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Maintenance reliability	93.7%
Cargo moved	116,291 t
Personnel deployed	704
Reservists activated	968

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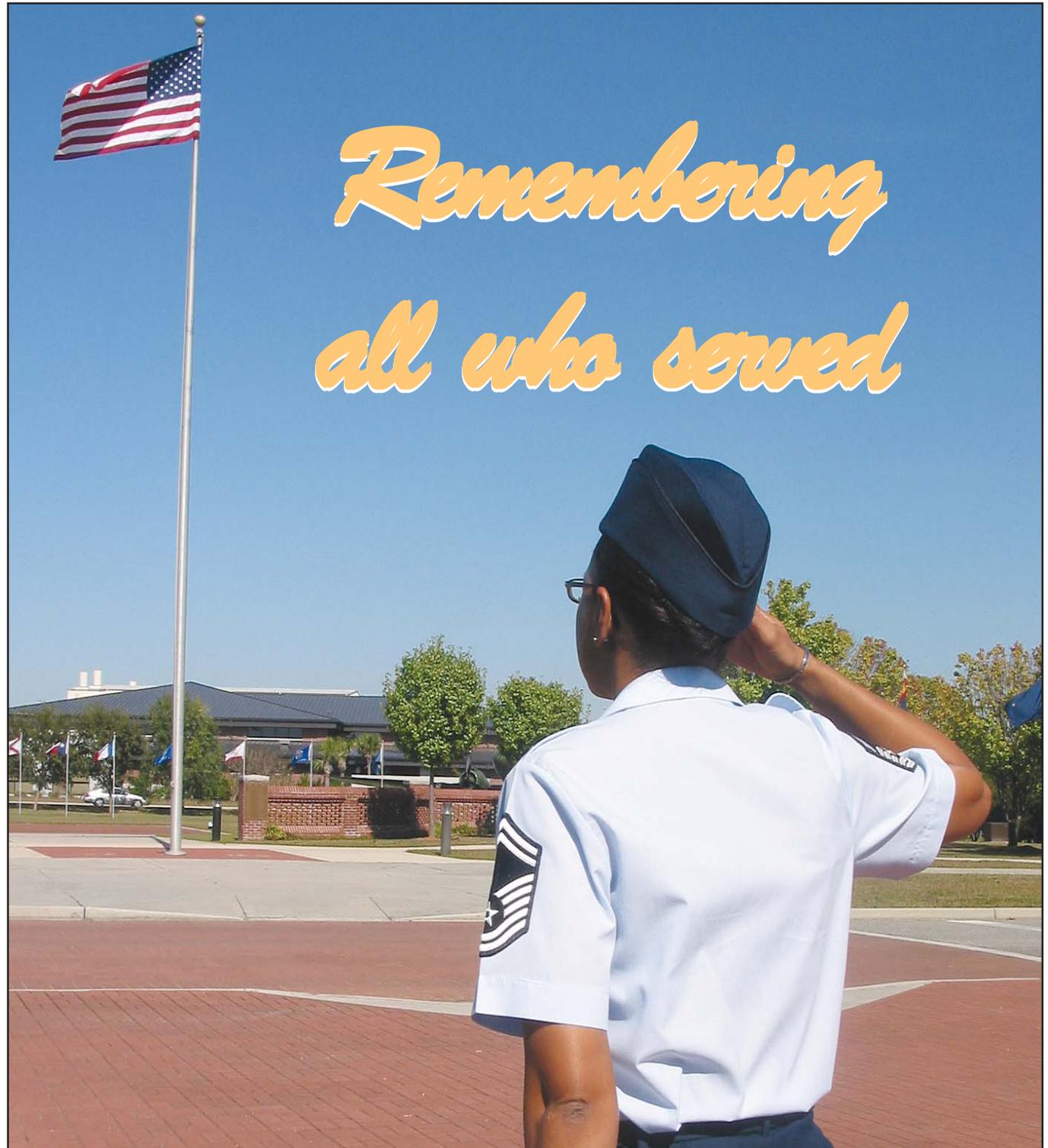


Photo by Airman 1st Class Amy Perry

Senior Master Sgt. Faye Ellison, 437th Mission Support Group commander's support staff chief, salutes the flag during a recent retreat. Veterans Day is Tuesday, and several Team Charleston members will remember the event by participating in events in the local area. Several squadrons will march in the Veterans Day parade at 2 p.m. Sunday that runs through downtown Charleston.

Team Charleston: One family, one mission, one fight!

COMMENTARY

Commander's Comments

By Col. Karl Young
437AW vice commander

Farewell

Farewell to **Lt. Col. Paul Braunbeck**, who has served in the Air Force for 26 years and is retiring today. Welcome to **Lt. Col. David Peaire**, who will assume duty as director of wing staff from Colonel Braunbeck.

