.

The HSI recognized Staff Sgt. Ronnie Godbolt, 437th Medical Operations Squadron medical technician, and Tammy Martin, 437 MDG network administrator, as outstanding performers.

Sergeant Godbolt was chosen for his work with the independent duty medical technician program. He was a brand-new IDMT who took

charge of the program when it started falling apart from the lack of continuity, said Senior Master Sgt. Mark Withers, 437 MDG superintendent. He took it upon himself to improve the program and train new IDMTs.

worth repeating

"We achieved excellence because of the character and service of the entire medical group."

— Lt. Col. Daniel Flynn

437th Medical Support Squadron commander

Mrs. Martin helped the 437 MDG earn high ratings with her knowledge of hardware and software, said Sergeant Withers. Whatever the clinic does for population health goes through her direct support.

"We're so dependent on technology in medicine today, each area couldn't have pulled off such great results without her direct support," said Sergeant Withers.

The 437 MDG leadership is pleased with the rating.

"We achieved excellence because of the character and service of the entire medical group," Colonel Flynn said. "We believe the Excellent rating is consistent with the 437th Airlift Wing's proud tradition of excellence."

Air Force releases 2004 realignments

Charleston AFB will see a boost in manpower authorizations in fiscal year 2004, according to the force-structure announcement released July 23.

The base gains 29 military positions and lose seven, for a net gain of 22 military personnel. On the civilian side, the base gains three positions but loses an additional two, for a net gain of one. Twelve civilian positions will be converted from civil service jobs to Non-Appropriated Funds positions.

This announcement addresses fiscal 2004 force structure, realignment, and management actions resulting from mission changes, adjustments for efficiency and both congressional and presidential directives.

The 437th Airlift Wing Manpower and Organization Office ensures commanders are aware of current and pending manpower changes to help them evaluate additional manpower requests, according to Tona

Cook, 437 AW MO chief.

"Manpower had been actively involved in the public announcement process for the past six months, ensuring data is accurately reflected on unit manning documents," said Ms. Cook.

Twenty-nine military and three civilian positions will be used to support 437th Airlift Wing flying operations.

"The positions being filled will support expanding operations capabilities and ensure that worldwide mobility requirements are met," said Lt. Col. Rick Lassiter, 437th Operations Group Deputy Commander, Special Capabilities.

The remainder of positions will be disbursed throughout the base.

The Air Force will lose 2,260 military and 2,839 civilian manpower positions, and 1,055 reserve drill authorizations next year.

(Airman 1st Class Stephanie Hammer, 437 AW Public Affairs, also contributed to this story.)

Airman court martialed May 19-20

An airman first class from Charleston AFB was court-martialed May 19-20.

The accused pled guilty at a general court-martial to violations of Article 80 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, attempted theft of a military computer; Article 92 of the UCMJ, downloading pornography on a government computer in violation of a lawful general regulation; Article 107 of the UCMJ, false official statement; Article 121 of the UCMJ, larceny of a military computer; Article 121 of the UCMJ, larceny of \$50 in cash; Article 134 of the UCMJ, manufacturing counterfeit money; and Article 134 of the UCMJ, passing counterfeit money.

The accused pled not guilty to a violation of Article 121 of the UCMJ, larceny of a guitar. However, the court-martial found the accused guilty of this offense.

In April 2002, the accused stole a guitar from a dorm room on base and sold it to a local music shop. The victim was a coworker and friend who lived in the same building. In May 2002, the accused was caught passing a \$50 counterfeit bill on base in exchange for cash.

Investigators later discovered that the accused had been manufacturing counterfeit money while on duty.

During the investigation, the accused made a false official statement to Office of Special Investigation agents. During the fall of 2002, the accused stole a government computer from his duty section. He then downloaded pornographic pictures and movies onto the computer. Following that, the accused attempted to steal another government computer from his duty section, but was unsuccessful due to the efforts of personnel in his squadron.

