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MISSION POSSIBLE!	
Charleston departures	10,807
Maintenance reliability	95.0
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Personnel deployed	571
Reservists activated	718
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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ben Gonzales

Knucklebuster

Tech. Sgt. Johnny Murray, 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Shark Flight, supports flightline operations by performing needed maintenance on a C-17's flotation initiation system. For more on the 437 AMXS, see Page 12.

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



Get fit

Col. Brooks Bash is back just in time to lead us in this month's Commander's Fun Run. Join your friends and bring out the family this morning at 7:30 a.m. at the Fitness and Sports Center. This month's participants will each receive a "cool" bandana.

Recognition

I want to congratulate Team Charleston's **162 staff segeant selectees** listed on Page 5. I know all of you have worked hard to reach this milestone and we are proud of you ... keep up the great work!

I also want to congratulate **Airman 1st Class Erin Kennedy**, 437th Comptroller Squadron, who was named July's base housing recycler of the month.

Recycling is an easy way to help our environment, so let's all do our part. For more information about the base recycling program, call 963-2690.

Distinguished visitors

I would like to welcome **Lt. Gen. John Rosa**, U.S. Air Force Academy Superintendent, to Charleston.

General Rosa will give a briefing and answer questions for USAFA graduates 7 p.m. Monday at the Embassy Suites on International Boulevard.

Thursday, more than 50 local community leaders will be inducted into the **Honorary Commanders' Program** Thursday in a symbolic change of command ceremony at the Charleston Club.

The program provides a unique, year-long opportunity for key members of the community



Photo by Airman 1st Class Darnell Cannady

Col. Sam Cox, 437th Airlift Wing vice commander, accepts the first "Yellow Ribbon" from Danny McQueeny representing the Charleston Exchange Club. The Club is distributing the ribbons free of charge to anyone willing to display the magnet on a vehicle. The goal is to have 1,000 yellow ribbons displayed on the streets and highways in the Charleston Area. Ribbons may be picked up at the Family Support Center.

to shadow commanders and learn about the mission of Charleston AFB and the Air Force.

Mission

The 437th Medical Group plays a vital role in keeping Charleston AFB running smoothly.

Keeping our troops healthy helps ensure mission success. In the month of July, the 437th Medical Group saw 3,341 patients. Great job!

Air Force Ball

Just a reminder, the Air Force Ball is Sept. 11, less than a month away, and tickets are still available on the Globemaster Web site.

This year's committee is working hard to ensure we all have a great time with good food, entertainment and dancing.

The ball is open to all ranks – active duty, reservists, civilians and retirees.

Have a great week!

Safety emphasis item

Extreme sports can add sizzle to your summer. Moto-cross, skating and rock climbing are popular sports. The personal challenge and adrenaline rush appeal to many thrill seekers. Did you know more than 26,000 people visit emergency rooms each year for head injuries? Helmets can significantly reduce head injuries and in many cases, save lives. Please use personal protective equipment and especially helmets when participating in extreme sports.

Action line

Base resident worries about security guard behavior

Q: I don't think the security personnel at the gate are doing their job professionally. Airmen at the Hunley Park gate are not even outside to check my I.D. most of the time; either they are in the shack with their head down, talking on the phone, or smoking around back. That is not professional, and I do not feel safe knowing that they are performing their job this way. Also, I was told security forces were to physically take the I.D. card from us and inspect it. I feel that is unnecessary. The vehicle stickers should be enough.

A: Thank you for providing feedback on our gate guards and procedures. The conduct you perceive at the Hunley Gate is not the standard at

Charleston AFB nor is it indicative of the overall professionalism of our security forces personnel.

Due to the 12-hour shifts worked by the gate guards and the high temperature and heat index, it is authorized and appropriate for the guards to step into the guard house during moments of low traffic flow.

There is also a mission necessity for these individuals to use the phone. While your observations may or may not be indicative of inappropriate activity, security forces supervisors and flight chiefs will closely monitor and ensure our gate guards comply with all applicable standards.

Regarding the display of identification cards at the gate, Air Force headquarters has directed a 100

percent identification check of vehicle operators and pedestrians entering Air Force installations. Exclusive use of the DD Form 2220 Vehicle Decal is not sufficient to meet personnel screening requirements. We appreciate everyone's understanding and patience as we adapt to our new state of force protection normalcy. Thank you for the call.

**-Col. Brooks Bash
437 AW commander**

**action@charleston.af.mil
or call 963-5581**

Govt. funds: A penny saved is a penny earned

Maj. Charles Shea
437 CPTS

As a taxpayer and employee of the Department of Defense, each of us has a responsibility to treat government funds (whether appropriated operations and maintenance funds or working capital funds) with the same care and attention to detail we pay to our personal finances.

As taxpayers we should be concerned with how every dollar is spent since we pay the DoD bills through our federal income taxes. Contrary to popular belief, individual income taxes provide the largest source of funds for federal government operations and investments, averaging 48 percent of our government's total revenues over the last four years. Taxpayers just like us provide valuable financing to run the \$400 billion DoD, budget and ultimately, the budget at Charleston AFB.