Chief promotions

Congratulations to our newest chief master sergeants: **Susan Barnes**, 437th Medical Operations Squadron; **Ronald Owens**, 437th Communications Squadron; and **Charlotte Branum**, 437th Mission Support Squadron.

Diamond Sharp

Congratulations to the November Diamond Sharp winners: **Senior Airman Celia Davis**, 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Airman 1st Class Eddie Bankston**, 437th Aerial Port Squadron; **Airman 1st Class Todd Perkins**, 16th Airlift Squadron; and **Airman 1st Class Antonio Funk**, 437th Mission Support Squadron.

Veterans Day Parade

The Veterans Day parade begins at 2 p.m. Sunday in downtown Charleston. Come out and show your support for the several base squadrons who are participating in the parade. There is also a flyover scheduled. This is an excellent opportunity to see first hand the community support we receive.

Media training

The 437th Airlift Wing Public Affairs media training days Tuesday and Thursday were highly successful. Thanks to everyone who participated. If you know someone in your squadron who you think would benefit from that training, call 2nd Lt. Jennifer Andrews at 963-5608.

Pollution Prevention Champion

Congratulations to **Noni Page**, 437th Communications Squadron, who is selected as the Pollution Prevention Champion of the Quarter. Ms. Page recycled more than 2,260 pounds of paper from the base's central records repository. We can use Ms. Page as an example to follow and recycle!

Safety

We are heading into the holiday season where we'll be traveling to



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

Col. Karl Young, 437th Airlift Wing vice commander, pins chief stripes on **Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Owens**, 437th Communications Squadron, Wednesday with help from **Linda Owens**, Sergeant's Owens' wife. Three Team Charleston senior master sergeants were promoted to chief.

visit family members. Remember, when you travel, plan your route there and back. Check for construction detours; and for longer trips, get a weather forecast.

For those of you who will be taking leave and traveling out of state, most state law enforcement agencies provide road and highway information; check to see what conditions they report before leaving. Travel during daylight hours if possible, maintain at least half a tank of fuel, and keep vehicles in good repair. Enjoy the holiday season and continue to 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

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Boss or leader? 437 MSS CC asks which one will you be

By Maj. Julie Boit
437 MSS commander

Dad's been gone for nearly six months. The absence of our family's leader – half of our family's nucleus – hasn't been an easy ride. But what I've witnessed in the rest of the family has made me very proud.

Three brothers and five sisters stepped up to the plate, took the lead in one aspect or another, which included taking care of our mom and each other.

It has reminded me how important this concept of "leadership" is in families, and taking it a step further, in our Air Force family, too.

I'm sure you've observed many inspiring leaders over the years. I certainly have. But what makes a leader truly great is when they teach others to be leaders, too.

My mom and dad managed to do that, whether they meant to or not, by teaching us lessons on teamwork, accountability, taking charge, doing the right thing, supporting one another, having fun, expecting the very best and all the while, emphasizing the importance of faith. That has been their legacy.

While this legacy of leadership can sometimes be pretty tough to get your arms around, you usually "know it when you see it."

I found this poem seven years ago, and it's been displayed on my desk ever since because it actually described great leaders like my parents and some other great Air Force mentors I admired as well:

Which will you be?

A Boss creates fear —

A Leader creates confidence.

A Boss breeds resentment —

worth repeating

"You can breed enthusiasm and have a positive attitude, making a task enjoyable."



—Maj. Julie Boit

437th Mission Support Squadron commander

A Leader breeds enthusiasm.

A Boss says "I" —

A Leader says "We."

A Boss fixes blame —

A Leader fixes mistakes.

A Boss knows how —

A Leader shows why.

A Boss makes work drudgery —

A Leader makes work interesting.

A Boss relies on authority —

A Leader relies on cooperation.

A Boss drives —

A Leader leads.

— Author Unknown

I look at these words often to remind myself how I want to be, both on and off the job. Although I fall short of "meeting the leader description" many days, I keep on trying. The real beauty of the poem is it can apply to all of us!

If you're sitting there thinking it doesn't apply to you because you don't supervise anyone but yourself, think again.

Think of your different roles in life: co-worker, friend, spouse, parent, son, daughter, brother, sister or supervisor, to name a few. Your example and attitude can have a huge

impact on every person you relate to in those different roles ... in other words, you too can "meet the leader description."

For example, you can breed enthusiasm and have a positive attitude, making a task enjoyable (maybe even fun!) for those you're working with. You can choose to make the project at hand interesting and educational for you and for others, whether you're in charge of it or not.

You can tell how to accomplish something, but you can also explain why it's done to give it more meaning, purpose and overall acceptance.

You can use cooperation and ideas of those around you, even if you have the "position authority" to do otherwise. You can cheer on your children, friends or coworkers at a sporting event in a way they can feel good about themselves; increasing confidence and self-esteem. The examples are endless.

