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Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

Fourteen-year-old Dexter Fuller, son of Jennifer Major, 437th Services Squadron Youth Programs coordinator, does the freestyle at an intramural swim meet July 17. The meet concluded a summer swim camp here, where Dexter spent more than five weeks improving his abilities. "He was one of our star swimmers," said Frank de Aragon, 437 SVS aquatics and fitness director. The next Youth Sports Advisory Council meeting is July 29, 5 p.m., in the Youth Programs Center.

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Commander's Comments

By Col. Brooks Bash
437AW commander

Recognition

Hearty congratulations to all the nominees for wing quarterly awards. I am constantly amazed by the great things our people do, and all the nominees exemplify the best in all of us. The second quarter winners are: **Airman 1st Class Christopher Hargis**, 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Margo Hamm**, 437th Services Squadron; **Master Sgt. Michael Irons**, 437 CES; **2nd Lt. Corey Ringhisen**, 437th Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron; **Capt. Karen Hennigan**, 437 AW judge advocate general corps; **Mr. Jeffrey McGraw**, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Mr. Joseph Clodfelter**, 315th Maintenance Group; and **Airman 1st Class John Hassell**, 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, who was the Honor Guard winner.

Congratulations are also in order for CAFB's 23 major-selects, chosen not only for past accomplishments but also for their potential as leaders. A list of our newest field-grade officers is on page 7. Congratulations!

This week I also presented a 30-year service pin to **Mrs. Debra Etheredge**, 437 LRS commander's secretary. Her dedication to service is a credit to our civilian employees.

Congratulations to **Mr. Walt Jensen**, 437th Operations Support Squadron, recently named the Air Force Civilian Operations Resource Manager for 2002.

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and Health Services Inspection teams were here this week evaluating medical service here. Special thanks to **Lt. Col. Frank Budd**, **Mr. Phil Cooper** and **Chief Master Sgt. Mark Withers** from the 437th Medical Group for their work in preparing the wing for the inspections.

Shadow

This past Tuesday, **Senior Airman Antonio Little**, 437th Maintenance Operations Squadron, was my shadow for the day. New to the base this year, Airman Little comes to us from Cannon AFB, N.M., where he racked up numerous awards. He was recently named distinguished graduate of Airman Leadership School here, and I look for more great things from him in the future.

Welcome

This coming week we welcome **Ms. Diane Morales**, Deputy

Action Line addresses CE parking, condition of tennis courts

Q: Civil Engineers in Bldg 661 put a sign in their parking lot that reads "parking for Civil Engineer only," and an airman patrols the parking lot in the morning so that nobody else can park in those parking spots, telling us that we are not permitted to park there unless we are CE. This causes many problems due to the construction around our maintenance work area.

A: I appreciate your call concerning the parking problems created by the construction near Civil Engineering, AMU's 3 and 4,

and the new Mobility Warehouse. Parking is a premium in this area, with some relief to come when the Mobility Warehouse site work is finished in July. Unfortunately, the parking issue will not be resolved until the construction of a new CES/Contracting Complex, which is the Wing's number one unfunded Military Construction project. In the mean time, the sign you refer to has been removed, and people are encouraged to refrain from parking close to building entrances of other units.

Q: I urge you to drive to the tennis courts near the base picnic grounds



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Clements

Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing commander, presents the Spirit Award to **Maj. Robert Blue**, 437th Comptroller Squadron commander, and squadron members following the Independence Fun Run Wednesday. The next run is the Back to School Fun Run, slated for Aug. 15.

Undersecretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness. Ms. Morales will tour various base facilities for a firsthand look at our mission.

Deployments

We have our airmen deploying daily as we continue to support Aerospace Expeditionary Force Blue. With nearly 700 people deployed, it is increasingly important for units to actively take care of the families left behind. Check in with the families of people deployed from your unit, and seek out ways to provide them the extra support they need.

We continue to be busy with cargo and aircraft movements, moving more than 6,000 tons of cargo so far this month. Our maintainers are working wonders. For example, three years ago, an engine change took 52 hours to complete; the same work today takes only 16 hours. Our support functions continue to provide seamless world-class service. I am extremely proud of how you, Team Charleston, continue to set the pace.

As the operations tempo remains brisk, keep focus on safely accomplishing the mission. The missions leaving here each day directly support our nation's foreign policy and sustain forward-deployed troops from all branches of the service. Each member of Team Charleston can take great pride in knowing that we are making a positive difference around the world.

Keep up the great work, and be safe out there!

and see the condition of them. The surfacing and lighting is very poor if you like to play at night. Also, the three tennis courts near the flightline have poor lighting where a second light on each post has been removed.

Most tennis courts have a two-hour built in timer for lighting, which shuts off automatically, so they are cost effective if someone forgets to turn them off. We need to have this type of lighting and good surfacing to engage in a healthier lifestyle. Charleston AFB is beautiful; let's make it better for everyone. Thank

you.

A: Thank you for your call. A tennis court upgrade project is on the Fiscal Year 2003 end-of-year project list. Plans include repairing court surfaces, replacing fences and repairing or upgrading lights. The upgrades will also include an energy efficient timer. Tennis is a great year-round sport here at Charleston and we look forward to enhancing the courts on base.