A military judge sentenced the airman to 54 months confinement, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, reduction to E-1, a dishonorable discharge and a \$3,000 fine or six months additional confinement if the fine is not paid.

Courts-martial are open to the public. For more information about attending future trials or the court-martial process, call the 437th Airlift Wing Judge Advocate office at 963-5502. **(Submitted by the 437 AW Legal Office.)**

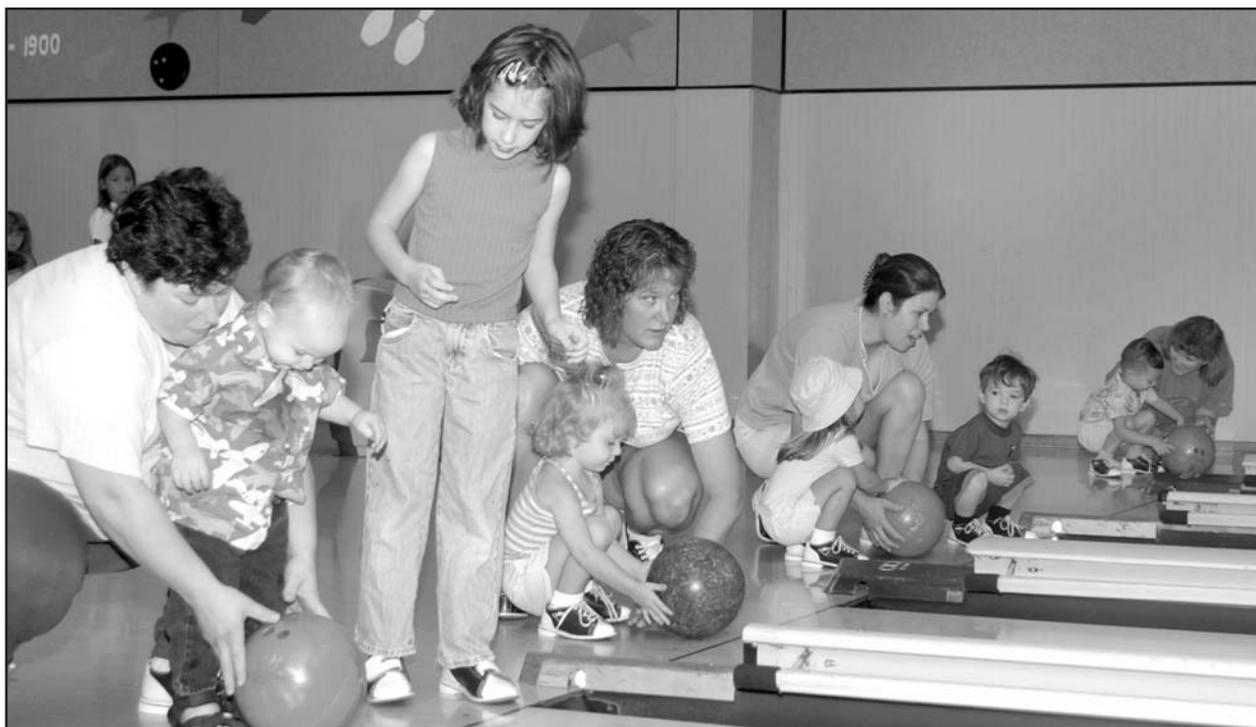


Photo by Andre Bullard

Family Child Care providers and children link up for a bowling ball race during an outing to the base Bowling Center July 22. Pictured (left to right) are: **Susan Lilly**, care provider and spouse of Staff Sgt. Jeremy Lilly, 437th Operations Support Squadron, and two of their children, **Luke**, and **Maria**; **Grace Singleton**, daughter of Will and Faye Singleton; **Chris Cormier**; **Hayley Dunaway**, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Andy and Cheryl Dunaway, 1st Combat Camera Squadron; **Kyle Estes**, son of Capt. Greg and Lauren Estes, 14th Airlift Squadron; **Jordan Burnett**, son of Staff Sgt. Charles and Ranale Burnett, 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; and **Lisa Barry**.