The bottom line is actual "appointed" leaders in our Air Force, and within our families, count on leadership executed at all levels, especially when times are tough.

Our family is still thriving because of the leadership displayed by all of us, despite our gut-wrenching, core loss when our leader can't be with us.

By the same token, our country and Air Force have prevailed in these times because of our fighting, can-do, American spirit. These aren't coincidences.

So, which will you be? In deciding, never doubt the positive impact you can have both at work and at home ... and continue to leave your legacy with those around you, especially those closest to you! Who knows ... maybe you'll do such a good job, they'll write an article about you someday.

Caller thanks firefighters, recommends equipment

Q: I would like to let you know about a job well done. My youngest daughter, 3-year-old Kaycee, started getting sick Oct. 7 and we took her to the emergency room at Trident. The next morning around 6 a.m. she woke up with a high temperature and was having great difficulty breathing. I called 911, explained what was going on and asked for an ambulance. The Hunley Park fire truck was the first one there. The first firefighter I saw was very concerned and helpful. The next two firefighters I saw with the medical bag were getting out the oxygen tank and mask for Kaycee. The firefighter helped me hook up the breathing treatment.

After the treatment was done, we put her on an oxygen mask. Then another firefighter arrived with an oxygen pulse meter. The ambulance soon arrived and they took her, along with my husband, to Roper St. Frances satellite emergency room across from Northwoods Mall. They were afraid her airway would not last if they tried to go to Trident. Kaycee is doing a lot better now. I really want you to know how thankful I am for the quick response, calm voices and concerned faces of all the gentlemen who were there. All of them have my husband's and mine heart felt thanks.

On a professional note, I do have

a suggestion. I am a registered respiratory therapist with 11 years in the medical field. I noticed one piece of equipment that is needed when funding is available. It is a pediatric probe, and it needs to be added to the fire department's rescue equipment. After the first oxygen pulse was taken on Kaycee, we were unable to obtain another one. This was because the probe that was being use was for an adult not a child. The pediatric part of the clinic has such a probe if they need to know what they look like. With so many children in base housing, this really needs to be looked into.

A: We are pleased to hear that Kaycee

is doing well and would like to thank you for bringing the need for a new pediatric non-disposable pulse oxygen probe to our attention. Our deputy fire chief immediately met with the civil engineer squadron commander to discuss this particular issue. The purchase of two pulse oxygen meters and probes for children has been funded and the order has been received and was put on the trucks. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Fire Department at 963-3777.

-- Col. Brooks Bash
437 AW commander

For suggestions to the commander's action line, call 963-5581 or e-mail action@charleston.af.mil.

NEWS

CAFB hosts chemical weapons mock inspection

By Staff Sgt. Jason Smith
437 AW Public Affairs

Charleston AFB hosted a national-level Chemical Weapons Convention Challenge Inspection exercise last week, marking the second full-scale mock inspection of its kind in the Department of Defense.

The Chemical Weapons Convention, an international treaty banning production and stockpiling of chemical weapons, has been policy since April 29, 1997, but a real-world challenge has never happened.

"Any signing nation can challenge another signing nation," said Maj. Charles Schlegel, 437th Airlift Wing Plans deputy chief. "Each year, the Department of Defense exercises its ability to comply with a challenge. This is CAFB's first opportunity to host the national exercise."

According to the Defense Treaty Inspection Readiness Program Guide for Challenge Inspections,

the time period in which a location is notified of a challenge inspection until the inspection team leaves is 216 hours. For CAFB, that meant disrupting the normal day-to-day operations of those involved for more than nine days.

"We knew ahead of time about the exercise team coming," said Maj. Schlegel. "It gave us a chance to coordinate certain items to minimize the impact on operations."

Other than the base team working the exercise inspection, building managers were among the first to feel the impact.

"They are authorized to see everything," said Mike Jennings, CWC National Inspection Team, during his pre-inspection briefing at the Boeing flight simulator facility.

Mr. Jennings instructed all facility managers to introduce themselves, tell them the purpose of the building, give a normal safety briefing and ask for questions prior to the inspection. A more detailed briefing was given for dealing with

sensitive materials, classified vaults and private information that wouldn't apply to the reasons for the inspection team's presence.

"(A real inspection team) would be looking for chemical weapons and certain pre-cursor agents that can be used to make chemical weapons," said Frank Metzger, 437 AW program analyst. "If you have a pre-cursor, you need to declare it and justify it before the team starts inspecting."

A pre-cursor, according to the DTIRP Web site, can be something very common such as ball-point pen ink, which can be easily converted into mustard gas. An inspection team would look for precursors found in large quantities without justification.

During the nine days of the actual mock inspection, inspectors went to every area of many facilities on base, and people in individual offices were responsible for making sure sensitive material was out of sight.