— Col. Brooks Bash
437AW commander

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Team Charleston:

Professionals are what we are; with professionalism is how we do it

By Lt. Col. Jeffrey Watson
Former 437 AW Staff Judge Advocate

Three years ago, I reported in to Charleston AFB and knew immediately I was at a base that was proud of its professionalism. Everywhere I went, I saw Air Force men and women working together to get the airlift mission done.

What I found is that the men and women here, who we affectionately call Team Charleston, are mission-focused and know how to get the job done.

As the staff judge advocate for the last three years, I am most proud of the staff of the legal office that I call "Team Legal." The judge advocates, paralegals and administrative staff who comprise Team Legal are well-trained, highly-motivated individuals who are there for Team Charleston any time, night or day. The accolades they receive are well-deserved and validated by the outstanding customer comments I received all the time.

I have seen the professionalism in my judge advocates when manning was low. We adjusted our work day schedules to 12-hour days or more to help the director of wing staff with duties and to fulfill our responsibilities to provide quality legal service to the commanders and Team Charleston personnel.

A prime example of service before self, what I am calling professionalism, was displayed by my Civil Law paralegal, who selflessly volunteered to work multiple shifts helping the base process returning dependents repatriating from Incirlik AB,

Turkey, prior to Operation Iraqi Freedom. Despite having worked long hours at the office and having already worked a night shift, he volunteered to stay through the Saturday shift and performed superbly, taking each legal issue that came up and tracking down the right person to work the problem. When you have folks who will step up and do the job without being told, that's dedication and competence. That's professionalism.

When a judge advocate and a paralegal from my office went on temporary duty to Asheville, N.C., to provide legal assistance to our weather unit there and performed in an outstanding way, I call that caring and interest. I call that professionalism.

The Team Charleston professionals are not all in my office, however. When I went to the gym to work out and needed a towel, instead of saying "come back later," the staff sergeant there said, "I'll get you one, sir."

When I asked one of our fine soldiers at the Rivers Gate for assistance in getting my household goods carrier on base, it was, "no problem, sir, I'll take care of it."

Again, that's professionalism.

As I say farewell to the fine men and women of Team Charleston, I keep with me the fond memories of their dedication to our airlift mission. They are as excited, dedicated and prepared today, if not more, than they were three years ago. All of that is due to their professionalism. Professionals are what we are; with professionalism is how we do it.

Change of Command

Maj. Paul Stang assumed command of the 437th Security Forces Squadron in a ceremony July 18.

Major Stang has a bachelor's degree of science in cartography from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Wis.

After receiving his commission through Reserve Officer Training Corps in May 1989 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Major Stang was assigned to the 1608th Security Police Squadron, Kirtland AFB, N.M. There he served as a flight commander protecting the United States' largest nuclear restricted area at Manzano Mountain, N.M.

Following the closure of Manzano Mountain, he became the chief of weapons systems security in the 542nd Security Police Squadron at the Kirtland AFB Underground Mission Storage Complex.

Major Stang was then assigned to the 13th Space Warning Squadron at Clear Air Station, Alaska, as the chief of security forces. He followed that assignment by becoming the security forces' operations officer at the 21st Security Forces Squadron at Peterson AFB, Colo., and then chief of security forces at the 52nd Missions Support Squadron at Kleine Brogel AB, Belgium.

Upon returning from overseas, Major Stang went back to Peterson AFB to become the chief of space systems security for Headquarters Air Force Space Command.

Before becoming an officer, Major Stang served as an enlisted security policeman in the 115th Weapons Systems Security Flight, Truax Field Air National



Maj. Paul Stang

Guard Base, Wis.

Major Stang has attended squadron officer school at Maxwell AFB, Ala., and taken a correspondence course from the Air Command and Staff College, Gunter AFB, Ala.

Major Stang's military decorations and awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster and the Air Force Achievement Medal.

■ **Interesting fact:** "If I told you, then everyone would know ... it's a cop thing, we like our secrets."

■ **Favorite movie:** "I'm not big on movies, but I never miss the Green Bay Packers games."

■ **Favorite author:** Dr. Seuss

■ **Favorite quote:** "As long as you have to do it, you may as well do it right." (Major Stang's father)

■ **Why did you join the Air Force?** "For the camaraderie ... okay, so I could shoot big guns."

■ **How would you describe your leadership style?** "Flexible, I adapt to the situation."

■ **Who is your role model and why?** "Nostradamus - who wouldn't want to see the future?"

Dispatch

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NEWS

Doran assumes command of MSG

Interesting fact: 15 years ago, he was assigned here as a captain with the 437th Aerial Port Squadron.

Pet Peeve: Not taking responsibility for one's actions

Favorite Quote: "A positive attitude is a force multiplier." (Colin Powell)

Favorite Author: Tom Clancy and W.E.B. Griffin

Favorite Movie: Patton and Dances with Wolves

Hobbies: Golf and snow-skiing

Leadership Style: "I believe in inclusion rather than exclusion."