Just like in our personal households, we want to ensure we are getting the most for our money. All expenditures should have a goal of maximizing mission accomplishment with the limited funds available. One example from literally hundreds of cost cutting possibilities includes temporary duty trips. Can one person go instead of three or four? After returning, this person could share the materials and train everyone else. Is driving cheaper than flying? Can the TDY objective be achieved by video teleconference or a telephone conference

worth repeating

"The rule is simple -- don't spend more than you are allocated."



Maj. Charles Shea
437th Comptroller Squadron commander

call to save everyone time and money? Everyone in the wing is charged with minimizing government expenses to accomplish a given mission without compromising safety, for example, making sure all operations are safe yet efficient. By doing this, we free up funds for quality of life and deferred equipment purchases ... ultimately providing better value to the nation.

While providing efficient use of funds, each of us must also ensure government expenses are in accordance with public laws and DoD Air Force policies. On this base there are a number of trained professionals in the 437th Comptroller Squadron, 437th Staff Judge Advocate, and 437th Contracting Squadron who can help.

The most important public laws address financial issues in three dimensions: purpose, time and amount. Congress appropriates funds for a specific purpose or mandates specific purposes for

working capital funds. The General Accounting Office, DoD, and Air Force define Congressional intent at lower levels of detail through rulings, opinions, regulations and policies. After purpose, all personnel must consider the time dimension. O&M accounts and working capital funds are generally only available for one fiscal year and we must purchase only supplies, equipment or services needed during that fiscal year. For example, an organization cannot buy a 10-year supply of toner cartridges simply because it has available funds. Instead, it must buy what is needed for a one-year period only.

This rule is simple—don't spend more than you are allocated. Resource advisors, cost center managers, and approving officials for all base units provide the allocations. It is up to each of us to live within those allocations.

OK, you're probably asking what's the big deal? Paying attention to these basics is important since violations can lead to disciplinary actions ranging from verbal counseling to a \$5,000 fine and/or two years in prison. If you're ever in doubt about whether a purchase or expense meets the purpose, time or amount requirements, ask one of the trained professionals mentioned earlier. Otherwise, you could be looking at disciplinary action and potentially prison time.

Let's all work together to abide by the rules and reassure the taxpayers we are good stewards of public funds.

Charleston chat

What was your favorite activity this summer?



"Going to swim every Friday."

Emma Grice, 6
- daughter of
Capt. Rod and Amy Grice,
- 17th Airlift Squadron



"I went to Las Vegas."

Marisa Foher, 4.5
- daughter of Andrew and
Jennifer Foher
- 437th Contracting
Squadron



"I liked looking at palm trees."

Maxwell Stewart, 3
- son of Staff Sgt. Iain and
Tamara Stewart
- 437th Operations support
Squadron



"Listening to music and singing with my karaoke machine."

Andrew Sincoff, 6
- son of 1st Lt. Justin Sincoff, 437th
Logistics Readiness Squadron and
Staff Sgt. Danille Sincoff, 437th Medical
Group



"Going to swimming lessons and going to Whirly World."

Gary Godley, 7
- son of Staff Sgt. David and
Phyllis Godley
- 437th Aircraft Maintenance
Squadron

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Air Force selects 162 CAFB members for Staff Sergeant

One hundred sixty-two Charleston AFB senior airmen were selected for promotion to staff sergeant Wednesday.

Overall, the Air Force chose 13,625 of 33,306 eligible senior airmen for promotion, a 40.91 percent selection rate. For Charleston AFB 39.71 percent were selected.

Staff sergeant selects:

1st Combat Camera Squadron -- Vanessa Pascual
14th Airlift Squadron -- Nathan Griesinger, Paul Knarreborg, Chad Turner

15th Airlift Squadron -- Summer Lockhart

16th Airlift Squadron -- Robert Coleman, Mique Gardener, Robert Willis

437th Aerial Port Squadron -- Shuja Ahmed, Michael Biehler, Ian Bird, Billy Curtis, Eric De Guzman, Brian Fisher, Corrie Frazier, Ronald Johnson, Joseph Miller, Victor Renko, Michael Skiles, Justin Smilo, Jason Stonehocker, Brian Terkildsen, Anthony Towns, David Velazquez

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437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron -- Justin Allgood, Alexander Arntz, Jeffery Baker, Milo Barrington, Angie Beckstead, Kent Brown, Steven Davenport, Keegan Filipiak, William Francis, David

Gibson, Patrick Gracey, Robert Herren, Michael Johnson, Jeremy Legere, Christopher Markwood, Ryan Miller, Richard Milton, Jaime Nieto, Luis Noriega, Brian Norton, Brock Sittinger, Anthony Smalley, Kristopher Smith, John Stephenson, Jack Travers, Christopher Williams, Ron Williams, Justin Zent

437th Airlift Wing -- Erin Brock, Rand Fike, Latoya Johnson, Alexander Puma

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437th Communications Squadron -- Dixie Green, Jeffrey Idol, David Peacock, Tyrone Pearsall

437th Comptroller Squadron -- Vijay Coleman

437th Logistics Readiness Squadron -- David Anderson, Miriah Campbell, Richard Cleary, Cary Coffing, Celia Davis, Erik Evans, Jennifer Guyne, Michael Lance, Decarlo Lee, Kenneth Lester, Matthew Lipham, Edward Mims, Darnelle Minnick, Dylan Mogan, Frank Pacifico, Jonathon Parker, Jameson Pulliam, Tamala Scott, Ruben Silva, Richard Thames, Rosemarie