When the inspections wrapped-

up Oct. 31, the base inspection team members started their evaluation to improve the challenge inspection process.

"It's important to understand this is not a pass or fail exercise," said Major Schlegel. "We're providing the training for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and other organizations, evaluating processes and validating the USAF CWC Inspection Support Manual."

Major Schlegel said this realistic exercise inspection gave CAFB the chance to showcase its capability to handle an international crisis.

"We worked in a real timetable and had cooperation from the whole base," said Major Schlegel. "Every building and organization had to work together."

"It was a great opportunity for airmen, NCOs and young officers to get out of the normal operations and see things on an international level," he continued. "It's a great learning experience to help grow future leaders."

Fish fry

Chief Master Sgt. Carla Sharman, 437th Mission Support Group superintendent, serves fish at the annual Charleston AFB Chiefs' Group Fish Fry. Donations from the fish fry go back into morale and welfare enlisted programs such as the professional military education programs and quarterly awards for the 437th and 315th Airlift Wings.



Photo by Airmen 1st Class Amy Perry

Tops In Blue to perform here

Local airman sings for Air Force's entertainment show

The Air Force's Tops In Blue is offering a free night of family entertainment 7:30 p.m. Nov. 18 in the North Charleston Performing Arts Center.

Senior Airman Jeanette Lagania, 437th Airlift Wing command post controller, is a featured vocalist in this year's Tops In Blue.

Doors will open at 7 p.m., and free parking is available.

The 2003 edition of Tops In Blue, "Soaring With Eagles," is a spectacular medley of songs guaranteed to captivate audiences of all generations. Tops In Blue puts its audience "In The Mood" for an evening of celebrations as it revisits favorite songs from the past five decades. The '60s and '70s come alive with oldies but goodies from the Supremes, Tina Turner's "Proud Mary," and the Village People's ever-popular "YMCA." Hits from Gloria Estafan, MC Hammer, Boyz II Men, Ricky Martin and Markey Mark may energize some with all the "Good Vibrations" Tops In Blue has to offer.

"Tops In Blue is the Air Force's premier enter-

tainment showcase," said Tom Edwards, show producer and chief of Air Force entertainment. "The new 2003 team is a reflection of the 'best of the best' performers throughout the Air Force."

The Tops In Blue 2003 team will visit more than 120 locations and perform 150 shows in the United States and 22 foreign countries. Their official Web site is www.topsinblue.com and provides information about the 2003 touring schedule and how to join the team.

Sponsors for the tour include AT&T and First Command. A \$200 AAFES Gift Certificate from First Command and 1,000 call-minutes will be awarded during the show.

By attending the show, people in the audience also have the chance to win 10,000 call-minutes in two separate grand-prize drawings awarded during the year. For more show information, call Laura Abell, 437th Services Squadron marketing, at 963-3809.

(Information provided by Air Force Services Agency.)



Photo provided by Air Force Services Agency

Tops In Blue airmen pay tribute to the centennial of flight. The show is a fun-filled performance.

Feedback

AF climate survey hits halfway point

Since its launch Oct. 1, more than 25 percent of Air Force people have taken advantage of the opportunity to speak to their leaders through the 2003 Air Force Climate Survey.

The survey's importance hinges on maximum participation, and the more people who participate, the better the results, officials said. The deadline is Nov. 23.

More than 65 percent of active-duty airmen and appropriated-fund civilians participated in the 2002 survey. For the first time, this year's survey includes the Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and nonappropriated-fund civilians.

"Our goal is to make things better for our people and our organizations," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper. "This is a great opportunity for you to provide direct feedback about how well your leadership and organizations are functioning."

The survey gives leaders honest, identity-protected feedback about the organization from the

people who make that organization work.

It measures factors that influence people's behavior and factors that are relatively enduring over time, officials said.

Leaders at all levels can use this information to improve an organization's climate and to ultimately improve its effectiveness and productivity.

As an integral communication link between leaders and enlisted airmen, the survey provides senior leaders insights into areas that need improving and areas that are doing well, officials said.

The survey also serves as an important link between senior leaders and civilians.

Through the survey, civilians can voice their concerns and provide valuable information that can improve their organizations, officials said.

Aeronautical Systems Center officials at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, applied several new initiatives as a result of the feedback

received from the 2002 survey. Officials from the center's financial services office received a new telephone system with voice-mail capability, and they eliminated hardcopy travel vouchers, which stopped costly "assembly line" work when mailing out travel vouchers. Section workers developed an automated self-help tool for travelers that gave technicians more time to work complex inquiries.

These actions demonstrate participative leaders, officials said. According to published research, sound management practices lead to increased employee and customer satisfaction, loyalty, better retention and increased financial performance.