'It's rewarding'

Family Child Care providers help support mission

By Maj. Linda Pepin
437 AW Public Affairs

In recent months, a number of Family Child Care providers have taken jobs outside of the home, and permanent change of station moves this summer have taken a toll on the FCC program at Charleston AFB.

The base is left with only 10 in-home child care providers, compared to an Air Force standard of 28 for a base this size.

The need is particularly urgent for care providers for Team Charleston's youngest members, according to Sherian Vickers, Family Child Care coordinator

"A lot of parents have to go off base, especially for infant and toddler care," Ms. Vickers said. "For anyone with children under age two, it's really hard to find a space in our program or in the Child Development Center."

Chris Cormier, an affiliated provider who cares for children in her Summerville home, is helping fill that need, caring for two 2-year-olds and a 7-year-old, in addition to her own two children. "I wanted to stay home with my children and raise them, and the children are fun to watch, too."

Her sentiments were echoed by other family care providers. On alternating days, Cheryl Dunaway cares for six children, 6 and under, in addition to her own two children. "I can have an income and still have my children at home with me and be there when Tyler [her 7-year-old son] gets home from school," she said.

Care providers typically charge \$80 to \$100 per child per week, Ms. Vickers said, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture provides reimbursement for children's snacks and meals. An FCC lending closet also has a wide variety of equipment

and toys available for providers to sign out, so providers have very limited start-up costs.

The social benefits are less tangible but real. Providers periodically get together for informal outings with the children. "One of the things I like is that we get to do so much more, relatively inexpensively, because in a lot of cases we can get group rates," said Susan Lilly, who provides full-time care for one child and part-time care for another three children in addition to her own.

The FCC, CDC and Youth Center staff help the in-home providers develop as care providers, Mrs. Lilly said, including home visits from curriculum specialists. These experts can help providers address development issues, like helping children deal with deployment of a parent, said Mrs. Lilly.

"It's rewarding, but it's tough," she said. "Just like you [military members] know you have a mission to do, so you just do it, we do the same thing but just in a different aspect."

Along with that support comes strict regulation.

"We do have a lot of rules," Mrs. Vickers said. "But everybody who has come through our class says if they would put their child some place, they would want to have them in a home like this."

The rewards of being an FCC provider far outweigh the drawbacks, according to Lisa Barry, a former special education teacher, who now cares for five children full-time.

"There's really not a price you can put on not only taking care of your own child, but taking care of other people's children and the satisfaction of seeing them leave your house every morning knowing their child is in good hands. I feel like I support the mission, because these parents can go to work every day and not worry about their child, so they can focus on their job and what they need to do," Mrs. Barry said.

Providers needed

The next training session for Family Child Care providers is Aug. 19-21.

Family members of active duty, retired, Reserve, or Department of Defense civilians living on base or within a 10-mile radius of the base are eligible to be care providers.

FCC providers must be at least 18, and have a high school diploma or equivalent, and must be willing and able to complete free training in topics including child development, health and safety, nutrition.

Benefits

- In-home work
- \$80 - \$100 per week per child
- Flexible schedule
- Lending program
- Co-worker network
- USDA food program reimbursement

For information on becoming a Family Child Care provider, call the FCC office at 767-2134.

AROUND THE AIR FORCE

King of comedy Bob Hope dies at age 100

WASHINGTON—The King (of Comedy) is dead. Long live the King.

Such might be the public reaction to news that American comedy giant Bob Hope had died of pneumonia July 27 at his Toluca Lake, Calif., home at age 100.

Yet, perhaps no other organization mourns

Hope's passing more than the Pentagon, for whom the British-born comedian undertook numerous—and often dangerous—overseas tours to entertain U.S. troops between 1943 during World War II to his last in 1990, just before Operation Desert Storm.

In a July 28 statement, the Department of Defense cited Hope's death as "the loss of a true American patriot."