Role Model: "My parents are my role models. They gave me a good moral foundation."



By **2nd Lt. Bryan Lewis**
437 AW Public Affairs

Team Charleston received a new leader in the 437th Mission Support Group July 18.

Col. Chris Doran arrived as the new mission support group commander, succeeding Col. David Snodgrass, who is the new Air Force Inspection Agency commander, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

"Colonel Snodgrass did an excellent job while here," said Colonel Doran. "I plan on focusing on the current job and trying to make it even better."

Colonel Doran brings vast experience to Charleston AFB, having served in numerous transportation and logistics command and staff positions at squadron, group, numbered air force, major command and Department of Defense levels. His positions included command of the 89th Aerial Port Squadron, Andrews AFB, Md., where he oversaw the transportation of U.S. leaders, such as the president, vice president, secretaries of state and defense, as well as other world leaders.

"All my assignments have been memorable," said Colonel Doran. "However, I particularly enjoyed my time at Andrews AFB and the level of customers we served."

He also served as the assistant for air transportation, Office of the Secretary of Defense, where he was responsible for developing policy

for use of the DoD's passenger and cargo airlift fleet.

Colonel Doran was born in Sturgis, South Dakota, home of the Black Hills Motorcycle Rally. Loving golf and snow-skiing, he tries to avoid the area during the rally.

The Colonel has called Charleston home before. He served as a captain in the 437th Aerial Port Squadron, and has been anxious to return ever since.

"It is an honor to be back here," he said. "When I learned I got the job, I was ecstatic. There is no other place I'd rather be."

CAFB has done nothing but improve, and its transformation over the last 15 years has been amazing, he said.

Colonel Doran cannot wait to share his love of the area with his 8-year-old son, who is his pride and joy. He is anticipating his arrival next week.

As commander, he has high expectations for the 437 MSG.

"We are all one team," he said. "The mission support group is here to improve quality of life, and to make this an enjoyable assignment."

The goals for the 437 MSG are to safely accomplish the mission, maintain high standards and continue to make CAFB the best possible place to live and work, said Colonel Doran.

"This base is a premier base," he said. "The bottom line is, I just want to make things better while supporting the CAFB mission."

Charleston AFB gets new, one-stop deployment center

By **Airman 1st Class Amy Perry**
437 AW Public Affairs

One of Charleston AFB's latest additions, a one-stop deployment outprocessing center, became operational July 17 as a group of people readied to deploy.

Although the state-of-the-art facility is not finished, it has been on the books since the 1980s and is finally becoming reality.

"There are three stages for the new center," said Capt. Jason Nulton, 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron Readiness Flight chief and installation deployment officer. "Stage one is processing people through the center, which has already started. Stage two will happen Monday when the Deployment Control Center officially moves to the new building and stage three will be when the [mobility bag] section moves in."

The one-stop shop includes four processing rooms where airmen re-

ceive pre-deployment briefings.

"Worst case scenario, we could process four chalks at once," said Captain Nulton. "The rooms hold 75 people each. When they leave the room, there is a catch-all line for people to get any last-minute outprocessing they need to do."

The new center is consolidated to eliminate extra steps that could slow down the deployment process.

"It's easier," said Airman 1st Class Mary McNair, 437 LRS Readiness Flight deployments coordinator. "Before, we had some many places to walk around to and people were getting mixed up."

Even though the center will offer everything people need to outprocess, it's better if things are done prior to going to the center, according to Ernie Hunter, 437 LRS Readiness Flight contingency plans chief.

"If everyone waits until the processing line to make wills, set up powers-of-attorney or get their im-



Senior Airman Demetria Holman, 437th Mission Support Squadron separations and retirements journeyman, ensures the deploying troops' information packets are in order at the base's new deployment center July 17.

munizations, it would take much longer than necessary," said Mr. Hunter. "You need to be mobility-ready per the installation deployment plan."

The new deployment center is expected to be fully operational by fall,

according to Captain Nulton.

"The mobility center is a class act," he said. "It's all we could have asked for and more. It's perfect."

(Airman 1st Class Stephanie Hammer also contributed to this story.)

NEWS BRIEFS

Spotlight

Retirement: The 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron hosts a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Rodrick Bolick Thursday, 11 a.m., in the Bldg. 60 auditorium. For more information, call Master Sgt. Dave Charls at 963-4599.

Retirement: The 437th Medical Group hosts a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. David Hayes Aug. 1, 10 a.m., in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call Senior Airman Yolanda Jones at 963-4360.

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.

ERAU: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is having class registration through Aug. 4. Classes begin Aug. 4 and end Oct. 3 in the education building.

Blood drive: The next base blood drive is Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Charleston Club. All blood types are needed. For more information, call Capt. Paul Brown at 963-4678.

NCOA job fair: The Non-Commissioned Officers' Association is sponsoring a job fair Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., at the Sheraton Au-

gusta Hotel in Augusta, Ga. For more information, contact the NCOA Veterans Employment Office at ncoavea@ncoausa.org.

Hispanic Heritage: The Hispanic Heritage Committee meets Thursday, 3:30 p.m., in Bldg. 1000. Anyone interested in helping plan activities for the heritage observances should attend.

