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

## Inspection

Staff Sgt. Paul Barentine, 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron, watches the perimeter during the Air Mobility Command Ability to Survive and Operate Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection here Jan. 22. AMC Inspector General personnel evaluated Team Charleston on pre-, trans- and post-attack responses to a variety of scenarios, including nuclear, biological, chemical and conventional weapons. For story, see page 6.

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Charleston departures	1,200
Maintenance reliability	93.6%
Cargo moved	6,395t
Personnel deployed	639
Reservists activated	846
(Jan. 1, 2004 - Jan. 27, 2004)	




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



## Fitness

Group and squadron commanders, chiefs and first sergeants got out in front last week in taking the new fitness test. While I thank **Maj. Bill Rupp**, 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron commander, for letting me edge him out for first place in the 1.5 mile run, I can also tell you this is not an easy test. Everyone in the wing should be working out for at least an hour, three times per week. The benefits go far beyond just getting a good fitness score: not only does regular exercise get us in shape, it also helps counter the effects of stress and makes each of us better warriors.

## Inspections

Team Charleston warriors deserve a big “attaboy” for excelling in the Ability to Survive and Operate inspection last week. Special thanks to **Col. Chris Doran** and **David Hunt** for leading the event. Read about our success on page 6.

We have another group here now, taking an “Eagle Look” to validate Air Force life support processes. This Air Force team is honing in on ways to improve aircrew protection Air Force-wide, and we’re proud to be part of that effort.

## Recognition

We named our 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter award winners Monday, recognizing those people in the wing who represent not just the best *of* us, but the best *in* us. A hearty “well done” to our winners: **Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Suzanne Steenerson**, 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Operations Squadron; **Tech. Sgt. Keith Collins**, 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces; **Senior Master Sgt. Karl Wicker**, 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron; **1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Robert Corley**, 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron; **Capt. Cynthia Clefish**, 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron; Honor Guard member **Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Taylor Johnson**, 437 CES; **Dana Gravely**, 437<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Squadron; and **Kenneth Battle**, 315<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron. In a showdown almost too close to call, **437 CPTS** took the Spirit Award as we closed out the ceremony. Hey, must be the money!

While we’re on the subject of recognition, I’m proud to note that **Capt. Sean Abell**, 437<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron, was named a distinguished graduate at Squadron Officers School. Great work, Sean!

I’d also like to recognize **Nancy Corbin**, deputy chief of the 437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron, who is retiring Tuesday, after 34 years of federal service. Nancy, you have done great things for this base, and you will be sorely missed. Godspeed in your retirement.

## Coming up

Looking ahead at the coming week, it’s a good time to make sure your mess dress is ready, as we prepare for the Annual Awards Banquet on



Graphic by Maj. Jeffrey Addison

**Col. Wayne Schatz**, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing vice commander, is briefed by **Capt. Timorah Harlen**, 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight commander, during the Ability to Survive and Operate Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection Jan. 22. For more information on the inspection, see page 6.

Tuesday, the Airman Leadership School Graduation on Thursday, with guest speaker **Chief Master Sgt. Melvin Willis**, 437 CPTS, and the Chiefs’ Induction ceremony Feb. 7, at which **Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force (Ret.) Robert Gaylor** is the special guest. Be sure to come out in force to support the people in your unit who are being honored.

Thank you to everyone who played a part in receiving additional people and cargo as aircraft diverted here due to inclement weather in other parts of the country earlier this week. You make me proud to be part of this group of professionals that is always able to dig deep and come up a winner in a tough situation. Expect our operations tempo to continue to pick up as we head into February and a new wave of troop rotations.

As you make plans to cheer for your Superbowl team this weekend, keep safety uppermost in your mind. Do your informal operational risk management analysis, and remember to always designate a driver if your celebrations will include drinking. Be safe out there!

The Commander’s Action Line is your direct link to me. It’s your opportunity to make Charleston AFB a better place to live, work and play.

First, give the appropriate base agency a chance to solve the problem, but if you don’t get a satisfactory answer, call me at **963-5581**, or send an e-mail to [action@charleston.af.mil](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.

