

# **AIRLIFT** **Dispatch**

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

## Track less traveled

Senior Airman Allen Banerian, 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron, uses a compactor to pack loose rock and dirt around drainage pipes that will be under the new running track leading from the Sports and Fitness Center to Rivers Gate on Wednesday. The track to set to be completed April 16.

## BEST IN AF

**CPTS takes two top awards, two 2nd place**

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## MOBEX

**Wing deploys during two-day exercise**

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### MISSION POSSIBLE!

Charleston departures	4,443	Personnel deployed	539
Maintenance reliability	94.9%	Reservists activated	740
Cargo moved (tons)	18,688	<i>(Jan. 1 to April 6, 2004)</i>	

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

# Commander's Comments

Col. Wayne Schatz  
437 AW Vice Commander

## Welcome home!

Please help me welcome home our 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, Col. Brooks Bash, after his 110-day deployment to the AOR. It's great to have him back!

Remember the Team Charleston Airmen still deployed and preparing to deploy. Keep them and their families in your thoughts. With warmer weather approaching, lawns will need to be mowed and gardens weeded. Check on family members to see if they need any help while their spouse is deployed. Even small gestures, like inviting someone over for dinner, can make a huge difference.



## Mobility Exercise

Thank you for your hard work during the mobility exercise last week. As Command Chief Master Sgt. James Roy and I walked around Thursday night, we saw people working hard and staying motivated. We successfully processed 230 personnel and worked six C-17 chinks. We learned some lessons that will help us be better prepared for the February 2005 ORI.

We are an Expeditionary Air Force. Every Airman needs to be personally prepared to deploy. Make sure your shots are up-to-date, you have all of your personal and professional equipment, and you are ready to go at any time.

## Recognition

Congratulations to those Team Charleston individuals and units who received great news this week. The **437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron** won the Air Force Large Terminal Unit of the Year Award. **Maj. John Pepin**, 437 APS, won the Air Force Logistics Readiness Field Grade Officer of the Year

Award. The **437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group Bioenvironmental Flight** won the 2003 Air Force Medical Service award. Awesome!

Congrats also go to our NCO Academy distinguished graduates: **Tech. Sgt. Lavern Moats**, 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; and **Tech. Sgt. Shannon Conard**, 437 AMXS. Sergeant Moats also earned the Academic Achievement Award.

The Diamond Sharp winners for this month are: **Senior Airman Samantha Sloan**, 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Glenn Stewart**, 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Camera Squadron; **Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Theodore Hollinger**, 437 AMXS; and **Senior Airman Rebecca Rickey**, 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron.

**Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Candice Reffitt**, from the 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, shadowed me Monday. She is a dental laboratory apprentice who enjoys attending college classes, playing soccer and volunteering. Airman Reffitt had a first-hand look at how senior leadership works and gained new insight on the inner workings of the wing from the senior leader perspective. Congratulations to everyone and keep up the great work!

There will be a quarterly awards ceremony April 27 at 3 p.m. in the Charleston Club. It is a great way to recognize some of our star performers. Be sure to come out and support your personnel.

## Fun run

Don't forget the commander's 'Catch a shooting star' fun run next week. Colonel Bash will be leading the way during the 5K, and it will be up to us to keep up with him. Last month, we were close to breaking the attendance record. Let's have a fantastic showing for Colonel Bash's first run after his deployment.

## Around base

On a sad note, there was an attempted suicide on base this week. Please look out for one another. Awareness of suicide and risk factors is vital to suicide prevention.

Common factors with suicide are problems in personal relationships, abuse of alcohol or other substances, financial or legal problems, loneliness, prolonged stress and feelings of depression. Another tip off to you is when a person withdraws from his or her family and friends, start giving away his or her possessions and has a loss of interest in his or her work or usual activities.

If your instinct tells you a person is considering suicide, talk to the person. We have many programs on base to help someone in distress. You can help stop this tragedy!

# Action Line callers ask about taxis on base, parking in housing

**Q:** I was out and about on base and happened to see a man walking from the direction of the front gate with luggage in his hand. Later that morning I saw a man and woman walking with luggage, and around 3:30 p.m., while walking on McComb's Way I ran into another man pulling a suitcase and carrying bags. I asked him where he was headed, and he told me he was going to billeting, but he had to walk because taxis were not allowed on base.

I understand the need for security but what impression are we sending? Our motto is one family, one mission, one fight! People being reassigned here are also a part of this family. I'm not sure of the best approach to take but I think having people walking to billeting from the gate is not the answer. Here are a few suggestions: a billeting representative could pick up people from the gate; or, when a taxi comes to the gate, the guard can take their badge or operator's license and they would have to return to the gate to retrieve it. Another option could be vehicle dispatch. Thanks in advance.

**A:** Thank you for your recent e-mail concerning base taxi services at Charleston AFB. Air Force policy does not provide manpower authorizations for our lodging or transportation functions to provide an on-base military taxi service. However, if mission requirements permit, some limited base trans-

portation service may be available from time to time through our 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron's vehicle dispatch office.

Due to security concerns, civilian taxis are only allowed on base when the driver has a valid Department of Defense identification card. Currently, our security forces are implementing new background check procedures to grant access to other civilian taxi drivers while ensuring our base remains a secure environment for our people and resources. We have contacted multiple companies to solicit their participation, and hope to begin soon.

Your concern serves as a great reminder: we all need to emphasize the importance of the sponsorship program to ensure our newest Team Charleston personnel and their families are being supported upon their arrival. If you have any additional questions, please contact the 437 LRS Vehicle Management Flight commander at 963-4191.