AF releases major promotion list

The Air Force released the names of 2215 captains selected for promotion to major Thursday. Charleston AFB has 23 major-selects.

14th Airlift Squadron

William Buschur
Louis Hansen
Richard Klarich
Troy Lanich
Todd Hohn

15th Airlift Squadron

Steven Funanich
Gregory Goar
Kevin Gordon
Calley Poarch
Blair English

16th Airlift Squadron

James Hooper
David Kirby
Chad Rauls
Thomas O'Connell

17th Airlift Squadron

Andrew Ratliff
Joseph Rolenc
Stephen Lewis

437th Communications Squadron

Jeffrey Baltes

437th Medical Group

Stephen Hamm
Thomas Shaak

437th Mission Support Squadron

Kevin Heckle

437th Operations Support Squadron

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Charleston Warrior of the Week

Airman 1st Class Rick Burton 437th Communications Squadron

Airman 1st Class Rick Burton works in the Information Assurance office in the 437th Communications Squadron.

He is responsible for creating quarterly newsletters and briefings for the Information Assurance Awareness Program. He trains squadrons on requesting, receiving, conducting inventory and destruction of COMSEC material.

The Baltimore, Md., native has been at Charleston for one and a half years. He joined the Air Force when he was having trouble in life.

"I wanted to show my family that when a road block occurs, take a different path," said Airman Burton. "I didn't have enough money to stay in college and finish my degree."

He enjoys Charleston AFB because of how much he learns in the family-oriented Air Force, and thinks Charleston and the surrounding areas are beautiful.

Airman Burton hopes to receive his criminal justice degree and minor in computer sciences.

In his off-duty time, he plays on his squadron's football and basketball teams. He said he also enjoys swimming.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Amy Perry

Recycle: Charleston AFB has begun to recycle excess wood pallets. They are being collected at the base scrapyard Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8-10 a.m. The upcoming curbside recycling dates are this Thursday, Aug. 14 and Aug. 28.

Housing Office: The Housing Office closes Aug. 8, noon, for renovations. They will resume normal working hours in their new location on the first floor of Bldg. 302 Aug. 9, 7:30 a.m.

Golf Tourney: The Samantha Barnes Charity Golf Tournament is Aug. 15, 8:30 a.m., at the Wrenwoods Golf Course. Registration is \$15 and starts at 7:30 a.m. Sign up by Aug. 11 with Tech. Sgt. Steve Jenkins at 963-2232 or Tech. Sgt. Michael Heckendorn at 963-3982.

Adopt a school: The School Liaison Committee is looking for volunteers willing to consistently provide their time, talent and energy. The goal is to collect a large pool of volunteers from all base organizations.

When tasks are passed on to the school liaison officer from the local schools, the program coordinator will request volunteers to help out. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Robert Beechler at 963-5015.

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

North Field Hunting: Hunting permits for active duty, Reserve, retired, military dependents and Department of Defense civilians are available for \$20 each at the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Office, Bldg. 247. Applicants must present a valid South Carolina hunting license and an ID card at the time of purchase. For more information, call Harold Deese at 963-2701, or Al Urrutia at 963-4978.

AROUND THE AIR FORCE

AMC reorganizes, 18 AF activated

By **Cynthia Bauer**
AMC Public Affairs

SCOTT AFB, Ill. – Gen. John Handy, U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command commander, announced Wednesday a major reorganization of AMC.

Key to the reorganization is the activation Oct. 1 of a new numbered Air Force with its headquarters here and the redesignation of AMC's two numbered Air Forces as Expeditionary Mobility Task Forces, the 15th EMTF at Travis AFB, Calif., and the 21st EMTF at McGuire AFB, N.J.

"We are looking at an evolution in air mobility," the general said. "As a command, we have matured the past 11 years. The world has gotten smaller from a mobility perspective. The roles and responsibilities of our Tanker Airlift Control Center have increased over time as the centralized mobility air operations center for the warfighting combatant commanders. The AMC reorganization is all about how we present forces to those commanders for command, control and execution of base opening, airlift, air refueling and aeromedical evacuation."

The staffing for the EMTFs and the new 18 AF will be fewer than the 99 military and civilian positions now authorized for each NAF.

"People are my priority," said General Handy. "We will make sure everyone is taken care of and that those positions affected by these changes are reduced gracefully through normal attrition or absorbed by other AMC organizations at McGuire or Travis."

General Handy said mobility has evolved from command and control of airlift resources "by fax and phone" with tasking through the NAFs, to the global C2 provided through state-of-the-art TACC network. The NAFs over time had become more focused on readiness of the force than on warfighting. The new structure will place the responsibility for warfighting, readiness and follow through directly with the 18 AF.

With the activation of the 18 AF, General Handy said, "We're really going back to the traditional

warfighting role of the numbered Air Force. The reorganization also gives us a cleaner reporting chain, reconnecting some of the disconnects, that puts the numbered Air Force in operational control of the TACC, two EMTFs, the air mobility operations groups, 12 wings, three groups and the global en route air mobility system. The 18 AF will be responsible for the presentation of forces to the warfighters."

