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Storm trackers

Photo by Andre Bullard

Capt. Joel Fenlason, 437th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight chief, tracks Hurricane Isabel while coordinating with other weather organizations about the storm path. The weather flight continuously watched storm developments to ensure Team Charleston members were kept informed of the Hurricane's potential. While evacuations were not warranted this time, safety officials stress everyone should have in place. Hurricane season continues through November,

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Commander's Comments

By Col. Brooks Bash
437AW commander

General Handy visit

Gen. John Handy, Commander U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command, visited Charleston AFB Monday and spoke with Team Charleston members on many of the current issues facing today's Air Force during a commander's call. Thanks to Lt. Col. Robert Holba, 15th Airlift Squadron, and Capt. Mark Chagaris, 437th Airlift Wing Protocol, for making this visit a success!

Hurricane planning

Military families, probably more than any other, understand the need for advance planning. Hurricane planning is no exception. This week has shown us everyone needs to have a family disaster plan in place before a hurricane arrives. Charleston Pamphlet 32-4 contains local emergency telephone numbers, how to plan and prepare for emergency food and water supplies, how to purify water, a chart to allow you to track the hurricane at sea, and other important information. Contact your Unit Disaster Preparedness representative or the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight.

Combined Federal Campaign

My appreciation goes out to everyone who has contributed to the Combined Federal Campaign. The campaign is the largest workplace-charity campaign in the country and contributes to thousands of local and national nonprofit organizations.

On average, one in four federal employees or their family members will benefit from the CFC charities this year alone. You can designate which charities receive your money by filling out a pledge card. Contact your group or squadron representative to make donations.

Oktoberfest

The Top 3 Association is scheduled to host the fifth annual Oktoberfest Sept. 26, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. between the dorms near Arthur Drive. The site is an alternate duty location for all E-6 and below. There will be free food, beverages and a live band all day. The first sergeants will start serving at 11:30 a.m. There is a \$5 donation for E-6 and above.



Photo by Andre Bullard

Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing commander, and Gen. John Handy, Commander U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command, listen to Lt. Col. Kevin Brewer, 437th Aerial Port Squadron commander, discuss his unit's mission Monday.

Safety

Commanders and supervisors need to be aware of high-risk activities our personnel may be involved in off duty. This includes skydiving, bungee jumping, white water rafting, ANY motorcycle riding, flag football, etc. The intent is not to tell people not to do them, but that they should use good personal risk management, especially if doing something for the first time.

We need to apply self-discipline to our day-to-day lives and focus on what we are doing. Otherwise, our troops can make the wrong choices. Operational risk management is essential.

Thank you for all of the INCREDIBLE work that you do every day. I am truly blessed and proud to be a member of Team Charleston.

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.

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Air Force

A different kind of organization

By Col. Julian Levin
437 MDG commander

I'm not much of a philosopher and, as I consider my writing abilities not much above miserable, I watched the deadline for this article approaching with increasing anxiety. I'm thinking, "Who can I get to write something for me to go in the *Airlift Dispatch*?"

I remembered the many thought-provoking, enlightening articles in this spot by my fellow commanders, and my frustrations increased; what do I write about or who do I get to write this?

Well, as I was doing my briefing with newcomers to the group, it hit me – I'll just write an article about some of the things I cover with every newcomer to the group ... here they are – written as I say 'em ...

The Air Force is a different organization than any civilian organization I know of.

In some jobs, they have three basic expectations of you: you show up to work on time, you do your job and you don't steal from them. If you do these things, you will be considered a good employee.

Your off-duty activities are irrelevant. You may be drunk every night, drink and drive or even do drugs.

You can be involved in illegal activities, cruel to your spouse or children, but if you show up for work, do your job and don't steal from them, the management will not likely get involved.

When you raise your right hand and take that oath for the Air Force, things change! You have joined a very different kind of organization.

worth repeating

"... this makes us not only a special organization, but part of a special family."



–Col. Julian Levin
437th Medical Group commander

This organization has a different set of expectations of you.

Those expectations are outlined by first sergeants and commanders, and the most significant ones are contained in the Uniformed Code of Military Justice.

They include adherence to our core values: integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do.

Adhering to these expectations means treating your spouse and children with a certain level of respect, and abuse will not be tolerated.

It means treating your coworkers, at all levels, with respect and not tolerating discrimination or harassment of any kind. It means not drinking and driving, and not involving yourself in unprofessional relationships.