To safeguard personal information, only Air Force-level analysis is done on the personal information.

Questions that ask for a respondent's Air Force Specialty Code, rank or grade, time on station, etc., will be briefed to the secretary of the Air Force and the

Air Force chief of staff; that information will not be released elsewhere.

Multiple levels of protection are built into the system.

For example, a squadron report will list respondents by number of officers, enlisted members and civilians – not by rank or grade, etc. And each breakout can be made only if there are at least seven respondents in that category.

For example, if there are three officers, eight civilians, and 10 enlisted responding in a squadron, the officer data will be included in the next smallest breakout, the civilians. The data will be labeled as "10 enlisted" and "11 other."

The 30-minute survey can be completed online at <http://afclimatesurvey.af.mil> anytime during the survey period from either a government or personal computer. People can also click on the Air Force Climate Survey link at Air Force Link, www.af.mil.

(Information provided by Air Force Print News)

AROUND THE AIR FORCE

C-130s aiding in wildfires released

WASHINGTON – Wetter, cooler weather has helped firefighting efforts in California so much that C-130 Hercules equipped with mobile airborne firefighting systems have been released, Pentagon officials said. The aircraft flew back to their bases in California, Colorado, Wyoming and North Carolina Sunday.

Officials said 10 of the 12 largest fires have been 80-percent contained. Local officials estimate that the Old fire in San Bernardino County and the Paradise fire in San Diego County are 65-percent contained.

The firefighting effort continues, and officials now are requesting surveillance aircraft to ensure the fire does not reignite. State officials requested military Predator unmanned aerial vehicles to aid this surveillance effort.

The wildfires have caused as many as 20 deaths in California, officials said. President George W. Bush declared the counties of San Diego, San Bernardino, Los Angeles and Ventura federal disaster areas Oct. 27. Current news reports show fires have burned more than 3,600 structures. State officials said thousands were evacuated as the fires approached and that the fires have burned more than 800,000 acres. **(Air Force Print News)**

Automatic continuation rules change

WASHINGTON – Regular and Air Force Reserve captains on the active-duty list who are not selected for promotion to major two or more times should not count on automatic continuation, said personnel officials.

The new policy will affect captains meeting the Dec. 8 major promotion board.

Only a limited number of people in specific career fields who are not selected for promotion for the second time during the calendar year 2003-B major board will be offered continuation.

United States law creates a promotion system where officers who are not selected for promotion twice

will be discharged or retired, unless selected for continuation. The law provides for this flexibility. Air Force officials retained nearly all non-selectees until 2000, but that policy is changing.

Officers who decline continuation are required by law to separate. The law also entitles involuntarily separated regular officers to separation pay even if they are offered, but decline, continuation. There is one exception: the law prohibits the services from paying separation pay to officers who decline continuation for a period of time long enough to qualify them for retirement—usually 20 years of service.

Personnel officials will finalize the selective continuation eligibility list before the CY03B board convenes. Once approved, continuation details will be posted on the AFPC Promotions Web site. **(Air Force Print News)**

Scholarship program for military children begins

WASHINGTON – The application period for the children of active-duty, retired, Guard and Reserve

members to apply for \$1,500 academic scholarships kicked off Tuesday. The application window for the 2004 Scholarships for Military Children program extends through Feb. 18.

In four years, the Defense Commissary Agency program has awarded nearly \$2.5 million in scholarships to about 1,500 children of U.S. servicemembers and retirees.

The goal is to award at least one scholarship at every commissary location, depending on the number of qualified applicants and funding, said Kay Kennedy, chief of corporate communications for the agency.

Funding comes from manufacturers and suppliers whose products are sold at military commissaries, Kennedy said. The Fisher House Foundation is also underwriting the program's administrative costs.

The general public can also contribute to the program through the Fisher House Foundation and the Armed Forces Foundation.

Last year, 550 scholarship recipients were selected from 6,500 applicants.

For more information about the scholarship program and application procedures, visit the program's Web site at www.militaryscholar.org. **(American Forces Press Service)**

Air and Space Power Journal available online

MAXWELL AFB, Ala – The Air and Space Power Journal is available through electronic subscription free of charge.

The professional journal of the Air Force publishes articles written by air and space power practitioners, said Col. Chris Cain, journal editor and chief of the professional journals division at Air University's College of Aerospace Doctrine, Research and Education.

Subscribers will receive an e-mail message containing a table of contents with links to full-text articles in the journal.

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Photo of the Week



Photo by Angelica Delgado

Helicopter first

Airmen Tanya Howard (left) and Melody Boates conduct a pre-flight inspection on the cabin top of a UH-1 Huey helicopter prior to their graduation recently from training at the 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland AFB, N.M. The two are the first active-duty, non-prior service female flight engineers for their aircraft in the Air Force. Airman Howard is a flight engineer for the UH-1 Huey now stationed with the 36th Rescue Squadron at Fairchild AFB, Wash., and Airman Boates is a flight engineer for the HH-60 Pavahawk helicopter stationed with the 41st Rescue Squadron at Moody AFB, Ga.