Thames, Jeffrey Tujague, Desiree Yago

437th Maintenance Operations Squadron -- Melodie Cross, Jeffrey Dean, Nicole Leverett, Christopher Long, Matthew Writt

437th Maintenance Squadron -- Edouard Conrad, Michelle Denton, Joshua Gonzalez, Kia Hickson, Jim Holt, Candace James, Kevin Long, Daniel Lynes, Lugil Moye, Caceres Rosario, Christopher Simmons, Derrick Sochor, Timothy Veal

437th Medical Support Squadron -- Demetra Crawford, Cori Loffer, Amber Saienni

437th Mission Support Squadron -- Danielle Jarrell, Keyonda Perkins, Michelle Yourdon

437th Operations Group -- Shawn Downey, Ysel Wilson

437th Operations Support Squadron -- Johanna Barona, Aimee Borcicky, Daina Brown, Karem Bryant, Nicole Dobson, Hannah French, Jennifer Jones, Janet Kornegay, Leonard Schenk, Ronque Wright

437th Security Forces Squadron -- Danielle Doyon, Sara Eldridge, Jonathan Howard, Catharine Johnson, Darryl Lane, Jamie Lund, Sean Morris, Scott Owen, Justin Priest, Brent Tatum, Courtney Towns, Kendrick Ward, Christopher Wilder

437th Services Squadron -- Joie Armstrong, JNesse Betterton, Eric Bryan, Richard Etterling, Reagan Gunter

Consignment shop has many treasures

By Airman Sam Hymas

437 AW Public Affairs

"Consignment shopping is like treasure hunting" reads a sign at the base consignment shop, which reopened Aug. 3 after being closed during July for deep cleaning and organizing.

There are many treasures one could find there, and now it won't be as difficult to hunt for those treasures with the merchandise newly organized.

The volunteers who work there cleaned and rearranged the shop, which has a large variety of items to choose from. There is furniture, adult and children's clothes, exercise and sports equipment, household goods, books, shoes and toys to name a few.

"We have some really great deals on uniforms," said Diane Gorman, consignment shop manager. They have uniforms in all different sizes that are in good condition and inexpensive.

Items for sale are brought in by

consigners, who decide on the price of the item. It can remain on sale for 60 days. When it sells, the shop retains 25 percent of the consigner's asking price as commission. At the end of the month, the consignment shop cuts checks for consigners whose items have sold, according to Mrs. Gorman.

The quality of the merchandise at the consignment shop is very high. They don't accept anything that doesn't work or is in poor condition.

One thing Mrs. Gorman said she likes about the consignment shop is the amazing deals one can find there. One Airman new to Charleston AFB found a mini-ironing board that will fit very nicely in his dorm room for only \$4 and got a large kite for \$3 that will be perfect for the winds that come this time of year.

"The people who come in are so delightful. It's fun to help them find something they need," said Dot Clerkin, a consignment shop volunteer. "It's great volunteering here."

The proceeds of the consignment



Photo by Airman Sam Hymas

Diane Gorman, consignment shop manager, helps Tom Cole, retired Air Force, with a purchase at the base consignment shop Aug. 6.

shop fund the Silver Wings Scholastic Award, a scholarship given out by the Officers' Spouses Association. Last year they awarded more than \$5,000 to deserving scholars, according to Amy Bright, OSA president.

"When you see those kids get the scholarships, it makes you feel so good about the hard work you've

done," said Carol Mummey, OSA representative at the consignment shop.

The consignment shop hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The shop is located across from wing headquarters on Graves Avenue. For more information or to volunteer, contact Mrs. Gorman at 963-3294.

CAFB squadron CCs experience deployment line

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Arredondo

437 AW Public Affairs

Commanders from all squadrons on base experienced what occurs during a deployment processing line Tuesday here.

The commanders received a first-hand experience of what their troops would go through if they had to deploy overseas.

"Commanders started their day out by being picked up at the designated-squadron bus stops around base," said Master Sgt. Jo Rullman, alternate unit deployment manager, 437th Mission Support Squadron.

"They went through the necessary briefings: finance, family support, a chaplain, legal, public affairs, intelligence and medical," said Sergeant Rullman.

While the commanders went through the briefings to prepare them for deployment, the personnel readiness section looked through the commander's deployment packages.

"The PRU ensured their deployment documents were up-to-date. For example, we ensured their shots and small arms' training were current," Sergeant Rullman said.

"After going through the personnel deployment processing line, the commanders had a



Photo by Airman 1st Class Darnell Cannady

Team Charleston squadron commanders go through their mobility bags, Tuesday, to ensure they have the right equipment to be deployed.

chance to go through their mobility bags to ensure they had the needed equipment for their pending deployment," Sergeant Rullman said.

They were issued up to three bags. An A bag, which included general support items, such as a helmet, web belt, sleeping bag, canteen kit, mess kit and other support items, a B bag, which included cold-weather gear such as a parka, gloves, boots, socks and other cold weather items; and a C bag, which included chemical warfare defense ensembles, protective mask, mask fil-

ters, gloves, hoods, boots, detection papers and other chemical defense items.