**Q:** I am writing in hopes that a simple fix can be made to a serious issue. Cars are parked on both sides of the streets in base housing, with drivers often forced into a slalom course. This is unsafe for children playing in the yards and unsafe for drivers as well. If we limit parking in housing to one side of the street only, say the side opposite the fire hydrants, we can easily fix the problem. Parking on one side only would improve access for the fire department in emergencies, provide better visibil-

ity for children playing, and reduce the risk for a traffic accident.

**A:** Thank you for your email about parking in base housing. This is a great suggestion; unfortunately, obstacles like fire hydrants and curbside mailboxes are located on both sides of the road, making it impractical to limit parking to one side of the street. For several years in the past, we tried your suggestion on McDonald Circle and it meant not enough parking for our residents. We strongly encourage parking under carports and in driveways to alleviate congestion in the streets. The problem you highlight is one more reason obeying the posted speed limit of 20 mph in our housing areas is so important in our efforts to make our streets safe for everyone. Thank you again for your concern.

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](mailto:action@charleston.af.mil).

To ensure you receive a response to your concerns, please leave your name and the information needed to contact you.

# Airmen: Let your blue shine through

By Lt. Col. James Regenor  
437 OSS director of operations

I am a man who said, "I regret I have but one life to give to my country."

No, I am not Nathan Hale; I am the Airman who serves his country with pride. I serve not for money or riches, but to preserve liberty and freedom for our children and to leave them an inheritance of freedom and justice for all people worldwide.

My ethnic background is European, Spanish, African, Asian and Native American; I am all of these and more. I am the patriot who fought diligently at Bunker Hill so others may enjoy independence.

I am the man, who when our nation was bound for separation, battled against my brother at Antietam. I am the black man who slaved on the plantations; yet when freedom was mine, I held no grudge. I am the woman who struggled for so many years against the restrictions placed on me by society.

I am the "Dough Boy" who followed Black Jack Pershing to France and was gassed in the trenches. I am the draftee who beat back Fascism at the Battle of the Bulge and liberated the European continent. I froze at Pusan yet defeated the communist hordes.

I am the civil rights leader who proclaimed, "I have a dream!" I am the anti-war activist who protested the draft by burning my draft card. I, too, am the veteran who was spat upon for my service in an unpopular war, but did so because it was my duty. I am the mother whose son is missing in action.

I am a composite of every one of these people. I am an Airman who has answered a calling to serve and to uphold the freedoms this nation affords us— the freedoms most people take for granted and know not the cost.

You, like me, are an Airman and we make up the blue fabric of our uniform service. Individually, we are blue threads, not very strong or easily discernible. Woven together, we have strength one thousand times greater than a thread, with a rich blue color. It is this fabric which upholds the constitution of our nation and protects the fundamental justices

## worth repeating

"I make all these sacrifices and more ... because it is my calling and my duty."



Lt. Col. James Regenor

437<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron director of operations

for all, whether black or white, male or female, rich or poor.

I am an Airman whose credo is, "Integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all that I do." I am the pilot who gets chills when I don my flight suit to do our nation's bidding. I am the security forces Airman who gets choked up every time I hear the national anthem.

I am the crew chief who snaps a sharp salute as my jet thunders down the runway. I am all of these warriors and more. I am the husband who misses my anniversary. I am the father who misses holidays, birthdays and soccer games. I am the parent who misses my child's first words and first steps.

I make all these sacrifices and more, not to get rich or to become famous, but because it is my calling and my duty. The cost of the alternative is far too great to imagine.

As we enter the dawn of a new century, I call on my brother warriors to let the blue shine through. Realize what we do is a calling, not for the weak or timid. We are not slaves to the bottom line of a corporation.

Our pay is the warm smile of a child in Iraq, the friendly handshake of a man in Afghanistan who is now free, and the inheritance we leave our children: a free country full of opportunities and a world void of terror.

Our message to the senior leadership and our nation is, "We stand ready to rid the world of terror. We stand ready to pay the ultimate price, give us the tools and we'll keep the cost down." To the world, "Freedom is not free." It's time to ante up.

Airmen keep the blue shining through.

## Antiterrorism is everyone's business

By Alan Gill  
437AW Antiterrorism office

You have heard time and time again that antiterrorism is everyone's business, but do you believe it?

Some people feel it is everyone's business, but most feel it's just in the realm of the Security Forces.

Security Forces can't be everywhere, and they need your help. The world of antiterrorism is so vast that it goes well beyond the scope of just the Security Forces.

Without intelligence personnel and Air Force Office of Special Investigations agents, where would the Security Forces get the threat information they need to help protect the installation from the threat? Without the designers and planners from the civil engineers, how would they build a project designed to increase the safety of personnel in a building? Without the experts in each of the Air Force specialties, we could not correct an identified deficiency and provide a safe environment for the base populace.

While traveling to and from work, around the base or out with your family, you are the eyes and ears of the installation antiterrorism program. When you see something that seems out of the ordinary, report it and it will be tracked and investigated by AFOSI as part of Operation Eagle Eyes.

The Air Force has recognized that anti-terrorism is an installation-wide program not, just a Security Forces program. Every individual on the installation has a part in the antiterrorism program, and only with your help can the program truly succeed.

If you have questions or concerns regarding antiterrorism matters, call the Wing Antiterrorism office at 963-6146 or 963-7267. To report suspicious activity, call the 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron at 963-3600 or Operation Eagle Eyes at 963-4611.