Now, those are a lot of rules your civilian counterparts are not held to.

Another expectation this organization places on you is, you may be asked to put your life on the line for the Air Force.

Why would people join such an organiza-

tion, and why would they stay in this kind of organization?

The answer is that, in return for the sacrifices, the Air Force offers something no other organization I know offers.

It is an organization that has individuals like the first sergeants and superintendents who know and care about the stresses in your life.

It's also an organization that provides top-quality medical care for you and your family at no or minimal cost. (This benefit is worth well over \$5,000 per year for an average family of four.)

There are multiple programs offered by Life Skills and the Health and Wellness Center. We have the Family Support Center with its many free services that would cost hundreds of dollars, if we had to pay for them.

There is also the Air Force Aid Society, Air Force Assistance Fund, education benefits, the clubs, fitness centers and the list goes on.

We follow a special set of rules; we look out for each other. This makes us not only a special organization, but part of a "special family."

Take advantage of what our family has to offer.

If you are considering separating from the Air Force, make sure you have calculated the value, both in dollars and the intangibles.

That's what makes the trade off between an organization that demands more and one that doesn't.

The Air Force is also one that gives more back to you.

Action Line caller discusses speeding in housing areas

Q: I live in Hunley Park and very few people actually go the posted speed limit of 20 mph. Some cars are going at least twice the speed limit and sometimes faster.

I've seen the electric speed sign there once, but people just ignore it as they speed by.

I would like to see periodic Security Forces patrols with their radar guns in housing as well as speed bumps being installed. The base I just came from had both, and if you were caught speeding in housing, you automatically lost your base driving privileges for a week for the first offense, a month for the second offense

and a year for a third offense. Can something similar be instituted here at Charleston?

A: Thank you for your interest in traffic safety. I personally take speeding on Charleston AFB seriously and, in particular, speeding in the housing areas.

Our Security Forces have enhanced the enforcement of traffic laws in Hunley Park through increased patrols, radar surveillance and use of the SMART cart that deters speeding by automatically identifying the speed of oncoming vehicles.

As you indicate, speed bumps are one solution to slowing drivers; unfortunately, they also interfere

with the response time of emergency vehicles.

At CAFB, the driving privileges of any individual operating a vehicle on this installation will be suspended or revoked based on point accumulation or driver behavior.

For example, any individual ticketed for driving 11 MPH over the speed limit in base housing will automatically receive a one-month suspension and be assessed four points.

– Col. Brooks Bash
437 AW commander

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

CAFB to promote 21 more sergeants

Charleston AFB has several new NCOS from the September supplemental promotion lists. Additional promotion lists will come out monthly due to the high deployment rate this testing cycle.

The promotees on the supplemental lists either were deployed during their cycle or had their records corrected, for example, if they were missing medals or enlisted performance reports. Air Force Personnel Center runs their records against their peers in the Air Force Specialty Codes to see if they can be promoted this year.

Master sergeant

Steven Bright, 437th Aerial Port Squadron

James Kahley, 437 APS.

Technical sergeant

Todd Cyr, 437 APS

Paul Gipson, 437 APS

Pamela Smith, 437th Airlift Wing
Rey Thompson, 437th Logistics
Readiness Squadron.

Staff sergeant

Steven Gore, 16th Airlift Squadron
Christopher Koch, 17th Airlift
Squadron

Matthew Weaver, 437 APS
Rebecca Jones, 437th Aeromedical
Dental Operations Squadron
Christopher Craddock, 437th Aircraft
Maintenance Squadron
William Harper, 437 AMXS
Riley Jacobs, 437 AMXS
Marc Weinberg, 437 AMXS
Alicia Nguyen, 437th Communications
Squadron