"Once they were finished going through their bags, the commanders went back to the briefing room to wait for the bus to come and take them back to the bus stop they were picked up from," said Sergeant Rullman.

"The processing line the commanders went through did not differ in any way from what their troop's experience. We want them to see what the actual line is all about," Sergeant Rullman said.

"The purpose of the squadron commanders experiencing the deployment line was so we would know what our people went through," said Maj. Julie Boit, 437 MSS commander.

"This is a good way for us, as commanders, to understand how units support the mobility process by preparing their people so that the mobility machine will run smoothly, she said.

"This is a good time for troops to ensure they have, for example, the right uniforms, the right security clearance and to ensure the deployed commander has the right people ready to work," Maj. Boit said.

During the last six months, 937 Airmen have been deployed from CAFB to areas around the world.

Blotter

Drivers learn the hard way about flashing red lights, Rivers Gate access

The following are some of the responses by the 437th Security Forces Squadron from Aug. 2 to Sunday and are printed to raise awareness of resource protection and safety.

Anyone with information regarding these or any other incident, please call security forces at 963-3600.

Vehicle accidents

■ An Airman reported he had been in an off-base traffic accident in a government vehicle. Charleston County Sheriff's Office responded to the accident and cited the civilian driver as the contributing factor to the accident.

Traffic stats

Security forces cited 106 drivers for failure to stop at a posted stop sign or traffic light, 43 drivers for speeding, two for not providing current proof of insurance, five for expired registration tags, two for making an illegal u-turns, one for a burned out headlight and no tail light, and one for not wearing proper motorcycle safety gear.

When drivers approach a flashing red light, they must stop. At a flashing yellow light, drivers may proceed with caution without stopping.

Traffic lights at the corner of Hill Boulevard and O'Neal Avenue flash yellow or red so traffic can flow smoothly onto the base in the morning and departing the base in the afternoon.

■ A civilian driver approached the Rivers Gate and became argumentative when she was stopped when trying to turn around at the entry control point.

CCSO responded and found the vehicle's plates were expired and belonged to a different vehicle.

CCSO issued a \$232 ticket for incorrect plates, a \$232 ticket for no proof of insurance, and a \$232 ticket for not being in possession of a driver's license.

The driver was also given a court date.

Crime watch

■ An Airman living off base reported an assault. Security forces advised her to report to the 437th Security Forces Squadron to file a statement or to contact local civilian au-

thorities directly.

■ An Airman reported a civilian pulled up in a vehicle at the base picnic grounds and was drinking a beer. CCSO responded and issued the driver a \$154 fine for open container and set a court date. A licensed driver removed the vehicle from base.

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■ A military family member from another base reported her purse containing her military ID was stolen from her local hotel room.

■ A base theater patron reported his cell phone was stolen from the console of his car while he was in the theater. He could not recall if he had locked his vehicle.

Eagle Eyes

■ An Airman reported a suspicious male in Hunley Park. Security forces responded and found the individual was attempting to sell religious videos.

He was escorted off base.

DUI/DWI Statistics

Last incident: 3 days

2004 total: 15

2003 total: 18

Members receiving a Driving Under the Influence must report to the wing commander the following duty day in full service dress accompanied by their supervisor, first sergeant and squadron commander.

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AIRMEN AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING

963-0437

Charleston AFB's Airman Against Drunk Driving offers free, confidential rides home.

53

saves
this year

437 AMXS keeps 'em flying

Gators, Sharks, Stingrays, Barracudas & Vipers maintain base C-17s

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Ben Gonzales
437 AW Public Affairs

Their hands are dirty and greasy. Their knuckles have been bruised and scraped countless numbers of times. Skin has been ripped away from their fingers and calluses have formed over the years because of the strain placed on these hands.

The men and women of the 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron here may sacrifice their fingers and hands, but the payoff is watching a C-17 soar into the air — another bird back in the sky and another mission can be met for our nation.

The 437 AMXS maintainers work around the clock and around the world to keep the C-17 flying. With half of Team Charleston's 53 aircraft deployed elsewhere on any given day, the demand to move people and equipment has been extraordinarily high since 9/11.

"Since 9/11, we have been working 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week," said Senior Master Sgt. Michael O'Hara, the 437 AMXS Viper chief. "Everything you see on the flightline is scheduled to fly, and soon. The flying schedule drives us to deliver aircraft ready to fly."

On any given day, there are only about 25 Team Charleston C-17s on the base tarmac, with the remaining aircraft flying missions all over the globe. Nevertheless, Charleston AFB still averages 15 to 20 missions a day with a maintenance reliability rate hovering close to 95 percent.

"It takes a total team effort from the entire squadron to keep our reliability rate so high," said Capt. Rich Fletcher, 437 AMXS maintenance operations officer. "The C-17 is the preferred airlifter for the Army. The dedication and hard work accomplished every day by our fine maintainers are vital to fighting the global war on terror."