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# 'Must be the money'

## Comptroller warriors take 2 AF awards; place second overall

By Senior Airman Amy Perry  
437 AW Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Christi Skiles, 437<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Squadron, earned Air Force-level honors as the Financial Management Airman of 2003.

The entire squadron also took first for a Special Acts and Services Award in 2003 for the repatriation of 1,295 families, contractors and Department of Defense employees from Incirlik AB, Turkey.

The entire squadron and Joy Delk took second in 2003 at the Air Force level for Financial Management and Comptroller of the Year and Financial Analysis Civilian of the Year, respectively.

According to squadron leadership, Sergeant Skiles is a superior airman in every aspect.

"Sergeant Skiles has an uncanny knack of combining mission effectiveness and smooth atmosphere, is top-notch at training, and a superior team mate," said Lt. Col. Robert Blue, 437 CPTS commander.

"Sergeant Skiles has proven herself as a leader," said Chief Master Sgt. Melvin Willis,

437 CPTS enlisted manager. "She has never shied away from a challenge or tasking. In fact, she aggressively seeks out opportunities to better herself and those around her, enabling us to provide better service to our customers."

An extended amount of support to the repatriated families and workers from Turkey is what set the squadron apart from the rest of the Air Force, said the chief.

"Our efforts did not cease after everyone left Charleston for their safe haven locations," said Chief Willis. "Our warriors continued providing support to them until they returned to Turkey, which for many was close to three months later."

The commander echoed the chief's comments. "While it was a three- to four-day effort for most agencies, as financial managers, we kept in contact and were the sole finance office to pay the families in their safe haven regardless of where they were in the CONUS," said Colonel Blue. "We worked with the Family Support Center to have a smooth process to pay them within 24 hours."

While narrowly missing the No. 1 spot in the Air Force, the Finance office here is one of the best there is, said the commander.

"Having never been in the position to be recognized at an Air Force level, I am extremely proud of my squadron," said Colonel Blue. "We didn't make first, and my hat is off to Kadena AB, Japan."

"The real ultimate feel-good is not at the Air Force level, it's with the customers," continued the colonel. "We're leaning forward hard to provide superior customer service, and if the customers think we're No. 1, then I think we're No. 1."

Ms. Delk's assistance to leadership is the reason she made it high in the Air Force award system, said Colonel Blue.

"Joy Delk has provided outstanding decision support to senior leaders for 17 years," said Colonel Blue. "In Finance, we don't make decisions. We help the decision-makers by providing critical information to make sound decisions, and apparently, there's only one person better than Joy who can do that."

With two Air Force-level awards, and runner up for another two, customers can be assured the Comptroller warriors provide superior customer service for all, said Colonel Blue.

## AF announces new SRB list

**WASHINGTON** – More than 60 Team Charleston Airmen have until April 30 to reenlist before their bonuses go away.

Following a recent selective re-enlistment review board, the Air Force published the latest SRB list which contains 62 Air Force specialties.

"The SRB program is a retention tool the Air Force uses as an incentive to help keep the right people in the right jobs to accomplish our mission," said Senior Master Sgt. Maria Cornelia, chief of retention and bonus programs at Air Force headquarters here.

"During this period of improved retention, it is prudent to make adjustments," she said. "Airmen should remember that SRBs are not an entitlement and must be adjusted to meet Air Force needs."

All enlisted skills were reviewed, including reporting and special-duty identifiers, officials said.

The criteria used for determining which enlisted skills will receive an SRB include current and projected manning levels, re-en-

listment trends, career-field force structure changes and inputs from individual career-field managers.

SRBs are authorized in 0.5 increments, or multiples, and in three re-enlistment zones for people with between 17 months and 14 years of service.

Zone A, which applies to Airmen re-enlisting between 17 months and six years of service, incurred nine increases, 19 reductions and 86 removals. Zone B, which applies to Airmen re-enlisting between six and 10 years of service, had eight increases, 18 reductions and 80 removals. Zone C, which applies to Airmen re-enlisting between 10 and 14 years of service, saw one increase, four decreases and 32 removals.

Additions and multiple increases are effective March 30. The SRB multiple decreases and deletions are effective April 30.

For more information, call the Military Personnel Flight reenlistment office at 963-4525. **(Air Force Print News)**



Photo by Maj. Linda Pepin

### More than finger paint

Capt. Greg Estes, 14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, listens to his son, Kyle, explore a work of art as his other son, Cole, looks on at the Youth Center's Gallery of Art Tuesday. The art show showcased work of Team Charleston's youngest.

## Big givers CAFB rakes it in for AFAP

By 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Shaloma McGovern  
437 AW Public Affairs

Team Charleston raised more than \$63,000, during the 2004 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign, surpassing the set goal by 9 percent.

At the end of AFAP, Charleston AFB was placed No. 1 in Air Mobility Command for active duty participation.

"The workers' enthusiasm from the group representatives, to the squadron representatives was evident from the donations received," said Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Romeo, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing AFAP alternate representative. "This year it seemed as though the people who contributed could see and feel a connection with what the fund does for the Air Force family.

"This is the only Air Force-endorsed charitable organization in which 100 percent of the donations support Air Force interests and are not spread across outside

agencies," said Sergeant Romeo.

The fund reaches the Air Force community via the Air Force Aid Society, Air Force Enlisted Village, Air Force Village Foundation and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

"The fund is a great way to help our fellow Airmen in blue, as those who have worn the uniform in the past, and in some cases, survivors of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice," said Sergeant Romeo.