Hope, according to DOD, "called the troops 'his best friends,' and he made it his mission to be with them wherever they served, regardless of distance or danger."

Hope was born Leslie Townes Hope in Eltham, England, on May 29, 1903. His family immigrated to America in 1907. He became a star on vaudeville, Broadway, radio, and in movies and television - and a hero to U.S. servicemen and women.

The comedian became famous for flourishing a golf club during his comedy act. But Hope also became well-known as a patriot who over the last six decades risked his life to visit with and entertain more than 12 million U.S. servicemen and women during 700 trips stateside and overseas in peace and war.

After the allies' victory over the Axis powers in 1945, Hope continuing entertaining service members throughout the Cold War. He made numerous visits to overseas U.S. troops during the Vietnam War.

Hope made his last troop visit at Christmas in 1990, when he cheered American service members in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert

Shield, right before the launch of Desert Storm to liberate Kuwait from Iraqi military occupation.

The comedian was honored five times by the U.S. Congress. Hope had a Charleston AFB C-17 transport plane named after him. The USNS Bob Hope, a roll-on/roll-off cargo ship, was christened 1997.

In October 1997, Bob Hope was made an honorary veteran by both houses of Congress - the first time an individual has been so honored in U.S. history.

The DOD statement also cited the Pentagon's "profound gratitude" for Hope's decades of service to the country, recognizing the positive impact he made on military morale over the years. DOD also extended its "deepest sympathy" to the de-

ceased comedian's family and friends. (*Armed Forces Information Service*)

Military evacuations continue in Liberia

LUNGI, Sierra Leone - Air Force HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters flew a Marine antiterrorism security team to the U.S. Embassy in Monrovia, Liberia, on July 21. They also evacuated 23 people.

The airmen and helicopters are assigned to the 56th Expeditionary Rescue Squadron from Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland. They are based at an intermediate staging base. The action comes in the wake of growing civil unrest in Liberia.

The 56 ERQS and the 786th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron from Sembach AB, Germany, form the 398th Air Expeditionary Group. The units have been providing recovery and emergency evacuation capability for the humanitarian assistance survey team in Liberia

since July 13. (*U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service*)

Travel into Iraq easier with "express" ticket

SCOTT AFB, Ill. - When planning a business trip, most people don't just jump in the car and drive. They plan their trip carefully to ensure they reach their intended destination safely and on time.

According to Sharon Boynton, Tanker Airlift Control Center, Deputy Director Global Channel Operations, Scott AFB, Ill., service members traveling into and out of the Iraqi theater of operations must do the same.

The Patriot Express system enables deploying personnel to travel aboard a commercial aircraft departing the U.S. from Seattle, Atlanta, or Baltimore, as well as Frankfurt, Germany. Passengers then proceed to Kuwait or Al Udeid where they transfer to a military aircraft for movement into the Iraqi theater. (*Air Mobility Command News Service*)