NEWS BRIEFS

Around the base

PAX terminal: The passenger terminal will undergo major renovations through the next eight months. There will be a temporary entrance and exit located at the far right of the building. Services for space-available travel will not be interrupted.

Food pantry: The Family Child Care providers are sponsoring a food drive to support the Family Support Center food pantry from now through Nov. 14. Suggested donated items include pudding, juice (boxes, cans or bottles), infant formula and food, diapers, baby wipes, canned meats, and individually wrapped snack items. Please bring food items to 1764B Frick Ave. For more information, call Susan Lilly at 552-9892.

Chapel: The Base Chapel is hiring Catholic and Protestant Community coordinators. Interviews start Monday. Individuals can pick up the statement of work and contract process letter at the Chapel from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call the Base Chapel at 963-2536.

First Six: The next First Six meeting is at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Low Country Bar in the Club. All technical sergeants and below are invited to attend. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Joseph Thomas at 963-7285, or Airman 1st Class Brandi Mathews at 963-6704.

Parenting: Family Advocacy is having a free Common Sense Parenting class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for six consecutive Tuesdays beginning Tuesday. For more information or to register, call Jim Hernandez at 963-6504.

ASMC golf: The American Society of Military Comptrollers' 5th Annual Golf Tournament is at 11 a.m. Nov. 14 at the George Miller Country Club, Summerville. The cost is \$45, which includes the cart, green fees, tournament entry, lunch and beverages. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Patrice Coffman at 963-3750.

Charleston Warrior of the Week



Photo by Andre Bullard

Staff Sgt. Sherikia Wilson 14th Airlift Squadron

Staff Sgt. Sherikia Wilson is the NCOIC of Air Operations for the 14th Airlift Squadron. She is responsible for maintaining and compiling operations data pertaining to aircrew resources, flying-hour utilization, aircrew training and individual flight records.

"I like the fact I've had the privilege of deploying all over the world and having the pleasure of learning from others," said Sergeant Wilson.

The Greenwood, Miss., native has been in the Air Force for five and half years and at Charleston AFB for almost two years.

"I joined the Air Force so I could travel and see the world, and I also wanted to further my education," said Sergeant Wilson. "I love the Charleston area compared to my last assignment. I love the fact there is more greenery and scenery here."

While in the Air Force, Sergeant Wilson plans to finish pursuing her education and receive her degree in physical therapy.

When Sergeant Wilson isn't working, she likes to swim, listen to music, shop and relax by herself.

Hockey: The Charleston AFB hockey team will play the Navy team at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 15 at the North Charleston Coliseum. The game will take place prior to the Stingrays military appreciation night game against the Mississippi Sea Wolves at 7:30 p.m. Discount tickets are available at the outdoor recreation center for \$7 each. Those attending the CAFB game must have a ticket for the Stingrays game. Tickets will also be available at the coliseum on the evening of the game.

The Charleston Team is also holding tryouts for new players. Those interested in playing must own all their own equipment. For more information, e-mail Staff Sgt. Jason Smith at Jason.smith88@charleston.af.mil.

Parking renovations: Several parking lots will be restriped Nov. 15-16. There is no parking in any spaces in these lots that weekend. Vehicles left in the parking lots will be towed off base at the owner's expense.

The following parking lots or areas will be painted:

- The entire parking lot for Wing Headquarters, Bldg. 1600
- The entire parking lot for the Union Office, Bldg. 636
- Faded portions of the parking lot for the Skills Center, Bldg. 637
- The entire parking lot for Housing Maintenance, Bldg. 1597
- Hunley Park Entrance
- River's Gate Entrance
- All handicap spaces in the commissary parking lot
- The entire parking lot across the street from the Base Theater
- The entire parking lot across the street from Civil Engineer, Bldg. 661

For more information, call the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron at 963-5006.

MSS: The Mission Support Squadron will be closed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 17 for an annual Thanksgiving Dinner. For more information, call Capt. Adrian Hageman at 963-4539.

Gift wrapping: A meeting to assign dates for the BX gift wrap-

ping fund raiser at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 18 in the Maintenance Group Conference Room, Bldg. 1600. Any organization wishing to participate in the BX gift wrapping fund raiser must send a representative to the meeting. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Carla Sharman at 963-2202.

FEHB open season: The Federal Employees Health Benefits Open Season begins Monday and runs through Dec. 8. Charleston AFB will have an FEHB open season fair from 10 a.m. through 1 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Family Support Center. The FEHB guides are available at www.opm.gov/insure/health/. For more information, call Tammie Jones at 963-4474.