AFAP helps Airmen in different situations.

"If you are in the military for four, twenty or thirty years, at some point all of us will either need some type of assistance, refer someone for assistance or know of someone who received it," said Master Sgt. David Johnson, AFAP alternate representative. "As leaders and supervisors, we need to be knowledgeable of support agencies to assist us in helping our Air Force family."

## When lightning strikes, Safety says 'stay inside'

By 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Shaloma McGovern  
437 AW Public Affairs

Lightning season is striking the Lowcountry, and Team Charleston members should know the proper precautions to take.

"If you see lightning you need to start moving toward shelter," said Dave Luttrell, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, safety ground and weapons safety chief.

After flooding, lightning is the second leading cause of weather-related death in the United States. From 1998 to 2001, a total of 142 lightning strikes caused 350 service members injuries and one service member death at military installations.

Whether on the golf course, running track or flightline, everyone should move indoors.

"The best place to find shelter is indoors, not under a tree or around metal objects," said Staff Sgt. James Brown, 437 AW Safety specialist.

To protect Air Force personnel



Photo by Edward Aspera

and equipment, commanders must comply with lightning standards as outlined in Air Force Occupational Safety and Health Standard 91-501, which require Air Force personnel to cease outside activities and seek shelter when a lightning warning is issued.

At CAFB, weather warning measures in place include a siren through the base public address system, flightline alerts and various PA systems in other places.

## Experts define child abuse; give signs to watch for

By Jim Hernandez  
Family Advocacy Outreach Manager

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

There are four major types of child maltreatment: neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse and emotional abuse.

Although any of the forms may be found separately, they often occur together. Each state provides its own definitions of child abuse and neglect that meet the federal minimum standards found in the Child Abuse and Prevention Treatment Act.

States typically define neglect as failure to provide for a child's basic needs. Neglect may be:

- Physical – lack of appropriate supervision or failure to provide necessary food, shelter, or medical care.

- Educational – failure to educate a child or attend to special education needs.

- Emotional – inattention to a child's emotional needs or exposure to domestic violence.

Physical abuse is usually described as a physical injury as a result of punching, beating, kicking, biting, shaking, throwing, stabbing,

choking, hitting, burning or otherwise harming a child. Such injury is considered abuse regardless of whether the caretaker intended to hurt the child.

Sexual Abuse is defined as activities by a parent or caretaker such as fondling a child's genitals, penetration, incest, rape, sodomy, indecent exposure, and commercial exploitation through prostitution or the production of pornographic materials.

States define emotional abuse as any pattern of behavior that impairs a child's emotional development or sense of self-worth. This may include constant criticism, threats or rejection, as well as withholding love, support or guidance.

In 2002, South Carolina officials determined that 10,875 children were victims of abuse or neglect. This statistic only reflects maltreatment reported to and substantiated by the Department of Social Services. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimates the actual incidence of abuse and neglect to be three times greater than the number reported to authorities. Therefore, it can be estimated that over 32,000 of the state's children were

victims of abuse or neglect which means, statistically, between three and four South Carolina children are abused every hour of every day.

Although all the causes of child abuse and neglect are not known, a significant body of research has identified several risk and protective factors associated with child abuse. Lack of preparation or knowledge of critical issues involving parenting, financial or other environmental stressors, difficulty in relationships, stress of single parenting, and depression or other mental health problems can all lead to abusive or neglectful behavior. These circumstances, combined with the inherent challenges of raising children, can result in otherwise well-intentioned parents causing their children harm or neglecting their needs.

Fortunately for Air Force families, the base's Family Advocacy Program is available to offer counseling and education, to teach parenting skills, and to make referrals to appropriate base and local social service agencies to assist families struggling with some of these issues.

For more information about family maltreatment or to seek help, call the Family Advocacy Program at 963-6972.

# Mr. Knowzit

## Kiosks bring important info a touch away

By Tech. Sgt. Pamela Smith  
437 AW Public Affairs

The 437<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Squadron has made getting a hold of personal information easier for Team Charleston members, especially those who don't have constant access to computers, by installing three Kiosks throughout the base.

"The kiosk is to provide a one-stop shop for base personnel," 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jim Cohn, 437 CPTS Financial Service officer.

The kiosks, which look similar to an ATM machine and go by the name "Mr. Knowzit," enable members to find out a variety of information.

Once logged onto the machine, members can look into money matters, personnel matters and a variety of other military related issues and base services.

"The Kiosk allows members to do a wide range of things," said 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Krista Torres-Leaman, 437 CPTS Deputy Financial Services officer, "like look at the virtual MPF, MyPay, print maps of the base, etc."

The Kiosks have been set up in three differ-

ent facilities on base: the dining facility, the 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group and the base exchange. The intent is to give a variety of Team Charleston members easy access.

"We chose the BX to hit the base population to include retirees; we chose the dining facility to give Airmen 24-hour access and the medical clinic because it's a high-traffic facility for all military members, to include family members," said Lieutenant Cohn.

Charleston is a test base for the Kiosk system, Lieutenant Cohn said, and if it's a success here more bases may opt to set up the new system.

The following information is accessible through the kiosks:

- Money Matters (MyPay)
- Personnel Matters (vMPF)
- Online services (1,000+ sites)
- Health and Wellness
- Forms, Applications, Maps
- Housing and Lodging
- Family Support
- Personal Property/household goods
- Relocation Assistance
- Space-A Travel



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

Donato Arrondo, a contractor from Dynatouch, installs a kiosk at the base dining facility Wednesday. Along with the dining facility, the new kiosks are at the medical clinic and the base exchange.