Bob Hope

Combat Camera Photo of the Week

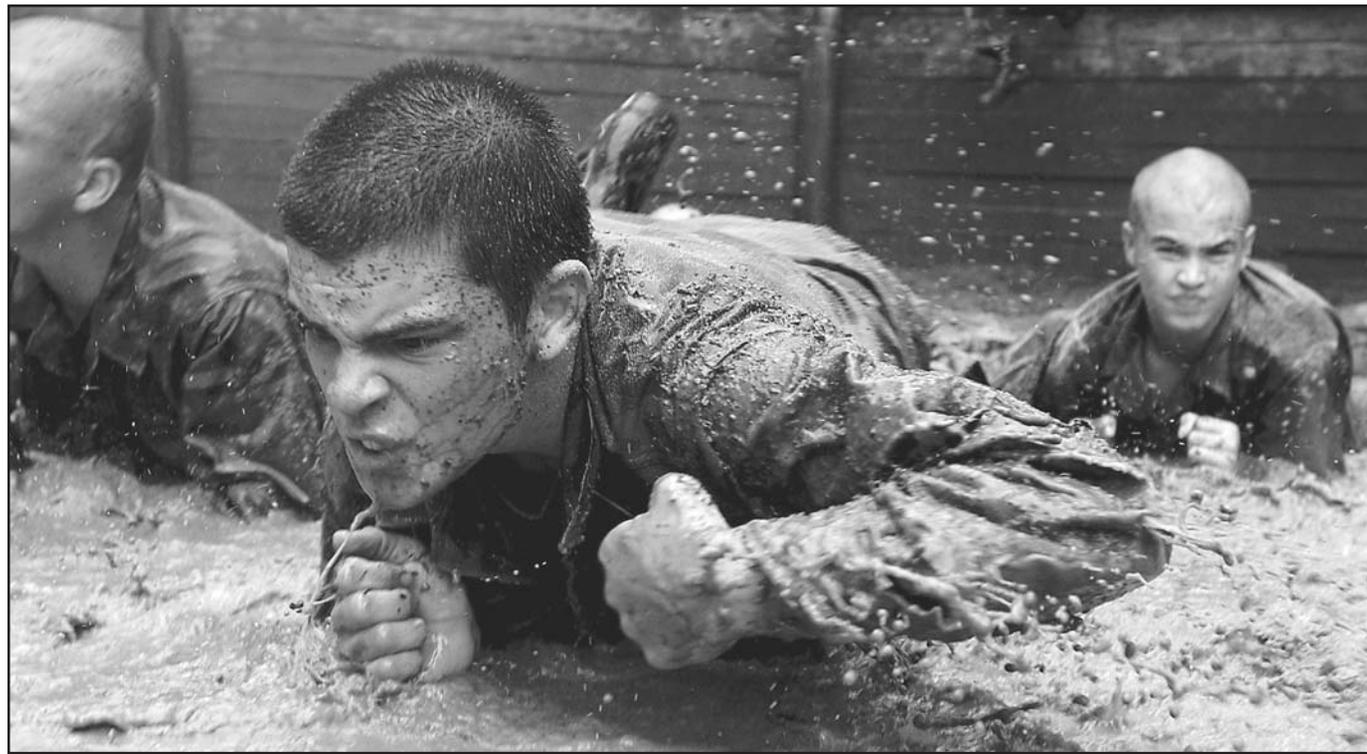


Photo by Staff Sgt. Larry A. Simmons

Tomorrow's soldiers

A trainee high crawls through an obstacle at the end of the Fit-To-Win course at Army Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, S.C., July 22.. BCT is a nine-week course designed to transform young American volunteers into disciplined, motivated, physically fit soldiers who believe in teamwork and espouse the Army's seven core values.

NEWS BRIEFS

Spotlight

Retirement: The 437th Medical Group hosts a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. David Hayes today, 10 a.m., in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call Senior Airman Yolanda Jones at 963-4360.

Retirement: The Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 310 hosts a retirement ceremony for Special Agent (Tech. Sgt.) Julian Blair today, 3 p.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Brenda Murray at 963-3248.

Around the base

Attention: Anyone who purchased a 1931 Model A Ford with rumble seats and antique Alabama tags from a local individual approximately six months ago should contact Detective Geno Alteri, Berkley County Sheriff's Office, at 723-3800 ext. 4574 or 209-5802.

Consignment shop: The Consignment shop reopens today. The shop will be open every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m.

ERAU: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University offers class registration through Monday. Classes begin Monday and end Oct. 3 in the education building.

Park U: Park University offers class registration through Monday for classes at the education center, and through Aug. 17 for online classes. For more information, call Debra Smalls at 552-8301.