Fitness: The Fitness and Sports Center is offering a new body-sculpting fitness class from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Body sculpting brings the weight room into the aerobics room. For more information, call the fitness center at 963-3347.

FEATURE



Ali Baltes, Fall Festival volunteer and daughter of Capt. Jeffrey Baltes, 437th Communications Squadron, paints faces at the Fall Festival Oct. 31. The festival was hosted by the base chapel as an alternative for door-to-door trick-or-treating. Team Charleston families played games and enjoyed free food.

Fall Festival

Photos by
Airman 1st Class
Amy Perry



Top: Haley Allen, daughter of 2nd Lt. Steven, 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and Doris Allen, moves to shoot a ball into a net at one of the games.

Left: Raven Patterson, daughter of Master Sgt. Peggy Patterson, 437th Medical Group, aims her putter at the Fall Festival.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ben Gonzales

Ready, aim, fire

Senior Airman Desirae Sharp, 437th Security Forces Squadron member, learns how to properly load and fire the M-249 rifle from Staff Sgt. Kelly Phipps, 437 SFS combat arms instructor. With training almost every day at the firing range, people are reminded not to trespass in the combat arms or explosive ordnance disposal areas.

WELLNESS TIP

Fighting the Flu!

- ▶ Flu season lasts from December to March
- ▶ Influenza will hospitalize about 114,000 Americans this year
- ▶ The flu causes 36,000 U.S. deaths annually
- ▶ Vaccination is the best protection against the flu
- ▶ Protection develops two weeks after vaccination
- ▶ Check with your local health care provider to see if the vaccine is right for you

Graphic by Sean Erbe

Chapel schedule



107 Arthur Drive
Office: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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Catholic Services: *Saturday* - 4:15 p.m. Reconciliation, 5 p.m. Mass. *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Mass, 9:30 a.m. Children's Church. Sacrament of Baptism pre-baptismal classes are held the first Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. Daily Mass is canceled until April 2004.

Protestant Services: *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Bldg. 245, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service and 11 a.m. Children's Church. *Sunday* - 5 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service. *Wednesday* - noon Protestant Bible Study.

For information on other faith groups, call the Base Chapel at 963-2536.

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 the start of the 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.

Friday, 7:30 p.m.

"Underworld" – Kate Beckinsale

Selene, a chic vampire, exists solely to slaughter a band of Lycane werewolves her clan has battled for centuries. Things become complicated when she falls in love with an emerging wolf. **(R) 121 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

"The Rundown" – Dwayne Johnson

Beck, a bounty hunter, travels to the South American jungle to settle a debt, but realizes the bad guy isn't really the bad guy. The two join forces to search for hidden riches in Helldorado while avoiding the town's evil kingpin. **(PG-13) 104 minutes**

Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.

"The Fighting Temptations" – Cuba Gooding, Jr.

Cuba is a smooth New York ad executive who loses his job and has nowhere to turn. His luck changes when he discovers he's going to receive a nice inheritance from a wealthy aunt who recently died. But when he returns to his hometown in Alabama to collect the cash, he uncovers the catch: First he must organize a successful gospel choir. **(PG-13) 123 minutes**

SPORTS & FITNESS

Armed Forces Basketball coaches speak out

By Airman 1st Class Amy Perry
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Two Marines are taking their first steps toward the World Military Games as coaches of the All Armed Forces Basketball team as the team prepares at the Charleston AFB Starlifter Courts.

Antonio Robinson, a master gunnery sergeant from Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., also known as "Coach Rob," is the head coach this year. James Jones, known as "Coach Red," is this year's assistant coach. He is a captain from Camp Lejeune, N.C., who coaches Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Base Cherry Point, N.C., and brings his Marines up and down the East coast to play basketball.

The two coaches have been in charge of the All Marine Corps team for the last two years, and this is their first year together as the All Armed Forces coaches.

Coach Rob describes their relation in comparison to bookends.

"We work well together," said Coach Rob. "I'm the calm one, and Coach Red is always excited. But we also talk and communicate. Sometimes he sees things I don't see."

"Coach Rob has a very calm demeanor, and that helps on the

court," said Coach Red. "I try to let the coach relax, so I take care of the (little) stuff that comes out. It's like good cop, bad cop on the court. Very rarely do I see him get upset."

The coaches attribute their success on the court to their opposite attitudes during games. During practice, the story's different.

The team practiced all day Wednesday and Thursday in preparation for their first scrimmage at 3 p.m. today against Charleston Southern University on the Starlifter Courts.

"During practice time is when you get excited," said Coach Rob. "You get into the discipline there; that's our time."

Coach Rob said their opposite game-time attitudes were not planned, they just turned out that way.

Another key strategy of the coaching duo is their emphasis on defensive man-to-man coverage. Coach Red said this year's All Marine Corps team was the best defensive team he's ever seen.