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Operations Squadron
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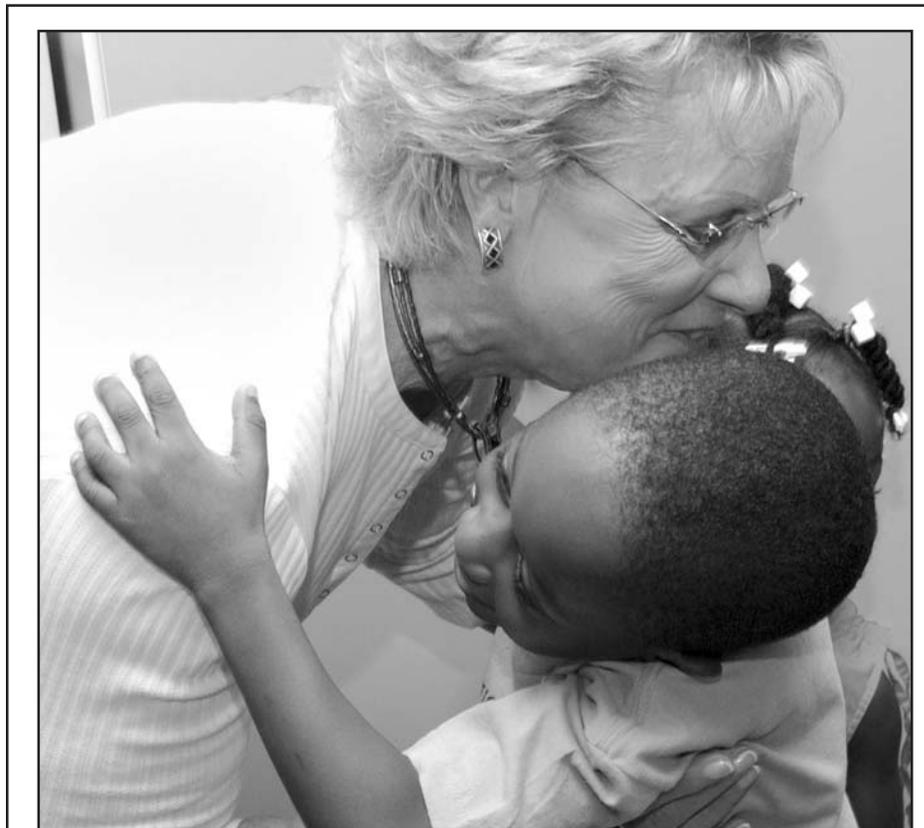


Photo by Senior Airman Tyrone Pearsall

CDC embraces

Mickey Handy, wife of Gen. John Handy, Commander U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command, receives a hug from Justin Williams, son of U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Douglas and Charlene Williams, at the Child Development Center Tuesday.

Claims officer reaches 30-year milestone

By Airman 1st Class Amy Perry
437 AW Public Affairs

A civilian in the 437th Airlift Wing Legal Office earned her 30-year civil service pin Wednesday.

JoAnne LaMunion, assistant claims officer, has worked in the legal office for more than 28 years, after doing a short stint as a maintenance clerk and civilian personnel clerk here.

As an assistant claims officer, Mrs. LaMunion is responsible for processing claims for and against the Air Force.

"I've really enjoyed working in claims," she said. "You never learn it all with all the law changes; I'm still learning every day."

Working at the base since 1973, Mrs. LaMunion is amazed by the technological advances she's seen.

"When I first got here, we still had a manual typewriter," she said. "Now, I think we have a better handle on things with computers, but we also have a bigger workload."

The quality of the base has improved. Mrs. LaMunion remembers the wing headquarters building before the current one, and it was so broken down, court reporters had to sit

and type with umbrellas because of leaks in the roof.

"I've just seen a lot of improvements in the quality of the Air Force, especially in the work environment," said Mrs. LaMunion.

Lt. Col. Rupinder Gill, 437 AW Legal Office staff judge advocate, said he's worked with Mrs. LaMunion before.

"This is the second time in my career I've had the pleasure of working with JoAnne," Colonel Gill said. "Her knowledge in the claims arena is just phenomenal. As attested to by the 30-year pin, she is the one true constant we've had in the claims office over the years."

"She provides continuity; that can't be emphasized enough in the very fluid environment that we in the Air Force operate in today," he continued.

Capt. Jedd Miloud, 437 AW Legal Office claims officer, echoed Colonel Gill's sentiments.

"She is a fountain of knowledge," he said. "If we're not sure about a claims issue, she usually has the answer or knows who does. Since claims people personnel are continuously rotating, she provides continuity and experience."



Photo provided by the 437th Airlift Wing Legal Office

JoAnne LaMunion, 437th Airlift Wing Legal Office assistant claims officer, earned her 30-year civil service pin Wednesday.

Mrs. LaMunion said she stayed with the civil service because of the work environment.

"I enjoy working with the military, and I like the government benefits for civilian employees," she said. "I just think this is a great place to work. We're a team."