Charleston Warrior of the Week

Staff Sgt. Quinton Burris 1st Combat Camera Squadron

Staff Sgt. Quinton Burris is an aerial combat photojournalist in the 1st Combat Camera Squadron. He is responsible for assigning, coordinating and documenting Air Force and joint operation imagery during combat, exercises, contingencies and humanitarian relief operations. Sergeant Burris also edits, and writes captions and supporting stories for the imagery. He supports commanders at all levels by transmitting his imagery to the Joint Combat Camera Center at the Pentagon. The Brooklyn, N.Y., native has been in the Air Force for eight years. He joined to finish school, but stayed for other reasons. "I like traveling to different places and documenting various events," said Sergeant Burris. "I like the thought of providing a view to those who are not able to be present." He spent his last year at Charleston completing his bachelor's degree in photojournalism from Syracuse University, N.Y. Sergeant Burris enjoys working out, playing basketball, watching movies and relaxing.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Cecilio Ricardo

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

Housing Office: The Housing Office closes Aug. 8, noon, for renovations. Normal working hours will resume in its new location on the first floor of Bldg. 302 Aug. 11, 7:30 a.m.

SLC: The School Liaison

Committee's next meeting is Aug. 12, 11:30 a.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Donna Jackson at 963-2202.

Commissioning brief: The Charleston AFB Education and Training Flight holds a commissioning briefing Aug. 20, 9 a.m. This briefing is mandatory for all interested in applying for a commissioning program. For more information, call Elizabeth Connell at 963-4578.

Math CLEP course: There is a math college level examination program preparatory class Aug. 25-27, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the base education center. Students who successfully complete the course will be administered the exam on Aug. 28. Personnel must sign-up in person by Aug. 22, noon, for the class. For more information, call Cynthia Stegall at 963-4575.

DRMO: The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office can help meet mission re-

quirements. All Department of Defense organizations can screen free excess at www.drms.dla.mil. For more information, call the 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron at 963-4835.

Parents wanted: The School Liaison Committee is seeking parent representatives. The representatives are asked to attend one meeting per quarter and be available by phone or e-mail to give inbound parents a perspective of the school their children attend. There are vacancies open for Hunley Park Elementary and North Charleston High School. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Donna Jackson at 963-2202.

Auto Skills: The Auto Skills Center offers \$25 oil changes. Customers can drop off their car and keys in the early bird or overnight service box. Oil changes are usually \$25. The center offers tire rotations, spin balancing and patching. For more information, call the Auto Skills Center at 963-4942.

AMC Wellness Tip of the Week

According to the Air Mobility Command Surgeon General's office, the single most important thing a person can do to prevent the spread of disease is to wash their hands with hot, soapy water for 56 seconds before eating or preparing food. The AMC medical professionals said less than 2 percent of people do this.

Other related information includes:

— There are 76 million reported cases of food-borne illness in the United States each year.

— It is critical for field commanders to construct hand-washing stations to reduce costly gastro-intestinal disease outbreaks. **(The AMC Wellness Tip of the Week is provided by the AMC Surgeon General's Office)**

FEATURE



SUPREME TEAM: C-17s STRUT THEIR STUFF

Six C-17 Globemaster IIIs participate in a training airdrop formation Sunday. Nine C-17s were in the formation designed to test Team Charleston's ability to deliver cargo on target safely. The exercise also helped to train more lead-qualified airdrop pilots.

By 2nd Lt. Bryan Lewis
437 AW Public Affairs

As the formation approaches its drop zone, a loud rumble fills the plane's belly. Suddenly, light begins to cut into the red tint from the jump signal lights as anticipation chokes the air.

All the time, energy and training the crews and ground support personnel exerted come down to this awe-inspiring moment. Better than any in-flight movie on commercial airlines, the back ramp of the C-17 opens to reveal its own motion picture masterpiece.

This almost cinematic climax is a view of eight other C-17s, with eight other crews, staring back.

It is a portrait of Team Charleston.

It is teamwork.

This teamwork culminated in a large formation training mission Sunday.

The mission began at 4:30 a.m. with a flight briefing covering the mission profile, training objectives, and safety precautions.