A three-star general will become the commander of the 18 AF and a one-star general will become the TACC director. Each EMTF will also be under the command of a one-star general. All tasking and execution of air mobility missions will be through 18 AF. AMC's wings and groups based in the continental United States, as well as the AMOGs at Travis AFB; Hickam AFB, Hawaii; McGuire AFB, N.J. and Ramstein Air Base, Germany, will report to the 18 AF commander through the EMTFs.

"The time is right for this reorganization, especially as we face the incredible demands of the Global War on Terrorism," said General Handy. "We must have a command structure that is lighter, leaner and

more effective that meets Department of Defense and Air Force requirements for transformation. We're creating a standing task force structure throughout EMTFs, which meshes well with our Air and Space Expeditionary Force and force module constructs."

The general said the reorganization will be fairly transparent to AMC's customers, the warfighting commanders, but will have a great impact on the efficiency of the command itself.

"In all likelihood they (combatant commanders) will not notice the difference. This is organizing Air Mobility Command to better present forces, allowing us to very efficiently and effectively take advantage of our staff. The greatest impact will be felt within Air Mobility Command and the work we do, and how command and control will quickly go from a numbered Air Force commander to wing level command. That line of communication becomes very straight forward."

The general explained that the EMTF commanders will serve as "super DIRMOBFORs" or directors of mobility forces, and have under their command the men and women who

make up the AMOGs that are the leading edge of the presentation of forces to the warfighter in times of conflict or civil disaster.

The reorganization will also affect the AMC headquarters directorates, which will convert to an "A Staff" structure. The A-Staff and staff agencies will be responsible for the functions to train, organize, equip and provide command policy for the command. As part of the reorganization, the general will create a new "A-7" as a combination of civil engineers and services to be the single point of entry into the command for AMC mission support group commanders.

In the past, AMC's two NAFs have mirrored staff functions at the headquarters, resulting in a duplication of effort in such areas as standardization and evaluation, and logistics among others. These functions will migrate to AMC to free up the EMTFs for their warfighting support role.

"This is all about how AMC supports the warfighting commander," said General Handy. "Air Mobility Command is transforming itself into a lighter, leaner, more effective and efficient organization."

Combat Camera Photo of the Week



Photo by Master Sgt. James Bowman

Free fallin'

Senior Master Sgt. Matt Ramp performs a rappelling exercise from the Baghdad International Airport air traffic control tower in Iraq. Ramp is an Air Force Reserve pararescueman assigned to the 304th Rescue Squadron, Portland International Airport.

DEFUSING DANGER



Charleston EOD experts keep weapons assessors safe, 'going forward'

Story and photos by Capt. Roger Burdette
*Combined Weapons Effectiveness
Assessment Team Public Affairs*

The Combined Weapons Effectiveness Assessment Team in Iraq enjoys finding evidence that air component weapons used during Operation Iraqi Freedom accurately struck their targets, went "bang," and achieved their intended effects.

Discovering that weapons devastated one of Saddam Hussein's meeting places, thereby disrupting the regime's ability to organize itself and influence the Iraqi people, is good.

But finding that a bomb accurately struck an Iraqi military command and control center but didn't go "bang" is decidedly not good. An unexploded ordnance is not good for the Coalition, because it's a weapon that did not perform as intended. An unexploded ordnance is also a menacing danger for Iraqi citizens in the area.

Identifying such hazards and dealing appropriately with them are what the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight prepares for. Locating deadly explosives may not make the top-ten list of fun things to do for most people, but don't tell that to Staff Sgt. Tony Newbern, 437 CES EOD specialist.

"I love this job," said Sergeant Newbern, a 12-year EOD veteran. He is one of six EOD specialists deployed to Iraq with CWEAT, a team of nearly 100 people visiting up to 500 weapons impact points in Iraq targeted by the Coalition air component during OIF.

Since early June, CWEAT has examined more than 250 impact points. At the vast majority of those sites, CWEAT found that the weapons successfully detonated, as programmed.

However, the team found unexploded ordnance at a few sites, such as at the former



command and control center the.

EOD experts must go in before other CWEAT members at each impact point.

Master Sgt. Eddy Dominguez, 437 CES EOD and Sergeant Newbern scour each impact point for unexploded weapons.

"Every one of those guys has a deep sense of personal satisfaction because they're making a difference," said Master Sgt. John Ford, 437 CES EOD flight chief. "The bottom line is, when they do their job, they're saving people's lives. It doesn't get more rewarding than that."

When EOD locates unexploded ordnance, they advise team leaders about appropriate safety precautions. With the help of a translator, they also advise local residents about how to stay safe around the UXO, record the precise location of the UXO using the GPS and pass the location and other key information such as type of item to an Army detonation team that destroys UXOs.

In most cases where EOD finds



Above: Staff Sgt. Tony Newbern, a 437th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal specialist deployed to Iraq, marks the location of an unexploded ordnance with a yellow ribbon and notes the Global Positioning System coordinates using a GPS receiver. EOD specialists traveling with the Combined Weapons Effectiveness Assessment Team in Iraq report the location and type of unexploded ordnance to a U.S. Army team for detonation.