General answers issues

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
437 AW Public Affairs

Gen. John Handy, commander U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command, held a commander's call at Charleston Monday and gave airmen the chance to ask questions on the issues of the day.

"The first thing I really need to do is brag about the people at Charleston and the amazing job you are doing here, especially in the last 12 months," General Handy said. "It's a staggering endeavor, and it's happened here without a flinch, and nothing has gone wrong. You've done incredibly well."

The general told his audience hearing their questions helps him know what's on the minds of the airmen he leads and what issues they need addressed.

One of those issues involved the testing of a new Air Force utility uniform.

"I was in a room with all the rest of the four stars, and the chief (Air Force chief of staff) and secretary (Secretary of the Air Force) when they marched in the first group of enlisted people with the new uniforms on," General Handy said. "The first reaction I had was, 'That's rather ... uh ... stark.'"

However, he said after discussing the reason for the new uniforms, his opinion changed. Considering how much time and money go into keeping the current utility uniform looking sharp, the "wash and wear" uniform proposed is a huge improvement, General Handy said.

Also, scientific research shows the tiger-stripe pattern is one of the best for day and night camouflage, he said.

Those at the commander's call also wanted to know about the change from 21st Air Force to 18th Air Force.

"We will stand up the 18th Air Force Oct. 1," General Handy said. "There will be a mobility three-star (lieutenant general) in command. We took all the execution part of AMC and put it in the 18 Air Force."

That frees up the 21st AF to become an expeditionary unit, he said.

Another big issue facing AMC aircrews is the amount of time they spend at Altus AFB, Okla., for training. General Handy talked about his concern over the amount of travel C-17 aircrews face to keep their training current.

"It's silliness," he said. "It doesn't make sense to go somewhere else to train."

The general said he is working to change that by conducting more training in the unit, and relying less on Altus AFB.

"It's tough," he said. "It's going to be really hard on your leadership to try to figure out how we can do more in-unit training."

But in the long-run, General Handy said the change will be better for everyone.

"There is nothing this command and its people can't do," the general said. "I can say that with absolute confidence because of people like you. I deeply appreciate what you and your families have done."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Cecilio Ricardo

Distinguished service

Gen. John Handy, commander U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command, awards a distinguished flying cross to Tech. Sgt. Christopher Lemons, 437th Operations Group Standardizations and Evaluations Monday. Sergeant Lemons, along with 10 other Charleston AFB members, was unable to receive his award at the prior ceremony June 17.

Combat Camera sergeants receive Bronze Star

Two Team Charleston members were awarded the Bronze Star by Gen. John Handy, commander U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command during a ceremony Monday.

Tech. Sgts. Scott Reed and Manuel Trejo, 1st Combat Camera Squadron, earned

the Bronze Star while serving as combat photographers at a classified location near and in Afghanistan from Oct. 7, 2001, to Jan. 20, 2002.

During this period, Sergeants Reed and Trejo volunteered to document the unique aspects of U.S. special operations forces and classified government agencies deep inside Taliban and Al Qaeda controlled areas. They also joined a rapid-response team to recover a



Staff Sgt. Scott Reed

MH-53M Pave Low helicopter at a hostile airfield surrounded by the enemy.

Working under adverse conditions with the threat of an enemy attack, they were able to document the high-risk mission and forward a visual record to headquarters Air Force Special Operations

Command to enhance future recovery missions.

"During the missions I knew, first and foremost, I had to document the action as it took place," said Sergeant Reed. "These missions were fluid and things changed rapidly, though this kept the adrenaline level high. This operation and these particular missions were history taking place in front of me, and I had a job to do.

"Most of the time, the reality of

the danger didn't set in until we had returned and were debriefing," he continued. "When you're in the situation, one puts outside factors not within their control to the side and accomplishes that portion of the mission."

Sergeants Reed and Trejo's efforts were also pivotal in establishing landing zone Rhino, the first U.S. forward operating location inside Afghanistan. They recorded the first detainee transfer missions from Kandahar, Afghanistan, performing courageously on the first night when the airfield came under attack.

"I feel extremely humbled and honored," said Sergeant Trejo. "Most importantly, I am proud to represent Combat Camera, since



Staff Sgt. Manuel Trejo

this recognition reinforces the fact that Combat Camera does play an important role in combat operations. I was just lucky to have such an awesome job which gave me the opportunity to make a difference."