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## Democracy in action

# Voting is an opportunity for everyone

By Lt. Col. John Keffer  
437 CS commander

Last week, the first presidential primary contest was decided. It is interesting to note that this first contest did not quite go as predicted. Many political experts had predicted a run away winner weeks before the first ballot was cast, but that candidate ended up finishing third. And while much was trumpeted in the media about the results of that first contest, there are delegates from 49 other states that remain to be chosen.

U.S. armed forces members are in what can seem to be a paradoxical situation with regard to what we can and should do in election years. American soldiers, Marines, sailors and airmen have a proud tradition of limited participation in our elections; limited in that we cannot use our organization to influence voters inside or outside of our organizational structure; And yet, since it is we and our fellow service members who often feel the consequences of elected officials' decisions, we want to have our say during the election process.

The laws and rules that guide our actions in elections are quite extensive. Guidance recently provided to commanders was five

**worth repeating**

"Every vote does count, and a few votes can decide who will lead our country for years to come."



Lt. Col. John Keffer

437th Communications Squadron commander

pages long and listed more than a dozen reference directives. Many guidelines are well known, such as personnel not being allowed to wear their uniforms at political or campaign events and restrictions against making a public commentary in an official capacity concerning elections or campaigns. Others are more subtle, such as how to handle media coverage of a candidate's base visit during an election campaign.

The restrictions have been placed on us to ensure "the people" decide who is elected. They restrictions ensure our military leaders are not allowed to influence the votes of their subordinates, and that our votes are quietly counted in with all the other ballots, so our participation

does not intimidate our fellow citizens or the candidates and elected officials.

Because of the election campaign restrictions and our sworn responsibility to support all our elected officials, regardless of whether we voted for them or not, some servicemembers do not take the time to vote. The process of getting and submitting an absentee ballot can be quite cumbersome as well. Many of us haven't lived in our "home of residence" since high school, and are not familiar with local election procedures.

Fortunately, the process is being made easier. A new Department of Defense Web site, [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov), has extensive resources, with everything from state-by-state instructions for absentee balloting to a link that can be used to find your county seat and voting district.

This year provides another opportunity for us to continue to support our country's democratic process. Yes, servicemembers have restrictions on what we can do in election campaigns, but for very good reasons. Every vote does count, and a few votes can decide who will lead our country for years to come. So take some time from defending your country to support it by voting.

# People are why the Air Force is great

By Lt. Col. Jeff Kubiak  
86 Flying Training Squadron commander

Like many of us, I have spent my entire adult life in an Air Force uniform.

At several points throughout my career, I've made the decision to stay in the military when offered an opportunity to leave. I have to admit there were occasions when I made the decision to stay without really knowing why.

With a few more years behind me, however, I think I more clearly understand. When weighing the demands of the military lifestyle against the rewards, the rewards win.

The demands placed on individuals and families by the military lifestyle are predominantly external, relatively constant, and easily understood by even those

not in the military: hazardous duty, deployments, frequent moves and long hours.

The rewards of a military lifestyle change over time. Entering the Air Force with the promise of valuable training and a secure paycheck may be enough to offset the demands of a young career. The long-term rewards, those that keep people re-enlisting tour after tour, are somewhat more subtle and personal.

The ongoing sense of service to the community and nation is a very powerful reward. However, I think the greatest reward of a military career is the opportunity to cross paths with a tremendous number of really high-quality people. These high-quality people show up in hundreds of different places.

They include an amazingly

human immunization technician who touched so many lives that when he died, there was not a dry eye in the packed chapel during his memorial service.

They are doctors who make house calls to tend to your sick child in the middle of the night.

They are neighbors who come to your house when you are up to your eyes in boxes to offer a loaf of homemade bread or to watch your children while you continue packing or unpacking your life.

They are people who are there to console you when tragedy strikes and there to help you celebrate life's most special occasions.

At each stop in my Air Force career, my family and I have had our lives vastly improved by people willing to give us the shirts off their backs.

In more than 19 years and seven assignments, we have accumulated several lifetimes worth of good friends and good times.

Moving every couple of years is still painful. However, in addition to sincerely missing the friends we have made and are forced to leave, we also have learned to look forward to meeting the great people who will make our next location a home.

I can't imagine what our lives would be like, or who we would be, without the supportive, caring, quality humans we share our lives with.

Although we eventually are separated from our new friends, our lives are permanently connected to theirs, and that's an incredibly powerful reward. It's all about the people.