## Easter symbols, traditions explained

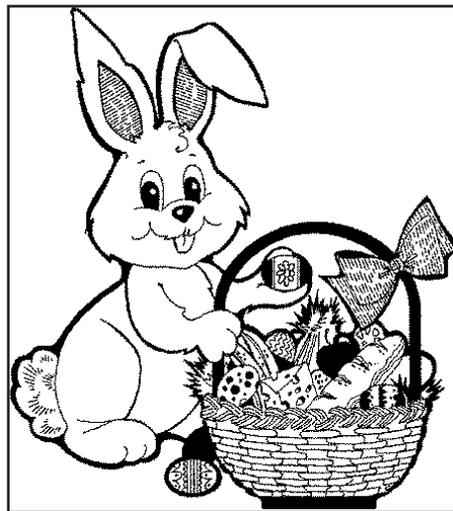
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437 AW Public Affairs

Easter, the festival celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, will be celebrated Sunday in the homes and churches of Christians.

The greatest festival in the Christian church, Easter came around in A.D. 325, when the church council of Nicaea determined to celebrate it on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after March 21, the Vernal Equinox.

Easter is also connected with the 40-day season of Lent. The start of Holy Week, Palm Sunday, which is held one week before Easter, celebrates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Holy Thursday, or Maundy Thursday, is in memory of the Last Supper Christ had with his disciples. Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion.

Many symbols are associated with Easter, and the most prevalent is the cross. Christians see the cross and are reminded of how Jesus was



brought back to life and was victorious over death.

Another traditional Christian symbol is the Easter lily. The white flower serves as a reminder of purity, and is often linked to the Virgin Mary, as in many early paintings the Archangel Michael is depicted as extending a branch of pure white lilies to the Virgin Mary, announcing she was to be the mother of the Christ child.

Symbols that are becoming commercialized during the season can be found in Easter eggs and rabbits.

Eggs, the symbols of new life and fertility, were chosen because of the resurrection. Around the world, eggs are painted in pictures of Christ or dyed in certain colors to depict certain parts of Jesus' life. Finding an Easter egg during hunts is to show that when we find Christ, we have a new life.

Christians also see rabbits as symbols of life, a symbol tracing its roots from an ancient Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and dawn, Eostre. Hares were sacred to Eostre, and were sacrificed to her.

Many Easter traditions have pre-Christianity roots. Correlations were made between what meaning they had before, and the meaning that could be applied after the resurrection and beginnings of Christianity.

While the traditions have different meanings to different beliefs, the reason to celebrate Easter, not the symbols, is the same for all Christians.

### BTZs announced

Eighteen airmen first class were selected for senior airmen below the zone during the March boards.

■ **14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron:** Christopher McKnight

■ **15<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron:** Dominique Hawkins

■ **437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:** Daryl Washington, Christopher Lang, William Nadler, Edward Krause, Jorge Alvarez and Royce Kaufman

■ **437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron:** Kevin Boxberger and Jose Castro-Chinchilla

■ **437<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron:** Kendrika Ratcliffe and Justin Weed

■ **437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron:** Lacey Monroe and Ciji Robinette

■ **437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron:** Alicia Raschke, Robert Merrill and Joshua Jay

■ **437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group:** Michael Pardini

## ROTC instructor duty now includes NCOs

**MAXWELL AFB, Ala.** – Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps officials have just expanded instructor duty opportunities to include enlisted Airmen from diverse career fields.

Technical sergeants and master sergeants will mentor cadets and facilitate a newly developed course.

People interested in this opportunity have until Saturday to apply and should review the specific qualifications and application procedures on the Air Force Personnel Center's assignment management system Web site at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil). **(Air Force News Service)**

## Air Force Reserve begins fitness testing

**ROBINS AFB, Ga.** – Air Force reservists across the country are under the new Air Force fitness testing standards as of April 1.

All Airmen are expected to meet the new physical fitness program standards. People who score above 90 are considered in excellent health. A total score of 75 to 89.99 is good; 70 to 74.99 is marginal; and less than 70 is poor.

For more information on the new fitness program visit <https://www.mil.afrc.af.mil/hq/sg/FitnessProgram/PhysicalFitness.htm>. **(Air Force Reserve Command News Service)**

## Awareness can prevent sexual assaults

**RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** – In line with April's Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Air Force leaders encourage all Airmen to be knowledgeable about sexual assault risks, consequences and prevention.

Sexual assault includes rape, physical assault, indecent assault and attempt to commit these crimes. According to the National Center for Victims of Crime, a woman is raped every minute.

According to the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, 75 percent of perpetrators and 55 percent of victims are under the influence of alcohol at the time of an acquaintance rape.

Air Force bases have programs, procedures and communication channels to report assaults. Victims are provided medical, legal, emotional and spiritual help. Specifically, life-skills center providers are available to provide individual counseling services to deal with the emotional consequences of assaults. For more information, call the Life Skills Center at 963-6852. **(Air Force Print News)**

## Officials discuss civilian personnel system

**WASHINGTON** – A letter signed by Defense Department leaders asks DOD civilian employees to be patient as teams work to make the new National Security Personnel System a reality.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said the new system would

make it easier for the department to make new hires and keep highly skilled employees. It also would allow DOD to move workers to shortage specialties as national security concerns change, he said.