The Bronze Star was authorized by President Franklin Roosevelt in

1944, in response to a request by Gen. George Marshall. General Marshall was concerned about the morale of soldiers on the ground, who were not eligible for the Air Medal, created to boost the morale of airmen.

The medal is awarded to those who distinguish themselves by heroic or meritorious achievement or service, not involving aerial flight, while engaged in action against an enemy of the United States.

AROUND THE AIR FORCE

Officials set holiday mailing dates, policies

WASHINGTON – The dates for mailing items to and from overseas locations in time for the holidays are fast approaching, and Military Postal Service Agency officials have suggestions for ensuring packages and letters arrive on time.

In fact, customers who mail early may save money and still have an on-time delivery, said Mark DeDomenic, chief of operations at the agency.

“As we get closer to Christmas, the mail volumes get higher, and therefore mail takes longer to be delivered,” he said.

The recommended mail deadlines for sending mail from the United States to all overseas military mailing addressees for the holidays are:

- Parcel post: Nov. 13
- Space-available mail: Nov. 28
- Parcel-airlift mail: Dec. 4
- Priority and first-class letters or cards: Dec. 11

Mr. DeDomenic said these dates can also be observed by customers sending mail from overseas locations to the United States.

Customs forms are required on all international mail, and shipments should be properly packaged before sending them overseas, Mr. DeDomenic said.

While the United States has restrictions on mailing items such as poisons and weapons, other countries have their own restrictions for what can be mailed, he said. Postal customers need to consider the length of the journey overseas and the final destination when considering what to send.

Because of security restrictions, mass-mailing operations such as Operation Dear Abby or the “Any Servicemember” mailing program are not being supported by the agency, Mr. DeDomenic said. **(Air Force Print News)**

Air Force offers multilingual thank you

WASHINGTON – Airmen whose parents speak languages other than English can now order Air Force Parent Pins with accompanying cards translated into one of 100 languages.

The new Your Guardians of Freedom initiative is an extension of the

Parent-Pin program called “E Pluribus Unum.” The Latin term comes from the great seal of the United States and means, “out of many, one,” said the program’s director, Brig. Gen. Edward Tonini.

Even before launching E Pluribus Unum, members of the Your Guardians of Freedom office received more than 1,000 requests for cards in 40 different languages, according to General Tonini. About 70 percent of those requests were for Spanish.

The purpose for offering the letter in so many languages is community outreach, according to General Tonini.

“The Air Force Parent-Pin program is designed to acknowledge the parents and parental figures whose support continues to be critical to America’s airmen,” General Tonini said. “When your parents wear these pins, their friends will ask about it.

Your parents will tell them about you and your service, and how proud they are of you. This is a real ‘support multiplier,’ and that support is just as important if your parents or parental figures don’t speak English.

“There is a lot to be gained for the Air Force in terms of communicating with the huge number of people in the United States whose primary language is other than English,” he continued. “If we can make an impression in a non-English speaking family by translating the letter, then we believe that is a positive thing. This is a true diversity outreach program.”

E Pluribus Unum is the third major effort for the office. Besides the Parent-Pin program, the ongoing Employer-Pin program kicked off Nov. 8. More than 87,000 pins and personalized letters from Roche and Jumper have been sent to civilian employers of Guard and Reserve airmen.

The lapel pins are contemporary adaptations of the World War II “E” flags that were used to recognize companies for efficient-war production. The modern-day programs are designed to recognize and strengthen the military, community and family partnerships that are critical to the Air Force’s ability to wage the global war on terrorism. The pins are about three-fourths inch square and feature a silver letter “E” or “P” cradled within the Air Force symbol.

Those who would like their parents to receive the Parent Pin and letter, in any of 100 languages, can sign up at the Your Guardians of Freedom Web site. Registration will require airmen to enter the names and addresses of up to two parents or parental figures, General Tonini said. The program is voluntary and comes at no cost to those participating. **(Air Force Print News)**

Combat Camera Photo of the Week



Photo by Master Sgt. James Bowman

Bulletproof

Seen through a hole in a window at Baghdad International Airport, Iraq, a C-5 Galaxy sits on the ramp. The aircraft deployed from Dover AFB, Del., to support Operation Iraqi Freedom.

NEWS BRIEFS

Spotlight

Retirement: The 437th Operations Group Special Operations is hosting a retirement ceremony for Tech. Sgt. Christopher Schick Sept. 26, 2 p.m., at the 17th Airlift Squadron auditorium. For more information, call Master Sgt. Paul DeGroot at 963-7403.