Left: Sergeant Newbern, left, and Master Sgt. Eddy Dominguez, 437 CES EOD specialists, discuss how to deal with an unexploded ordnance embedded into concrete near Dominguez's feet. Despite the presence of the unexploded ordnance on the roof of a former Iraqi military command and control center in Baghdad, CWEAT continued its evaluation of the site. "We keep the team going forward," Sergeant Dominguez said.

unexploded ordnance, CWEAT is still able to examine the sites.

"Just because there's a UXO in the area doesn't mean the team has to come to a screeching halt and we have to avoid that target," said Sergeant Dominguez, a 20-year EOD veteran. "All that means is we have to observe certain safety precautions associated with that type of ordnance. We can work well around the ordnance and still continue to collect data."

"In essence," he continued, "we keep the team going forward."

The mission of CWEAT is to observe the sites, record observations, analyze the data, then transform the data into useful, practical words, pictures and lessons learned, comparing the results of air component strikes with the intended effects.

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

2003 Air Force Ball slated for Sept. 6

By Master Sgt. Angel Newman
437 AW Public Affairs

The 2003 Air Force Ball is Sept. 6 at the North Charleston Convention Center.

Sponsored by the Air Force Association, the event is open to all ranks, active duty and retirees, and features dinner and dancing with "unparalleled camaraderie," according to Master Sgt. Steve Foster, Air Force Ball committee co-chair.

"We invite everyone to come out and celebrate the traditions of our Air Force," said Sergeant Foster. "It's not often we get a chance to come together and share the pride and professionalism of our service in a formal environment. This year's Air Force Ball will be a night to remember."

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from representatives around the base.

Dress for the evening is semi-formal, meaning military members can wear the mess-dress or semi-formal uniform and civilians can wear black tie/evening gown. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. The menu includes herb gilled chicken with roasted garlic cream, salad, seasonal vegetables, rolls and chocolate

To purchase a ticket, contact one of the following unit representatives:

- Wing Staff- Master Sgt. Angel Newman
- Comptroller Squadron-Airman 1st Class Megan Reed
- Command Post-Airman Lindsay Detweiler
- Operations Group/14th Airlift squadron-1st Lt. Carl Miller
 - 15th AS-Master Sgt. Ric Brayboy
 - 16th AS/17th AS/ Operations Support Squadron-Master Sgt. Randall Kinser
 - Medical Group-Capt. Sandy Johnson-Sumpter
- Aircraft Maintenance Squadron-Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Cony
- Maintenance Operations Squadron-Master Sgt. Theodis Pickett
- Maintenance Squadron-Master Sgt. Patrick Tustin
- Mission Support Group/Logistics Readiness Squadron -2nd Lt. Chris Haas
- Aerial Port Squadron-2nd Lt Jeanette Bland
- Communications Squadron-Airman 1st Class Justin Weed
- Civil Engineer Squadron-Master Sgt. Hector Mojica
- Contracting Squadron-1st Lt. Jarrod Suire
- Mission Support Squadron-Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Caldwell
- Security Forces Squadron-2nd Lt. Amanda Woodall
 - Services Squadron-2nd Lt. Jimishi Lewis-Smith
- 1st Combat Camera Squadron-Staff Sgt. Bethann Caporaletti
- 315th Airlift Wing-Debbie Baldwin

lovin' spoon cake or cheesecake.

Entertainment is provided by "Plane Jane," doing a variety of hits from several musical categories. Ball-goers can kick up their heels to this local group.

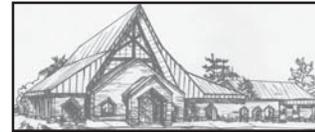
Team Charleston units will provide several services in support of the ball.

The 437th Airlift Wing Comptroller squadron will provide valet parking and the 437th Medical Group offers on-site childcare, both for a small fee to support unit fundraisers. The 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron will supply free transportation to and from Charleston AFB to the event.

Last year more than 950 people attended the Air Force Ball, and organizers hope to exceed that number this year.

"There is a tremendous amount of planning, energy and organization that goes into making an event like this happen," said Kathy Knichel, Air Force ball committee co-chair and veteran of organizing last year's event. "But the best part of it all is standing in the back of the room and seeing the airmen, both officers and enlisted, retirees and supporters from the civilian community, enjoying the fellowship of this first class event."

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.

Sunday Protestant Services: 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School in Bldg. 245; 11 a.m. - Traditional Worship Service and Children's Church at the Base Chapel; 5 p.m. - Contemporary Worship Service the Base 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. "Wrong Turn" - Eliza Dushku

A turn down an uncharted dirt road leads six young people into a night of terror where they are hunted by cannibalistic men. They find that they've fallen victim to a gang of backwoods killers with a taste for blood. **(R) 84 minutes**

Saturday, 2 p.m. "Rugrats Go Wild" - Animated

When vacationing Rugrats get stranded on a deserted island, Tommy Pickles knows there's only one man who can help them, Nigel Thornberry. But a bonk on the head as made Nigel seem like a three-year-old. **(G) 84 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m. "Hollywood Homicide" - Harrison Ford

When an entire hip-hop group is murdered on-stage, LAPD homicide detectives Gavilan and Calden are called in to handle the case. They begin to suspect that the rappers were killed for attempting to get out of their recording contract with label head Sartain. **(PG-13) 116 minutes**



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SPORTS & FITNESS

Fitness Center takes cycling to the extreme

By Airman 1st Class Amy Perry
437 AW Public Affairs

A new feature in the Sports and Fitness Center allows riders to race through the streets of Paris or climb the mountains in Moab, Utah.