Information will be available on the DOD and DefendAmerica Web sites. The new system also has its own Web site at <http://www.cpms.osd.mil>. **(Air Force Print News)**

## Reserve employment info program begins

**WASHINGTON** – A new Defense Department reporting system has begun so members of all seven Reserve components can register their employers.

DOD decision-makers need to know the civilian employers and government agencies of the

department's nearly 1.2 million National Guardsmen and reservists, officials said. The database will, among other things, give officials a better idea of who should and should not be mobilized for national emergencies, they said.

Members of the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and Navy Individual Ready Reserve can now enter their employment data on the new Defense Manpower Data Center Web site. To register their information, reserve component members should go to their respective service's program Web sites at <http://www.afrc.af.mil>, officials said.

Information about full-time employers also would make it possible for DOD officials to enhance employer support for the Guard and Reserve, officials said. **(Air Force News Service)**



Photo by Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Desiree Palacios

## Blowing hope

Staff Sgt. Damian Pierson, 407<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Communications Squadron at Tallil AB, Iraq, blows bubbles for local Iraqi kids during a trip to the Korean Hospital on March 31.

## Spotlight

**Town meeting:** A town hall meeting is at 7 p.m. Tuesday for housing residents at the base theater. This meeting will inform residents of upcoming changes in base housing. For more information, call 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Kristy Miller at 963-5537.

## Around the base

**Top 3 golf tourney:** The Charleston AFB Top 3 council sponsors a golf tournament 11 a.m. April 9 at the Wrenwoods Golf Course. The tournament will be captain's choice. The registration fee is \$20 plus green fees, and includes lunch and a beverage. Prizes will be given to first, second and third place teams. The hole-in-one prize is \$25,000. For more information, or to sign up, call Senior Master Sgt. Karl Wicker at 963-2205.

**Military appreciation night:** The Charleston Lowgators basketball team is set to host its final military appreciation night of the year at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the North Charleston Coliseum. Discounted tickets are available for \$7.50 with a valid military ID at the box office. Free parking will also be available. For more information or to purchase advance tickets call the Lowgators office at 460-1016.

**Commissary open:** The commissary will be open on Easter from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**AFSA:** The Air Force Sergeant's Association will hold its monthly meeting 11 a.m. Tuesday at the

## FSC Events

The Family Support Center offers the following workshops:

- For information on the Thrift Savings Plan, attend a class from 9 to 11 a.m. or 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. April 12.

- A resume writing seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 14.

- An Interview Techniques class will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. April 15.

For more information, or to sign up, call 963-4406.

# Charleston Warrior of the Week



Photo by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Shaloma McGovern

## Staff Sgt. Thyese Brewton 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron

Staff Sgt. Thyese Brewton is an operation manager for the 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron. Her primary duties include being the NCOIC of civil engineer service calls, where she takes requests for service from the base populace and dispatches craftsmen from eleven different shops.

"The best part about my job is working with the personnel in my office, craftsmen from various CE shops, and the customers who call in the request through our office. We all work hard to get the job done and that is a great feeling of accomplishment and team work," she said.

The Claxton, Ga. native came to Charleston AFB after joining the Air Force more than 3 years ago to obtain skills of a meaningful job and to continue with her education.

In the future, Sergeant Brewton hopes to pursue a job in nursing. She attends Trident Technical College where she is pursuing an Associates Degree in nursing.

"Sergeant Brewton is a perfect example of what you can accomplish if you have a positive attitude and a strong work ethic," daid Master Sgt. Ryan Braga. 437 CES superintendent operations manager. "In her short time at Charleston she has been selected twice as a Diamond Sharp recipient, earned senior Airmen Below the Zone, CES Airman of the Year for 2002 and made Staff Sergeant her first testing cycle. Sergeant Brewton is a perfect role model not just for the Airmen in our section but for the entire 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing."

Charleston Club. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Danko at 963-5324 or visit <http://afsa306.org>.

**Chief's group:** The Chief's group will hold their monthly meeting 11 a.m. Thursday at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Danko at 963-5324.

**Financial Peace University:** The chapel is set to sponsor a 13-week financial freedom series through Financial Peace University. The first session is at 6:30 p.m. April 15 at the base chapel. The cost is \$40. For more information, or to sign up for the class call Joan Hoyte at 207-9611.

**Commander's fun run:** The "Catch a shooting star" commander's fun run is scheduled for 3 p.m. April 16 in front of the

Sports and Fitness Center.

**Bulldog challenge:** Semper Fidelis Society hosts the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Bulldog challenge 9 a.m. April 17 at the Citadel. The four-person team competition will consist of 11 challenges on approximately a 7-mile course. The entry fee is \$15 per person or \$60 a team, a complimentary barbecue lunch will follow the race. For more information, or to sign up e-mail Daryl Brown at [bulldogchallenge@citadel.edu](mailto:bulldogchallenge@citadel.edu).

**Enlisted Heritage golf tourney:** The Enlisted Heritage council is set to sponsor a golf tournament at 8:30 a.m. April 23 at the Wrenwoods Golf Course. The tournament will be captain's choice. The registration fee is \$20 plus green fees. Mulligans will be sold three for \$5. Beverages are provided and a barbecue lunch will be served imme-

diately following the tournament. For more information, or to sign up, call Master Sgt. Michael Van Sant at 963-4436.

**"Fit 2 Fight" loop:** Squadrons who have the "Fit 2 Fight" loop reserved for fitness testing have first priority at the loop. All other squadrons are discouraged from using the loop during testing. For maps of the available running routes on base, visit the Sports and Fitness Center.