"(The Marine Corps) played better as a team," said Eddie Goad, All Armed Forces project officer. "They showed unity, and they never quit. The leadership on the floor was great."

The two coaches were able to win the job as head coaches because of

their All Marine Corps team winning the gold at the Armed Forces Tournament.

But the opportunity to mentor the young Marines, airmen, soldiers and seamen is what drew both of them into coaching the Armed Forces squad.

"We try to instill the traditions of basketball into these guys," said Coach Rob. "We're in the 'and one' generation, where everyone thinks about themselves."

"I want to emphasis the fundamentals of basketball; sportsmanship, working hard and working as a team," said Coach Red.

Right now, their one goal is to concentrate on picking the 12 players to go for the gold at the World Military Games.

"Winning the gold, that's the bottom line," said Coach Rob. "There's nothing better to these guys than doing what they like best, and they all like basketball. We're going to make history this year, because we haven't won the gold yet."

"We (Coaches Rob and Red) can't stand to lose," he continued. "When you lose, you can't wait to play the next game to win again. It's like we didn't do our job, and you let the team down."

The opportunity for the players is

once in a lifetime.

"There will be college and pro scouts at the games to watch the guys," said Coach Rob. "The most important part is representing the Armed Forces; there's nothing like the U.S.A."

Another advantage this year is the core group is made up of friends.

"I'm spoiled," said Coach Rob. "A couple of times, I've turned this (job) down. You see the staff you are going with, and you have to get along with that team."

"This is like a family reunion this year," he continued. "The players, assistant coach and project officer are all great. Eddie Goad (project officer) is one of the most important people (for this event). He's got a passion for the game."

"Eddie Goad goes the extra mile," said Coach Red. "His attitude is to make sure when we get here, we only worry about basketball. He takes care of everything."

Both coaches expressed their thanks to the commands for allowing the players this vast opportunity.

"It's just an honor for me," said Coach Red. "When I talked about it to my command, I told them what an honor it would be to wear ,U.S.A. on my chest."

Tiebreaker points determine winner

By the Gridiron Guru

"Best" pigskin prognosticator

"Big" George Knebel edged out Amy "Refrigerator" Perry and Ron "Red, White and Blue" Desaultes in a week filled with upsets to capture the title. All three had identical records of 9-5; however, Knebel was closest on the Monday night point's tiebreaker. The Guru learned Knebel let his children pick the games for him, which would explain his victory compared to the woeful picks he has been submitting all year. Be sure to stop by Public Affairs to claim your prizes.

This week's Stink-Out-Loud Awards belong to the Oakland Faders who were tossed around by the lowly Detroit Kittens. Can you believe this team played for the Super Bowl last year? The Faders continue to stick with their famous doughnut defense, you know, the one with the big hole in the middle! Also making the list are the San Diego Chargers who turned in yet another embarrassing performance. Their offensive line was so good,

the running backs couldn't even get through it! And last, but not least, the Washington Deadskins were turned back by their arch rival Dallas Cowboys. Due to increased trash talking by Barron "The Great One" Williams, the Guru must now admit the Dallas Cowboys are the surprise team of the year and appear to be poised to make a playoff run. Hats off to the Big Tuna for really turning that program around.

This week's hall of shame is solely devoted to Jeremiah "I'm no brain surgeon" Spurgeon, who somehow managed a pathetic 3-11 record! He is this week's cellar dweller and has an entire week to collect his thoughts and try again. The Guru had to go all the way back to his first article to make sure he mentioned the contest was to pick the winning teams, not the other way around.

And now, just for Ben "Speedy" Gonzales, who says he is tired of hearing the term "stone-cold, steel-pipe locks," I offer my new and improved "bet your car, house and kid's lunch money" Week 11 picks.

Gridiron Guru's Week 11 picks

Sunday, Nov. 16

Arizona @ **Cleveland**

Baltimore @ **Miami**

Jacksonville @ **Tennessee**

N.Y. Giants @ Philadelphia

Washington @ **Carolina**

San Diego @ **Denver**

Green Bay @ **Tampa Bay**

Dallas @ **New England**

Atlanta @ **New Orleans**

Houston @ **Buffalo**

Kansas City @ Cincinnati

St. Louis @ Chicago

N.Y. Jets @ **Indianapolis**

Detroit @ **Seattle**

Minnesota @ Oakland

Monday, Nov. 17

Pittsburgh @ **San Fransisco**

Monday Night total points: _____

Guru's Monday night points: 45

The Gridiron Guru's picks are in bold and italics.

Send your picks to swami@charleston.af.mil only.

Include your name, phone number, and any comments in the e-mail.

Picks can no longer be dropped off at the Public Affairs Office.

Picks must be submitted by Friday, Nov. 14, 4 p.m.