The Interactive Cycling program, the first of its kind in a Department of Defense facility, takes cyclists through a virtual tour with two screen projectors and a software system.

The fitness center not only can claim exclusivity in the military, but also in the entire United States, said Staff Sgt. Margo Ham, 437th Services Squadron Fitness Center NCOIC. Charleston AFB has the only fitness center in the United States to have this program. It has only been used in a few overseas gyms.

The new cycling room can fit 21 people, plus an instructor, to bike through the many scenarios available. There are classes several times a day, six days a week.

Staff Sgt. Anthony Johnson, 437th Operations Support Squadron wing training, has used the cycling class since it began last year, and said he enjoys the atmosphere.

"In the new room, you actually



Participants sweat it out during a spin class as part of the new interactive cycling program. The fitness center is the first to bring virtual cycling to the military and the United States. Photo by Andre Bullard

have visualization, and that makes it easier," said Sergeant Johnson. "It gives you something to focus on when you start to get tired. That keeps me motivated.

Other than the "scenery" to watch during the class, this kind of pedaling has many benefits, according to Fitness Center experts.

"Indoor cycling is a great way to get

into shape," said Sergeant Ham. "The classes target positive heart rate zones which allow each participant to exercise at the level that is best for them."

The cycles are perfect for people who are just starting a workout program, said Sergeant Ham. The bikes are a nonweight-bearing workout. The average workout burns 500-1000 calories, depending on the intensity.

"If you are looking to lose a few pounds, this is a great way to do it," said Sergeant Ham.

And if someone is having trouble with the Air Force Fitness Test, cycling is an excellent way to increase VO₂ (oxygen intake) maximums, said Sergeant Ham. Most members who attend the indoor cycling classes do well on their fitness tests.

Sergeant Johnson has seen significant improvement in his overall fitness from his year of spinning.

"It helps with conditioning," he said. "I play basketball, and cycling keeps my leap strong. I also have better cardiovascular health now."

"I am excited to see our community come together and get excited about fitness," said Sergeant Ham. "All of the years I have been in the Air Force, it has obvious that fitness has not been a top priority for many Air Force members. With the great leadership here and changes to the Air Force Fitness Program, we should anticipate fitness to be a huge component in the Air Force culture."

Anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer indoor cycling coach or instructor should contact the Fitness Center at 963-3347.

'Heart of the team'

Summer swim camp helps children improve skills, establish self confidence

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber
437 AW Public Affairs

Ayouth swim coach at Charleston AFB emphasizes that "the weakest swimmer is truly the heart of the team."

Frank de Aragon stressed that motto at summer swim camp, which concluded July 17 with an intramural style meet at the base pool.

"We stressed that the older children help in developing the younger children, where no one person is more important than another," Mr. de Aragon said. "We taught them not to laugh when someone was struggling, and that they could learn by watching others."

The camp provided the children an opportunity to further develop their swim skills in a competitive setting, Mr. de Aragon said. Swimmers started June 10 and attended 90-minute practices four days a week.

The CAFB Youth Programs sponsored the camp that was coordinated by the Outdoor Recreation's swimming pool staff. Youth Programs support

staff Kari Johnson and Amanda Brinson assisted Mr. de Aragon with coaching.

During the camp, 22 swimmers, ages 8-18, fine-tuned each individual swim stroke, including freestyle, butterfly backstroke and breaststroke. They played water games to enhance their skills and learned how to start a dive in a competitive setting.

The swim camp "emphasized establishing self-confidence in each child so they have the ability to accomplish something they believe they can't accomplish," Mr. de Aragon said.

Ten-year-old Courtney Pride, daughter of Master Sgt. James Pride and his wife Kinya, came to camp not knowing how to swim, but she finished the camp with the Most Improved Swimmer Award.

"I was scared to death that I wouldn't be as good as everyone," Courtney said. "But Mr. Frank (de Aragon) taught me to try my best and work hard." She came to practices 90 minutes early to improve herself.

Mr. De Aragon said the young swimmers ac-

complished much during the camp.

"Children were able to improve their swimming abilities 200 percent. At the start of the camp they could barely swim the length of the pool, and at the end they could swim laps in a variety of stroke styles without running out of breath."

Parental involvement played a major role in the camp's success, de Aragon said. The parents ensured the kids got to practices and getting them here is one of the biggest challenges. At the swim meet, parents volunteered as timers, record keepers and even swam in the relay event to allow every child a chance to compete.

Nine-year-old Trevor Burns, son Staff Sgt. Randy Karels of 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and his wife Patricia, was one of the Heart of the Team Award recipients.