**Antiterorism tip:** Avoid crowded areas and large gatherings that do not have increased security. The larger the crowd, the more publicity for an attack if one should occur.

**Recycle:** Curbside recycling pickups are scheduled for April 22 and May 6. For more information, call Cindy Lundhagen at 963-2690.

# Base undergoes MOBEX

**By Senior Airman Amy Perry**  
437 AW Public Affairs

More than 200 Team Charleston personnel “deployed” as part of an exercise April 1 to 2.

The mobility exercise was designed to prepare the base for an upcoming Air Mobility Command inspection in January 2005.

“Every exercise is a learning experience,” said Dave Hunt, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Plans Exercise and Inspections manager. “We discovered issues with some of our processes and equipment that we will work on in future exercises. Overall the wing did a good job of dealing with the challenges presented during the exercise.”

The 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron was responsible for deploying the personnel.

“In all, the LRS played a critical role in the deployment process, such as the Deployment Control Center, War Readiness Section and Vehicle Management Flight,” said Capt. Manny Martinez, 437 LRS Deployment Control Center installation deployment manager.

While LRS played a large role, the deployment involved most of Charleston AFB’s units.

“The MOBEX is a Team Charleston effort and every squadron plays a critical role in the overall success of the wing,” said Captain Martinez.



*Photo by Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Darnell Cannady*

**Senior Airman Robert Wharton, 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron, fastens cargo chains on a C-17 during the MOBEX April 1. Airman Wharton is deployed to Charleston from the 163<sup>rd</sup> Aerial Port Squadron in Memphis, Tenn.**



*Photo by Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Darnell Cannady*

**Tech. Sgt. William Ogden, 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron, tightens a strap to keep cargo in place on a C-17 during the MOBEX April 1. Sergeant Ogden is an activated Reservist from the 81<sup>st</sup> Aerial Port Squadron.**



*Photo by Senior Airman Amy Perry*

**Staff Sgt. Ricky Smith, 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron Mobility Flight, brings cargo into the APS marshalling yard during the mobility exercise April 1. Six chucks of cargo were processed during the exercise.**

# Command Performance

## Guidelines for carrying purses

By Senior Master Sgt. Jose Aleixo  
437MXS First Sergeant

While waiting my turn at the Base Exchange customer service, a young servicemember in BDUs sat next to me. I noticed she was carrying a brown purse that blended well with the uniform, but something seemed off.

During basic training, females are issued a plain black, vinyl purse with a fold-over flap and plain silver clasp fastener, which can be used with all uniform combinations except with mess and formal dress. This purse follows the guidelines found in Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Appearance of Air Force Personnel.

Now, out of basic training, females have the option to use a leather purse, which can be plain black or vinyl, without ornamentation, with or without a plain fold-over flap, and with or without a silver or gold clasp. An adjustable shoulder flap with or without buckles is allowed, and the purse can be patent leather or have a high gloss. The purse can



not exceed 13-by-9-by-4.5 inches in depth, and can be used with all uniform combinations except the mess and formal dress.

Another style of purses females can carry is a clutch purse. It must be black, smooth or scotch-grain leather, patent leather or a high gloss material without ornamentation. It can not be larger than 6.5-by-11 inches or smaller than 5-by-9 inches. It can have a wrist strap, but must have a concealed closure. All can be worn in all uniform combinations, with the exception of patent leather purse in the semi-formal dress.

By following these guidelines set by the AFI, females can choose a purse that looks good, but more importantly, meets military standards.

## Chapel schedule



107 Arthur Drive  
**Office:** Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**Phone:** 963-2536.

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

**Catholic Services:** *Saturday* - 4:15 p.m. Reconciliation, 5 p.m. Mass. *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Mass, 9:30 a.m. Children's Church. 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 from 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

**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.**

**Today, 7:30 p.m.**  
**"Eurotrip" - Scott Mechlowicz**

Scott thinks his German pen pal is a guy. But when he discovers that Mieke is actually a hot babe, Scott and his buddy Cooper buy plane tickets and head across the Atlantic to visit. **(R) 92 minutes**

**Saturday, 7:30p.m.**  
**"Twisted" - Ashley Judd**

Police detective Jessica Shepard tracks a serial killer who murders the men she dates. When Jessica begins blacking out before each murder takes place, her partner, Mike Delmarco, and the police commissioner target her as the prime suspect. **(R) 99 minutes**

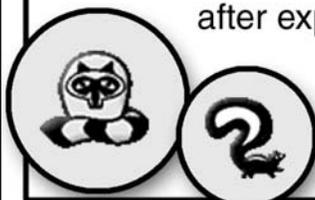
**April 16, 7:30 p.m.**  
**"Starsky & Hutch" - Ben Stiller**

Based on the popular 1970s cop show of the same name. Ken "Hutch" Hutchinson and Dave Starsky are a tough pair of plain-clothes cops. While investigating their latest case, the duo realize that the culprit is none other than Reese Feldman, the criminal involved in their first bust. **(PG-13) 100 minutes**