Change of Command: The 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron is hosting a change of command ceremony for Maj. Doug Bugado Oct. 1, 8 a.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Capt. Jason Nulton at 963-5530.

Around the base

Trespassing: The base firing ranges are located adjacent to the Rivers Gate, between the Explosive Ordnance Disposal ranges, munitions storage site and Cross County Road gravel pit. Trespassing is not illegal, but is dangerous due to weapons training conducted daily, including weekends. Ranges are not allowed for personal use. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Mark Keck at 963-5292.

Golf Tourney: The 15th Airlift Squadron is having a golf tournament today at the Wrenwoods Golf Course. The tournament is open to anyone wishing to attend. Check in is at 8:15 a.m. with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. The price is \$20 plus cart and green fees. The cost covers lunch and drinks. Prizes will be awarded to the top winners following the tournament. For more information, call 1st Lt. John Urso at 963-2178.

SpongeBob: SpongeBob SquarePants will be at the Base Exchange for a meet and greet Saturday, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Polaroid pictures are available for \$2. For more information, call Myra Florence or Melissa Estrada at 552-5000.

Charleston Warrior of the Week

Airman 1st Class Dan Peterson 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Airman 1st Class Dan Peterson is the deployment coordinator for the 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

His duties include retrieving taskings from Air Mobility Command and passing them along to the units so they can match the right troops and equipment to the taskings.

“The best part of my job is I get to see the process of how the individual units are tasked from start to finish,” he said.

Airman Peterson joined the Air Force the sense of family it provides and the education benefits. He plans to finish a four-year degree in a foreign language before applying for officer training school.

“It’s great to serve in the Air Force,” he said. “We’re lucky to have the people we do. I’ve learned so much in the short time I’ve been here.”

The Salt Lake City native has been in the Air Force for 17 months and at Charleston AFB since February.

During his free time, Airman Peterson said he likes to spend time with his family, watch DVDs and try to relax from his job.

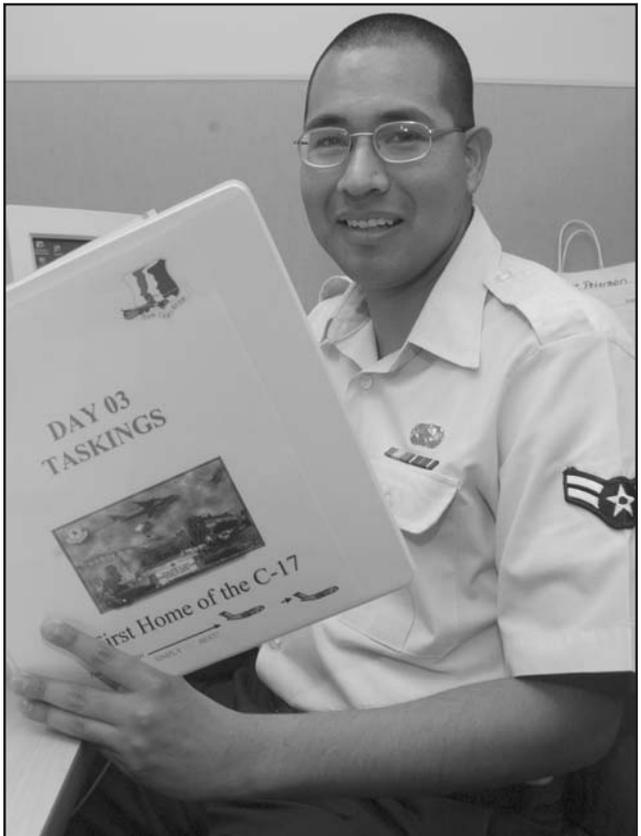


Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Clements

Math CLEP: There is a free math College Level Examination Program preparatory class at the Community Education Center Monday-Wednesday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. The class will be followed by the CLEP College Mathematics exam Thursday. Those who pass the test will be awarded the CCAF credit for the math requirement. All interested must sign up for the class at the CEC in person no later than noon today.

Study skills: There is a study skills seminar at the Community Education Center Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., and is open to everyone. For more information, call the CEC at 963-4575 no later than Monday.

Smoking cessation: There is a Smoking Cessation Class Thursday, 4 p.m., in the third floor classroom of Bldg. 322. The class meets one hour a week for five weeks and offers stress management, behavior modification, exercise, nutrition and nicotine replacement therapy. For more information or to register, call the Health and Wellness Center at 963-4007.