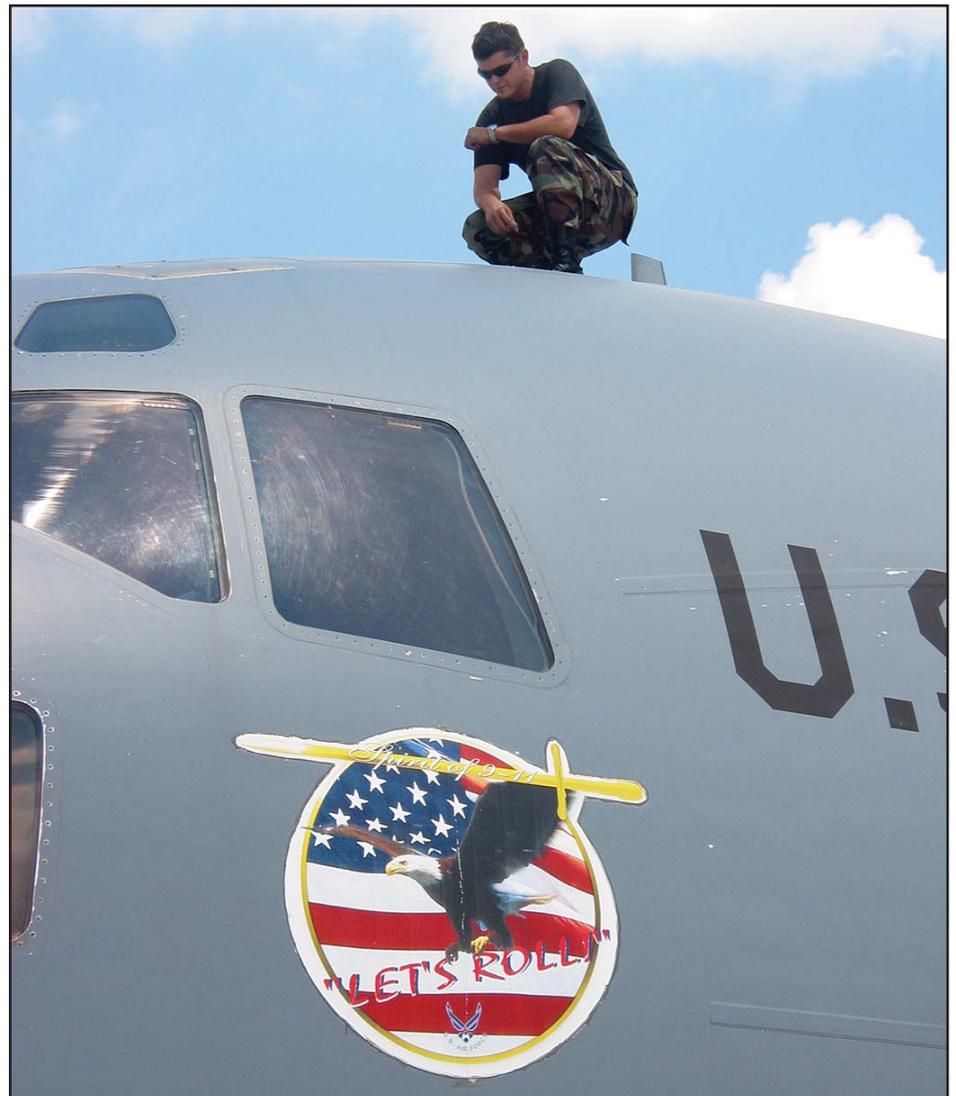
A 437 AMXS maintainer's hand shows wear and tear.

The 1,000-strong squadron is comprised of active duty, civilians and 180 activated reservists. AMXS has four aircraft maintenance units — the Gators, Sharks, Barracudas and Stingrays — and a support unit called the Vipers.

These maintainers work 12-hour days to give the Air Force and our nation the global reach for American warfighters anywhere.

Getting a C-17 flight-ready begins while an aircraft is still in the air.

"Pilots call in an hour or so before landing to let us know the condition of the aircraft," said Sergeant O'Hara.



Staff Sgt. Harley Ricketts of the 437 AMXS Maintenance Special Operations section performs a preflight aircraft inspection.

"After landing, we marshal the plane to a spot where we can work on it."

After landing the aircraft, the pilot will go directly to the 437th AMXS debriefing section and tell the maintainers what malfunctions occurred with the aircraft -- information vital to get the C-17 flying again.

"We coordinate with the pilots to find out what was going on during flight," said Tech. Sgt. Emile Roachford, the 437 AMXS debriefing section NCOIC. "It is then up to the debriefing section and the flightline production superintendent to create work orders to get our aircraft serviceable as soon as possible."

From there, maintainers roll up their sleeves and get to work on the aircraft. Some aircraft need more maintenance than others, but every plane gets an extensive home-sta-

tion check every 120 days.

"We do a required, thorough check every 120 days to keep our aircraft in the best shape possible," said Sergeant O'Hara. "We also send flying crew chiefs on 90 percent of our missions to address a majority of maintenance issues."

Flying crew chiefs are qualified to fix the majority of things that could go wrong with a more than 400,000 pound, \$236 million C-17. Last quarter alone, 122 437th AMXS flying crew chiefs logged 3,125 temporary duty days as they flew on C-17 missions.

At any given time of day, you can find Stingrays, Gators, Barracudas, Sharks and Vipers on the Charleston flightline.

They may be sweating and straining, but they do it to keep the mission rolling down the flightline.