"I thought I couldn't make it at first, but I ended up making it," said Burns, who improved swimming from 10 to 50 meters.

"The coaches gave me the confidence that I could make it."

AMXS 1 shuts down APS 20-10 in semi-final game



Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Clements

James McBath, shortstop for Aircraft Maintenance 1, forces out pitcher Stephen Holland, Aerial Port Squadron, at second base and fires the ball to first to complete a double play. This was one of two double plays the AMXS defense completed in its 20-10 victory over APS.

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber
437 AW Public Affairs

Exploding for eight runs in the third inning, Aircraft Maintenance Squadron No. 1 defeated Aerial Port Squadron 20-10 in the winner's bracket of the intramural softball tournament Tuesday.

With the victory, third-ranked AMXS 1 (22-5) advanced to the championship game of the double-elimination tournament. They will face the two-time defending base champion Flyers/Operations Support Squadron, who eliminated APS in the loser's bracket championship 16-6 in five innings Tuesday.

The fourth-ranked Flyers (21-9) will have to beat AMXS twice to retain their base championship. However, the Flyers came out of the loser's bracket to win last year's tournament.

With the game tied 8-8 in the bottom of the third, AMXS exploded for eight runs on six hits, three walks and one error. Eleven batters went to the plate as Brian Rogers blasted a three-run triple off the fence in center, Aaron Parker hit a two-run homer to left and Brian Scroggs belted a solo homer to left giving AMXS a 16-8 lead after three innings.

Then Kurt Brown hit a run-scoring single with one out in the bottom of the fifth inning to give AMXS a 20-10 victory as the 10-run rule after five innings went into effect.

"We hit the ball when we had to, and the whole lineup came through. The number eight hitter (Brown) got the game-winning hit," said Forsythe.

Forsythe said he had a good feeling about the game from the first inning, when AMXS scored four runs after falling behind 5-0. "When we

come out strong, we continue to play strong."

Rogers paced the AMXS offense, which collected 18 hits. Rogers went three-for three with six RBIs and scored three runs.

"Rogers was the catalyst to most of our run production. If he was not scoring, then he was driving in runs," Forsythe said.

APS got 12 hits with Jeremy Olive, Marty Parnell, Robert Nolan, Randall Edwards and Allen Miller each getting two hits.

The third inning was the turning point said APS coach Travis Anderson. "We give up too many walks (four that inning and nine for game) and that put more pressure on the defense. We need to stay away from hitting into double plays. Softball is a hitter's game, and we didn't hit the ball well."

Despite the loss, Anderson said it was a good tournament run for ninth-ranked APS, who finished the regular season at 8-15 due to missing several key players. Anderson said those players returned for the tournament, and APS upset top-ranked Mission Support Squadron/Communications Squadron 10-4 and fifth-ranked Security Forces Squadron 9-5.

Forsythe praised the AMXS defense which turned two double plays to end the second and fourth innings. He said third baseman Marc Stone sparkled on defense with four assists.

"Nothing got past him tonight. He's the best third baseman on the base."

Forsythe says AMXS's chances to win the tournament championship are excellent.

"If we play like we did tonight, the other team better come with their A game. It will be hard for us to lose two in a row. We plan on playing just one game."

'Link Up 2 Golf' helps golfers improve swing

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber
437 AW Public Affairs

Wrenwoods Golf Course is offering a new program to help novice and returning players enjoy the game more.

"Link Up 2 Golf" features free orientations, eight hours of group golf instruction, including on-course playing lesson and complimentary rental clubs, three on-course playing experiences, and a three-hole scramble.

Free orientations are set for Aug. 23, 10 - 11 a.m., and Aug. 28, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

During the orientation, golfers will learn what's involved in the clinic, tour the facility, and meet the golf professionals and staff.

"We ask all potential participants to come to the orientation prior to the start of classes so we

can explain what the program is about and why it's so unique," said Karen Harrell, golf manager.

Harrell said there are no more openings in the scheduled classes, but they are organizing more classes based on customer demand.

During the group instruction, golfers will have a 6-to-1, student-teacher ratio. Students will learn how to swing the club, chip, pitch and putt. Topics will include proper golf attire, equipment, shoes and accessories. They will also learn golf course maintenance, how to play a scramble and how to score.

"People see Tiger Woods, but the whole intimidation of golf never lets people get out of the car and onto the course," said Mrs. Harrell. 'Link Up 2 Golf' bridges that gap."

For more information on this program, call the Wrenwoods Golf Course at 963-4177.

Youth sports

Youth soccer registration: Registration for youth soccer, which is open to youth ages 5 to 18, will run until July 31. After that, a late fee will apply. Sign up at the Youth Programs Center between 11 a.m and 6 p.m. Monday - Friday. Youth soccer coaches are also needed. For more information, call the Youth Programs Center at 963-5684.

Youth Sports Advisory Council: If you enjoy making a difference in the lives of CAFB youth, become part of the new Youth Sports Advisory Council. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, at 5 p.m. in the Youth Programs Center. For more information, call Allen Fleming at 963-8326.