The nine-ship formation was designed to practice large air drops and train more lead-qualified airdrop pilots. It tested Team Charleston's ability to complete

these objectives with a large formation.

Airmen from each active-duty and Reserve airlift squadron here participated in the training.

However, it didn't stop with the flyers.

Even to the casual observer, it was obvious that behind the long line of jets visible on the taxiway was an

even longer line of transportation, maintenance, and aerial-port experts who came together to make the mission possible.

Following the flight briefing,

transportation provided a bus ride for the aircrew to their plane. The crew stepped aboard the aircraft, where maintainers had checked and prepared the aircraft for flight, and aerial porters loaded pallets they had built for the airdrop.

After three hours of pre-flight preparations, the Globemasters were ready for take off.

All nine C-17s rumbled down the runway at 30-second intervals, bound for North Auxiliary Air Field.

"This mission was a total success," said Capt. David Taylor, 14th Airlift Squadron pilot. "The nine C-17s were able to accomplish several training objectives and show Team Charleston's ability to support a large formation departure."

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437 AW holds memorial service

The 437th Airlift Wing held a memorial service Wednesday for Ronald Wiggins, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron chief of infrastructure, at the Base Chapel Wednesday.

"To the wing, Mr. Wiggins was a superior performer and dedicated leader," added Chief Master Sgt. Carla Sharman, 437 CES. "To the CE family, he was a trusted advisor, confidant, surrogate father, brother and beloved friend."

The memorial service was an "All Ranks Salute," given by a broad range of Mr. Wiggins' coworkers and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Myrtle; two sons, Ronald and Kenneth; two brothers, Doyle and Nathan; two sisters, Nadre and Delorise; and five grandchildren.

Mr. Wiggins was born Nov. 10, 1939, in Jesup, Ga.

He served in all three branches of the service: 18 months in the Army National Guard, 20 years in the Navy and 21 years in the Air Force

for a total service time of nearly 43 years.

He joined Team Charleston in 1982, serving more than 20 years here before his death.



Ronald Wiggins

Mr. Wiggins played a key role in three Air Force level awards: two as best Civil Engineer Squadron in the Air Force, 1995 and 2001; and one as Best Civil Engineer Operations Flight, 2002. Additionally, he was the 2001 Category 3 Civilian of the Year for the 437th Airlift Wing.

"Mr. Wiggins had an impeccable work ethic," said Tech. Sgt. Donald Fannin, 437 CES. "He often was the first to arrive and the last to leave."

Mr. Wiggins was kind hearted and patient, said Sergeant Fannin. His coworkers saw him as more than chief of infrastructure.

"He was a father figure who everyone gave 150 percent for," said Sergeant Fannin. "He was the kind of person you didn't want to let down."

Vehicle registration mandatory at CAFB

All vehicles entering Charleston AFB must have a Department of Defense registered vehicle decal displayed on their windshield by Aug. 21.

Drivers of vehicles without a decal will have to pull over at the base entry control point registration office to obtain a visitor vehicle pass from Security Forces.

All personnel assigned to the base must register their vehicles within 10 duty days of arrival or vehicle purchase. Vehicles must have state registration and license plates prior to base registration, or a temporary pass will be issued until permanent plates have been obtained.

All active duty and civilian personnel permanently assigned or employed with CAFB have vehicle registration privileges. Vehicle registration privileges are also extended to Reserve and National Guard personnel, honor-

ary commanders, retired military, assigned foreign exchange officers, numbered air force, Defense Commissary Agency employees, and Army and Air Force Exchange Service employees.

The current supply of base decals is limited and will be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis. If the supply is gone before the new shipment arrives, people will be temporarily issued a visitor's pass.

Register vehicles at the 437th Security Forces Squadron, Bldg. 254, Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. People will need a military ID card, valid driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of automobile insurance at the time of registration.

For more information, call the 437 SFS Pass and Registration Branch at 963-3626 or 963-7479, or Senior Master Sgt. James Snelgrove at 963-3621.