From left, Senior Airman Bradley Hines, Staff Sgt. Jacob Gibson and Candido Berrios troubleshoot a C-17 cargo compartment air conditioning.

Marathon becomes official Air Force event

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio— The Air Force Marathon has been flying high for eight years, and Air Force Services Agency officials recently approved it as an official Air Force event.

“The official endorsement has always been kind of understood, it’s just never been written formally; now it will be,” said Steve Carlyon, the 88th Mission Support Group’s services division director here. “This is just part of the evolution of the Air Force Marathon.”

The marathon was initiated in 1997 as the base’s tribute to the 50th anniversary of the Air Force. It is run on the third Saturday in September each year in recognition of the anniversary.

Although the 26.2-mile marathon is the main focus, there is more to the event, Mr. Carlyon said. Also offered are a 13.1-mile half marathon race; a four-person relay race (26.2-miles with team members running different parts of the course); a 5k race (3.1 miles); and a 26.2-mile wheelchair race.

The 2004 Air Force Marathon still has openings in all events. For more information, call DSN 787-4350, commercial (937) 257-4350 or (800) 467-1823, or go online to <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>. **(AFPN)**

Three Air Force athletes competing in Olympics

WASHINGTON — After years of hard work, only days remain before three Air Force athletes will compete at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens.

2nd Lt. Seth Kelsey, 22, of Brush Prairie, Wash., will compete in the men’s fencing event. He is a 2003 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, where he earned a degree in behavioral science. The lieutenant has earned Senior “A” World Cup bronze medals in Tallin, Estonia, in 2002 and Havana in 2003.

Capt. Kevin Eastler, 26, of Framington, Maine, will compete in the 20-kilometer race walk during the track and field portion of the games. He graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1999 with a degree in mechanical engineering. At this year’s trials he placed third

with a time of 1:28:49.

1st Lt. James Parker, 28, of Great Falls, Mont., is also competing during the track and field portion of the games. The lieutenant will compete in the hammer throw. He majored in exercise science at Utah State, where he was a state discus champion and two-time state shot put champ. **(AFPN)**

Recruiting school marks 50 years at Lackland

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas— More than 4.3 million people have joined the Air Force in the past 50 years through the efforts of enthusiastic recruiters trained at the Air Force Recruiting School.

During the recruiter courses, seven weeks long for active-duty recruiters and six weeks for Guard

and Reserve recruiters, instructors teach enthusiasm, sales techniques and public speaking.

Recruiters who have first served for three years in the United States have the option of going back to their original jobs or moving up to a second-tier position, such as being an instructor, one of the 10 to 15 recruiters overseas in Hawaii, Europe, Puerto Rico or Guam, or as officer recruiters in the United States. **(AFPN)**

Airmen begin hurricane hunting season

WASHINGTON — “Hurricane Hunters” from the Air Force Reserve’s 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron completed their final mission tracking Hurricane Alex late Aug. 3, but are already on the

trail of a tropical storm in the Lesser Antilles.

Six-person crews from the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron began their first mission of the season July 31, at the request of the National Weather Service, according to Tech. Sgt. James Pritchett, a spokesman for the 403rd Wing at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. At the time, Alex was still a tropical depression East of the Bahamas.

Sergeant Prichetta said the squadron flew its C-130 Hercules aircraft nearly around -the-clock out of Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., launching every six hours for missions that typically lasted eight to 12 hours.

Colonel Talbot said squadron Airmen typically devote about 1,100 flying hours tracking weather systems between June and November **(AFPN)**

AIRMEN IN ACTION



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Angela Clemens

Finding the way

Airman 1st Class Rebecca James (left) checks the compass heading while Senior Airman Roneal Lang secures the area during land navigation training at Luke AFB, Ariz., Aug. 5. Both Airmen are assigned to the 56th Fighter Wing's Security Forces Squadron.

Around the base

Family readiness training: The Family Support Center hosts a family readiness training workshop from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday. The workshop addresses specific readiness issues and provides additional program information to ensure you're ready when a military member deploys. For more information, contact Barbara Lang at 963-5448.

Chapel Sunday School Program: Come to the Fun Fair Kick-Off 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday at Bldg. 245. Classes begin Aug. 22. For more information, contact Airman Kimberly Swanagan at 963-2536.

Chiefs' meeting: The Chiefs' Group holds their monthly meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. John Danko at 963-5324.

Baseball game: The RiverDogs baseball team sponsors a military appreciation night Thursday at Joe Riley Jr. Stadium. Admission is free for military ID card holders. Vouchers are available at the 437th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office, 315th AW Public Affairs office and the Outdoor Recreation Center. For more information, contact the PA office at 963-5608.

Order of the Pelican: The 14th Airlift Squadron celebrates inductees to the Order of the Pelican at 6 p.m. Aug 21 at the Charleston club. Lt. Gen. Duncan McNabb will be the guest speaker. RSVP no later than Monday by calling 963-3764. The 14 AS will also be sponsoring a golf tournament. For more information contact Staff Sgt. Kevin Riley at 963-2190.

Farewell party: There will be a farewell party for Lt. Col. Vic Sowers starting at 6 p.m. Aug. 19 at the Charleston Club. Everyone is invited to wear their tackiest '80s golf attire. RSVP by today by calling 963-2200. Cost is \$16 for club members and \$18 for non-club members.