## WELLNESS TIP

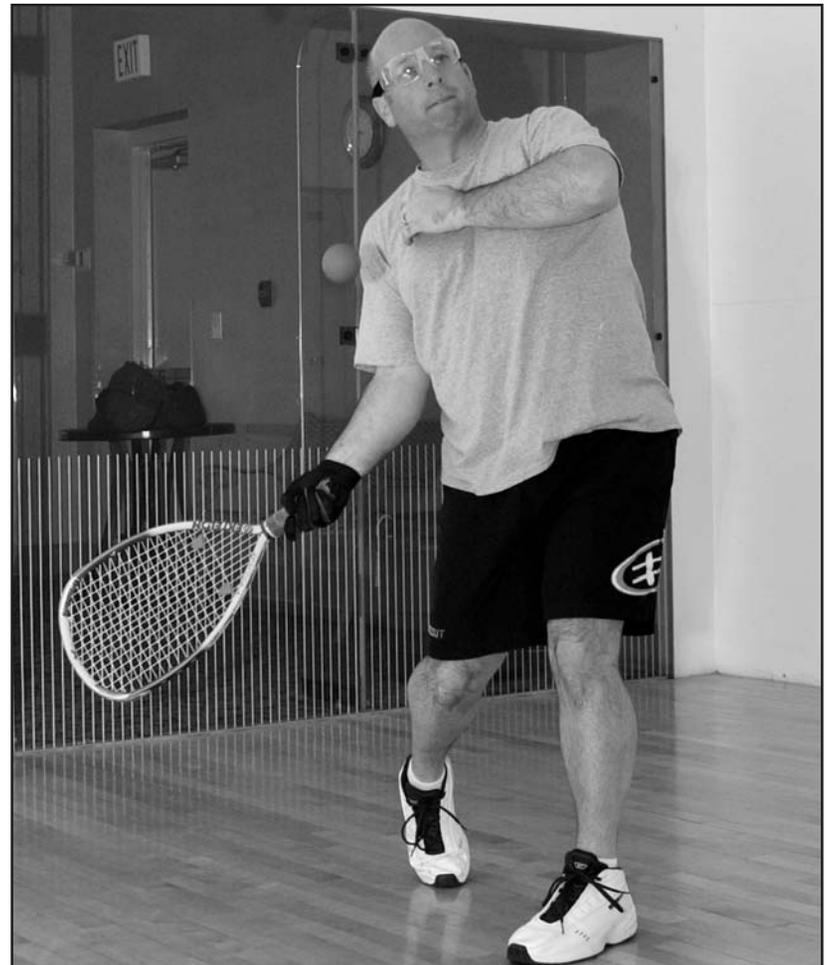
# RABIES: If contracted, it's almost always fatal

- ▶ In the United States, there are more than 7,000 reported cases of rabies in animals each year, almost all in wild animals
- ▶ Last year, 401 Air Mobility Command Airmen, or their family members, were victims of animal bites and received medical follow-up
- ▶ Rapid treatment of an animal bite is nearly 100 percent successful and consists of a series of six injections
- ▶ To reduce the chances of contracting rabies, avoid wild or stray animals and vaccinate your pets. Seek medical attention as soon as possible after exposure is suspected



▶ The Centers for Disease Control has more rabies information at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)



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

## Get into it

Scott Tygett (left), 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, swings back to serve during an intramural racquetball game Tuesday. Neil Silvia, 437 MDG, goes back to slam the ball to the back wall during the same game Tuesday. The league starts playoffs April 19 at the Sports and Fitness Center.

# Hurricanes breeze past the Navy

By Karl Nichols  
Hurricane player

Charleston AFB's hockey Hurricanes defeated the local Navy team Saturday, 11-3, in the final game of the Military Appreciation Cup hockey tournament.

During the last year, Air Force and Navy played three games on Military Appreciation Nights before S.C. Stingrays hockey games. The Air Force team swept the series, winning all three games.

The game began with the Air Force netting four goals before the Navy got on the scoreboard. Then the Navy struck with two unanswered goals of their own.

The Air Force then answered with two consecutive goals to increase the lead. The Air Force's relentless attack and solid goal tending proved too much for the Navy to handle at this point, allowing the Charleston AFB Hurricanes to take the win.

"This series was a lot of fun and it is always a good game between the Air Force and the Navy," said Air Force defenseman, Jeffrey Cliff. "We are a great bunch of guys from almost every squadron on Charleston AFB, coming together

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

The Charleston AFB Hurricanes pose for a team photo after a recent game.

and playing hockey. It is an extremely fun sport to play, especially with the group of guys on this team."

The Hurricanes are in their fourth season playing at the Carolina Ice Palace in the adult senior league. The next season starts early May for those who wish to play. For more information about the hockey league or play on the team, contact Staff Sgt. Jon Connor at 963-3186, [jonathan.connor@charleston.af.mil](mailto:jonathan.connor@charleston.af.mil), or Tech. Sgt. Jeff Cliff at 963-2936 [jeffrey.cliff@charleston.af.mil](mailto:jeffrey.cliff@charleston.af.mil).

## Sports Shorts

**Soccer:** The base Intramural Soccer league games are held at 5:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at the base soccer field near the Youth Center. For more information, contact squadron sports representatives or the Sports and Fitness Center at 963-3347.

**AF Basketball:** The All Air Force Basketball Training Camp will be held here May 2 to 23. Games will be open to Department of Defense personnel. A schedule will be posted in an upcoming *Airlift Dispatch*.

**Armed Forces Tournament:** The 2004 Armed Forces Basketball Tournament will be held here from May 24 to 31 in the Sports and Fitness Center. Watch as the Air Force team goes head-to-head against the other services. Games begin on May 26, with the opening ceremony at 9:30 a.m. All games are open to Department of Defense personnel. For more information, call the Sports and Fitness Center at 963-3347.