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* - 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.

Tonight, 7:30 p.m.

"Alex and Emma" - Luke Wilson

Kate, a stenographer, is hired to help Alex complete his novel. Along with writer's block, Alex owes a hundred grand to Cuban loan sharks and has only one month to make good. His novel is stuck in his head, but he can't get it down on paper and if he doesn't hand his publisher a finished book fast, he's a dead man. **(PG-13) 96 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

"The Hulk" - Eric Bana

In this adaptation of the long-running Marvel comic "The Incredible Hulk," research scientist Dr. Bruce Banner's failed experiments cause him to mutate into a monstrously powerful and savage green-skinned behemoth whenever he loses control of his emotions. Jennifer Connelly plays his love interest, Betty Ross; Nick Nolte plays his dangerous father; and Sam Elliott plays Betty's father, the tough-as-nails General Thaddeus "Thunderbolt" Ross. **(PG-13) 138 minutes**

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SPORTS & FITNESS

AMXS edges out Flyers 18-14 to win base softball championship

By **Airman 1st Class Stephanie Hammer**
437 AW Public Affairs

Neither rain nor the Flyers/Operations Support Squadron could stop the Aircraft Maintenance Squadron No. 1 from capturing the 2003 Intramural Softball Tournament title Tuesday.

After pushing the championship game back six days due to poor field conditions caused by poor weather, AMXS (23-5) defeated the defending champions 18-14. AMXS ended the double-elimination tournament unbeaten in four games.

"It's always good as a maintainer to beat the Flyers," said right-center fielder and coach John Forsythe. "There's an unwritten rivalry between the two of us. They're great to compete against, and you know you have to bring your A game when you play them or you will lose."

The Flyers (21-10) started the game by putting eight runs on the board before AMXS had their first at-bat. AMXS pitcher Dan Small struggled at the mound, giving up three walks before bringing his team to the batter's box.

Trailing 8-0, AMXS rallied behind the plate as second baseman Brian Scroggs cracked one over the fence to drive in two runs. Forsythe finished off the first inning by nailing another home run, scoring two runs and pushing AMXS to a surprising 14-8 lead.

"We were ready to put a show of our own on and get those runs back," said Scroggs. "The home run bumped up my confidence and led to one heck of an inning for us."

At the bottom of the third, AMXS

brought home four more runs, securing their lead at 18-11.

"There were no egos in the dugout," said Forsythe. "We all wanted to win and did what we had to do to get the job done."

The Flyers scored three more runs in spite of a double play initiated by AMXS shortstop James McBath, but were still trailing by four going into the final inning.

"That was the most memorable play of the season for me," said McBath. "I had to jump over Ed (Ebersole) to get the runner out at first."

With two on base, Flyers extra hitter Chris Anthony hit a fly ball to right field for the third out, ending the championship by a close 18-14.

"We made AMXS earn their title," said Flyers catcher Rob Sadwick. "We played solid defense for the most part and had some decent offense at times. With the exception of the first inning, we pretty much held them in check by only giving up four runs over the last six innings.

"Unfortunately, we didn't take advantage of that," he continued. "If we could have put just a couple of runs in each inning, the outcome may have been in our favor."

In winning the championship, AMXS stopped the two-year streak by the Flyers.

"We did our best to defend our title from the previous two years," said Sadwick. "Although we could never put the same team on the field from night to night, we always had quality players who gave 110 percent – that's all you can ask.

"Of course we want to win," he continued. "But, intramurals are fun, and I'm glad everybody had a chance to play in another successful season."



Photos by Staff Sgt. Corey Clements

Above: AMXS second baseman Brian Scroggs looks on as short stop James McBath throws the ball to first base, wrapping up a double play in the top of the fifth inning.

Right: Shortstop Chris Marsh, Flyers/OSS, catches the ball at second base and forces out McBath for the final out in the third inning of the intramural softball championship. AMXS won the title 18-14.