NCO retraining: Air Force officials have announced the start of the 2005 noncommissioned officer retraining program. The '05 NCORP will target approximately 1,098 NCOs to retrain from career fields with NCO overages to those with NCO

Charleston Warrior of the Week

Airman 1st Class Natasha Coster 437th Medical Group

Airman 1st Class Natasha Coster is a medical logistics acquisitions technician for the 437th Medical Group.

Her primary duties include purchasing supplies for the clinic and helping out with any questions people may have.

"I am in customer service and I like working with all our customers. The best thing about my job is something is always going on. We never have a dull moment," said Airman Coster.

"I contribute to Team Charleston's mission by making sure the clinic has the supplies they need to get the mission done," she added.

The Gordo, Ala., native joined the Air Force 1.5 years ago for the opportunity to see other parts of the world, meet new people and go to college.

Airman Coster is a member of First Six and is actively involved with the Hispanic Heritage Month committee.

Her future plans include getting a bachelor's degree in computer engineering.

"Airman Coster is a pleasure to work with. She is always enthusiastic about her job and looks for new challenges everyday," said Tech. Sgt. Ernest Walters 437 MDG medical logistics technician. "She is truly an asset to the Air Force. She leads by example and will be a great leader in the Air Force."



Photo by Airman Sam Hymas

shortages. The voluntary phase of the program runs through Sept. 30. If necessary, an involuntary phase will begin shortly afterward. Some restrictions apply, depending on grade and Air Force specialty. Contact the Military Personnel Flight at 963-4567 or 963-4506 for complete details and a list of available careers to retrain to.

Marriage enrichment seminar: The Family Advocacy Program offers a marriage enrichment class starting Aug. 31 and meeting for six consecutive Tuesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. There is no cost for base personnel and their spouses. To register, contact Jim Hernandez at 963-6504.

Base blood drive: The DoD blood drive will be held at the Fitness Center Sept. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All blood types are needed. Collec-

tions directly support our troops and military families overseas and at home. Please contact your squadron POC or Capt. Ryan White at 963-6100 for details.

Voting: Register to vote for this year's election by contacting your squadron voting representative or Team Charleston's voting officer, Maj. Edward Parker at 963-6855.



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Have someone "arrested" for an hour for only \$10.
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Should you get "arrested", be ready to post your "bond" of \$20 OR hang out in lock-up for an hour OR buy a "Get out of Jail Free" card in advance for \$20.

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Participation in the event is highly encouraged, voluntary and must be coordinated with the supervisor. This event is not endorsed by the Department of Defense or the Air Force. Donations are completely voluntary.

Command Performance



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ben Gonzales

Tech. Sgt. Jan Howard, 315th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, displays acceptable PT gear for a deployment to Southwest Asia.

New policy for Airmen deploying to SWA

All Airmen deploying to the Central Command area of responsibility must now ensure the clothing they pack is in line with a recent dress and appearance policy revision now in effect.

The most significant change requires Airmen to wear either desert camouflage uniforms or physical training gear while on an Air Force installation in Southwest Asia.

When the Air Force physical training uniform is made available it will be the only authorized clothing, along with DCU's for Airmen assigned to units in theater, unless they are specifically authorized to wear something else.

Because the Air Force PT uniform is still in development, Airmen are authorized to wear civilian-style PT gear as long as it is conservative, professional and with only minimal and appropriate decoration. Shirts must have sleeves and be predominantly a solid color. Shorts must reach to the mid or lower thigh and cannot be made of spandex.

Chapel schedule



107 Arthur Drive
Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Phone: 963-2536.

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

Catholic Services: *Saturday* - 4:15 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 starts at 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

Protestant Services: *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Bldg. 245, 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service and 11 a.m. Children's Church. *Sunday* - 8 a.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.



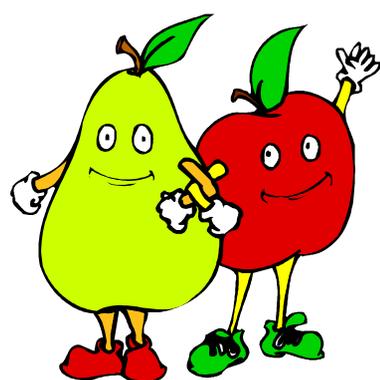
Patrons should call 963-3333 to verify movie titles, running times and start times, which are subject to change.

Wellness tip

Practice good nutrition for a healthier you!

☛ **Variety is the spice of life.** Your body needs more than 50 different nutrients from a wide variety of foods — starches and grains, fruits and vegetables, dairy and meat, and fat. To get all these essential nutrients, don't eliminate any food group.

☛ **Take time to eat 5 fruits and vegetables a day.** It lowers your risk of cancer and provides a low calorie, low fat tasty snack. It's simpler than you think. Try ¾ cup fruit juice,



1 small apple or ½ banana, 1 cup raw lettuce, ½ cup raw carrots, ½ cup cooked beans or vegetables. Be good to yourself and your body.



Today 7:30 p.m.