Recycle: The next Military Family Housing recycling pick-up date is Thursday. The U.S. generates more corrugated cardboard than any other single-waste material. Corrugated boxes can be dropped off in the cardboard recycling containers and should be emptied, flattened, and free of food or cooking oil contamination. For more information, call the pollution prevention manager at 963-2690.

Marriage enrichment: The Family Advocacy Program is offering a marriage enrichment seminar starting Sept. 30 and meeting for six consecutive Tuesdays, 6 – 8:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call Jim Hernandez at 963-6504.

Chapel: Protestant Sunday School is held in Bldg. 245 Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Two children’s class and two adult classes are available. For more information, call Senior Airman Erin Brock at 963-2536.

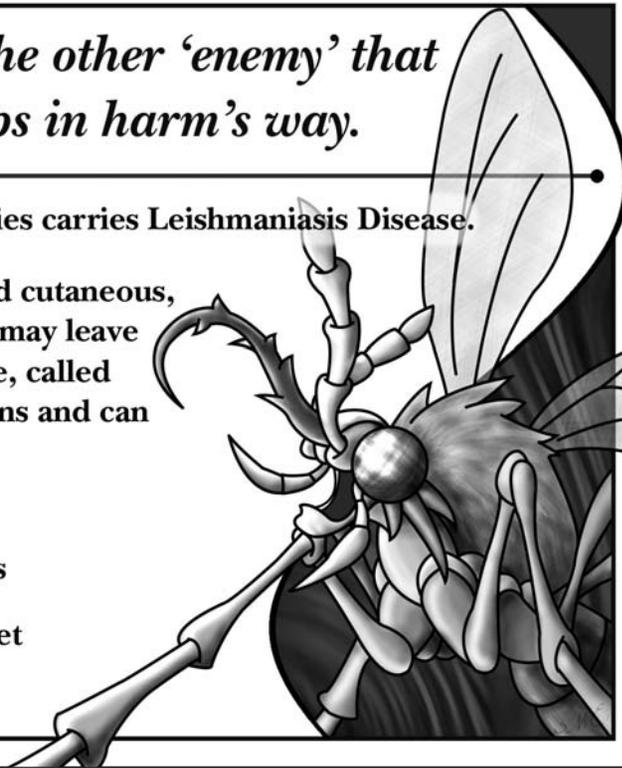
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Oktoberfest: Oktoberfest is scheduled for Sept. 26, 11:30 a.m. – 6 p.m., at the base dorms. The event is designed to recognize the sacrifices and achievements of Charleston AFB airmen. Master sergeants and above pay \$5 each. Oktoberfest is an alternative duty location for E-6 and below, and features free food, beverages, entertainment and prizes. For more information, call Master Sgt. Scottie Franklin at 963-4282.

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WELLNESS TIP**The Sand Fly: *The other 'enemy' that puts our deployed troops in harm's way.***

- ▶ In Iraq, 1 out of every 50 sand flies carries Leishmaniasis Disease.
- ▶ One type of Leishmaniasis, called cutaneous, creates ulcers on the skin, which may leave permanent scarring. Another type, called visceral, affects the internal organs and can be fatal if untreated.
- ▶ To help prevent Leishmaniasis:
 1. Sleep under treated bed nets
 2. Use insect repellent with Deet
 3. Eliminate fly breeding areas

**Chapel schedule**

107 Arthur Drive
Office: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (effective Sept. 2)
Phone: 963-2536.

After duty hours, call the command post at 963-2531 for emergencies only.

Catholic Services: *Saturday* - 4:15 p.m. Reconciliation, 5 p.m. Mass. *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Mass, 9:30 a.m. Children's Church. *Weekdays* - 11:30 a.m. Mass. Sacrament of Baptism pre-baptismal classes are held the first Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. No daily Mass on Mondays.

Protestant Services: *Sunday* - 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.

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 start of movie, unless otherwise noted.

Movie schedules are provided by AAFES.

Patrons should call 963-3333 to verify movie titles, running times and start times, which are subject to change.

**Today, 7:30 p.m.****"Freaky Friday" – Jamie Lee Curtis**

In this Disney remake of the 1976 original, Ellen and her daughter, Annabel, wish they could exchange bodies so the other could see what it's like, and then, somehow, it happens! Complications arise as Ellen worries about Annabel getting too close to her future stepfather while Annabel must fake knowing her mom's job as a doctor. **(PG) 97 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

Please call the theater to find out what will be playing. The originally scheduled 'Seabiscuit,' was pulled by the movie distributors.

Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m.**"Marci X" – Lisa Kudrow**

When protest breaks out over Dr. S's new CD, the owner of the rapper's record label, Ben Field, is hospitalized by a heart attack. His pampered daughter, Marci, who's never set foot in the business world, steps in, stands up to Dr. S and tries to tone down his bad-boy edge. **(R) 73 minutes**

Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m.**"Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over" – Carla Gugino**
(PG) 85 minutes

SPORTS & FITNESS

Dallas miracle gives Desautels Week 2 crown

By the Gridiron Guru

"No. 1" pigskin prognosticator

Ron Desautels entered Monday night locked in a three-way tie with Beth Bartley and Joe Lodging, but was the only one who predicted Dallas would get lucky and beat the G-men to finish with a record of 13-3. Be sure to stop by Public Affairs to pick up your prizes.

I hope all the Cowboys fans celebrated deep into the night. It will have to last them the remainder of the season, as they will now go 0-14!

The Chicago Bears and Philadelphia Eagles get my "stink out loud" votes this week; it could be a very long season for both of them!

I also need to pose a question. Just how sorry are the Cleveland Browns? Jamal Lewis tells them all week he will break the single-game rushing record and makes good on

his promise, gaining an incredible 295 yards.

This week's hall of shame is devoted to Big George Knebel, who posted a dismal record of 3-13. The Guru thinks if Knebel had to make a living predicting football winners, he would be living in a cardboard box somewhere under the Mark Clark Expressway.

Honorable mention goes to Ben Gonzales for telling the Guru he is the real Swami, then only picking eight games correctly. For the time being, I will partially grant your wish and name you the real Salami!

The Guru has been purposely losing a few games each week to give everyone hope for winning the Swami Cup, however, due to increasing amounts of smack everybody is talking, I am now going to turn up the heat. With that said, here are my Week four stone-cold, steel-pipe locks.

Gridiron Guru's Week 4 picks

Sunday, Sept. 28

Arizona @ **St. Louis**
Cincinnati @ Cleveland
Kansas City @ Baltimore
Philadelphia @ **Buffalo**
Tennessee @ **Pittsburgh**
Dallas @ **N.Y. Jets**
Indianapolis @ New Orleans

Atlanta @ **Carolina**
Jacksonville @ **Houston**
New England @ **Washington**
San Francisco @ Minnesota
San Diego @ **Oakland**
Detroit @ **Denver**
Monday, Sept. 29
Green Bay @ Chicago

Monday Night total points: _____

Guru's Monday night points: 44

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, Sept. 28, 4 p.m.

TRIATHLON: CHARLESTON ATHLETES SWIM, BIKE, RUN TO CROSS FINISH LINE



Margaret Martin and Leonard Christo run together during the 5-kilometer portion of the Triathlon. Martin and Christo were the overall first-place finishers in Saturday's competition.



Above: Charleston AFB Triathlon contestants battle it out in the base pool during the 450-meter swim segment of the three-part competition.

Right: Brett Blanton, who finished first in the 30-39 Male group, peddles through the 9-mile bike portion of the Triathlon. Blanton finished his nine miles in 27:35:00.



By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
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Charleston AFB hosted a triathlon Saturday, with athletes competing in 450-meter swim, 9-mile bike and 5-kilometer run events.

Competitors divided into eight age groups by sex. Their times for each event were added together to come up with an overall time.

Margaret Martin place first overall for women, with an overall time of 55 minutes and 11 seconds. Leonard Christo place first overall for men, with 53 minutes and 21 seconds.

2003 Triathlon results

14-19 Male

Frank Giguere 1:51:01

20-29 Female

Jamey Hooper 1:05:18
Zahra Hajiaghamohseni 1:06:52

20-29 Male

Jeremy Hooper 0:59:49
William Friar 1:05:42

30-39 Female

Michelle Blanton 1:07:37
Laura Radley 1:08:09

30-39 Male

Brett Blanton 1:01:03
Tim Smith 1:05:07

40-49 Female

MaryBeth Bash 1:05:50
Christen Hall 1:17:04

40-49 Male

JP Hall 1:00:51
Luke Howard 1:09:17

50-59 Female

Frankie Cox 1:51:26