"Sleepover" – Alexa Vega, Mika Boorem

Before their freshman year in high school, Julie has a slumber party with her best friends and they end up having the adventure of their lives. In an attempt to cast off their less-than-cool reputations, they enter into an all-night scavenger hunt against their "popular girl" rivals. Hijacking dad's car, sneaking into clubs, evading Julie's mother and even a first kiss - anything is possible at Julie's sleepover. **(PG) 90 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 20, 7:30 p.m.

"Spider-Man 2" – Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst

Peter faces a new challenge as he struggles with "the gift and the curse" desperately seeking to balance his dual identities as the web-slinging Spider-Man and his life as a college student. Peter finds his relationships with those he holds most dear are in danger of unraveling. His feelings for M.J. become even stronger, as he fights the impulse to reveal his secret life and declare his love. Peter's life is about to become more complicated as he encounters a formidable new foe, Dr. Octavius. **(PG-13) 128 minutes**



Photo by Airman Sam Hymas

Spike it!

Senior Airman Tom Cole, 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, spikes the ball as Senior Airman Alfred Pascual, 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, attempts to block it. The 2004 intramural volleyball season begins Tuesday. Games are played at 5:30 p.m. Monday's through Thursday's at the Fitness and Sports Center's Globemaster Court. Open volleyball practice is held Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m.

Sports Shorts

Triathlon: The Charleston AFB Second Annual Swim-Bike-Run for Fun Sprint Triathlon will be held Sept. 11. The triathlon consists of swimming one-quarter mile, biking 9 miles and running 3.1 miles. Age groups (men and women) are 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and over. Team competition consists of two- and three-person teams with no age limitations.

Registration, which costs \$10 per person, will be held at the Fitness and Sports Center. Pre-registration deadline is Sept. 3. For more information, contact Frank de Aragon at 963-3344 or Staff Sgt. Margo Ham at 963-3347.

Intramural golf: Letters of squadron intent are due to the Sports Office Sept. 1. A mandatory coaches' clinic will be held at 2 p.m. Sept. 7. The 2004 season starts Sept. 13.

Intramural bowling: Letters of squadron intent are due to the Sports Office Sept. 8. A mandatory coaches' clinic will be held at 3 p.m. Sept. 14. The 2004-05 season starts Sept. 21.

Intramural flag football: Letters of squadron intent are due to the Sports Office Sept. 15. A mandatory coaches' clinic will be held at 2 p.m. Sept. 21 in the Health and Wellness Center's classroom. The 2004 season starts Sept. 28.

CAFB fielding experienced men's varsity softball team

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber
437 AW Public Affairs

Charleston AFB will field one of its strongest men's varsity softball teams in the last few years as the team will compete in local leagues and tournaments over the next three months.

The team will feature 11 players with varsity experience, including eight who previously played with the CAFB team, said Coach Mark Lewald of the 16th Airlift Squadron.

The team also features a former All-Air Force player and a former All-Navy player. Robby Kindernay of the 437th Security Forces Squadron played for the 2000 All-Air Force team, and Joseph Stocking of the Navy Hospital played for the 2003 All-Navy team.

Coach Lewald said the team's strengths outweigh its weaknesses. "We have quite a few power hitters, placement hitters, excellent fielders and a lot of team speed. The only weakness I see right now is the guys haven't played enough together."

Lewald selected 15 players who tried out in

late July. Since the tryouts, the team has been practicing twice a week on base until they start play in the Summerville Industrial League the last week in August.

They are scheduled to play in two tournaments so far, and Coach Lewald said he hopes to schedule a couple more tournaments. The base varsity squad will play in the Amateur Softball Association S.C. Industrial tournament this weekend in Spartanburg, S.C., and also the National Softball Association S.C. Industrial tournament in the Charleston area the last weekend in Sept.

Last year they played in four tournaments with a combined record of 18-7. They won the Mid-Summer Classic in Charleston, finished second in the S.C. Industrial Tournament, and tied for seventh out of 22 teams in the Armed Forces World Championships (Class B) in Panama City, Fla. Coach Lewald said they won't be playing in the 2004 AFWC.

After seven years of playing varsity softball, Lewald is coaching for the first time. However, Assistant Coach Troy Jarrell of the 437th Mis-

sion Support Squadron has a strong coaching background. Coach Jarrell has played varsity softball since 1990 and coached the CAFB team from 1993 to 1996, Robins AFB, Ga., from 1996 to 2000 with an Industrial "A" Class World Championship in 2000 and returned to coach CAFB from 2001 to 2003.

Players for this year's varsity are: Kindernay, outfield; Matt Mercer, shortstop, 373rd Training Squadron, Detachment 5; Richard Calhoun, pitcher/infield, 373rd TRS, Detachment 5; Eric Erbaugh, outfield, 17th Airlift Squadron; Rob Sadwick, first base/catcher, 437th Operations Support Squadron; Clinton "CC" Simon, pitcher/infield, 315th Maintenance Squadron; Bryan Scroggs, second base/infield, 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Stocking, outfield; Daryll Pearson, pitcher/infield, 437th AMXS; Gary Reash, infield/outfield, 437th SFS; Mark Stone, third base, 437th AMXS; Craig Lanahan, outfield, 437th AMXS; Kirtis Bailey, pitcher/infield/outfield, 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron; Thomas Elsworth, outfield, 16th AS; and Ethan Hipple, outfield, 437th AMXS.