# Team Charleston exceeds evaluation expectations



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

**Master Sgt. Robert Johnston, 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron ramp services supervisor, records information during an Ability to Survive and Operate Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection here Jan. 22.**

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

Air Mobility Command Inspector General personnel conducted an Ability to Survive and Operate Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection at Charleston AFB Jan. 22.

Team Charleston was responsible for creating a simulated forward deployed location and was evaluated on pre-, trans- and post-attack responses to a variety of scenarios, to include nuclear, biological, chemical and conventional weapons.

“We did very well,” said Dave Hunt, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Plans and Programs office inspections and evaluations deputy chief. “We ex-

ceeded or met all mission requirements.”

Two teams were recognized as exceptional performers; 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron Base Recovery After Attack team and a joint 437 AW and 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Contamination Control Area.

“The security forces team did well because we have a good squadron,” said Mr. Hunt. “Most of the guys have real-world experience in the desert and do a good job.

“The CCA is a new system, and it’s one of the first times it’s been inspected in the field,” continued Mr. Hunt. “The team did well because they put a lot of practice into the project.”

Col. Thomas Stark, AMC IG Charleston Inspection

Team chief, said the inspection went extremely well for Team Charleston.

“The ATSO performance of 437 AW and 315 AW personnel exceeded mission requirements,” said Colonel Stark. “The wings demonstrated much strength, including strong Self-Aid and Buddy Care skills, exceptional contamination avoidance awareness and operational decontamination procedures, and a noteworthy Contamination Control Area process.

“Highly motivated personnel and enthusiastic teamwork were clearly evident and indicative of a true ‘Team Charleston’ spirit,” continued Colonel Stark. “Detailed planning and preparation ensured exemplary inspection results.”

# Civilian retires after more than 30 years of service

**Story and photo by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Shaloma McGovern**  
437 AW Public Affairs

A Team Charleston secretary recently earned her retirement after dedicating more than 30 years to the Department of Defense.

Joyce Taylor, 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Camera Squadron commander’s secretary, is retiring today after 32 years of service.

The Charleston native has lived in the local area her entire life. After graduating from Charlesbrown High School in 1971, she took her first civil service job as a draft board registrar. As a government service employee in 1971, Mrs. Taylor earned \$4,176 for the first year.

After two years as a draft employee, Mrs. Taylor moved to the Naval Station as the Judge Advocate General’s secretary.

“I loved it. I was introduced into the military legal world,” said Mrs. Taylor.

Afterwards, Mrs. Taylor moved to the Naval Hospital and worked as a collection agent for the next six years. She then ventured to the Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine Training Facility in which she held a variety of jobs ranging from typing pool to budgeting for the next twenty years.

“I found budgeting very interesting,” said Mrs. Taylor. “It gave me a sense of being needed and a sense of purpose.”

In 1993, Mrs. Taylor accepted a job at Charleston AFB as the 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron secretary.

“I always wanted to be a secretary,” said Mrs. Taylor. “I have an aunt who was a secretary when

I was growing up, and she was ever so prim and proper...I wanted to be just like her.”

In 1999, she transferred to the 1 CTCS as the commander’s secretary.

“Everywhere I go, I try to submerge myself into the culture,” said Mrs. Taylor.

Mrs. Taylor feels her legacy of mentorship was left at the 1 CTCS.

“I always have a good word of encouragement for the airmen,” said Mrs. Taylor. “These airmen are young and experiencing life, and they need encouraging words. I am the mother hen of the squadron and will miss all of my children. You have to believe in yourself before others can believe in you.”

“She was very professional, selfless, nurturing and loved by all our squadron members and we will miss her very much,” said Lt. Col. Clifton Douglas, 1 CTCS commander.

“My favorite Bible verse emphasizes this idea,” she continued. “I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. (Philippians 2:14).”

Two moments stood out to Mrs. Taylor as she remembered her tenure at CAFB.

“The most memorable event that I recall on CAFB was when I sang the ‘The Star-Spangled Banner’ after 9-11,” said Mrs. Taylor. “After I was done, the audience began clapping, and I realized there was not a dry eye in the audience.”

“The most prestigious event was when I sang the national anthem for change of command for Col. David Snodgrass in the hangar,” she continued. “I felt like I was in heaven as my voice echoed through the hangar.”



**Joyce Taylor, 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Camera Squadron commander’s secretary, retires today after dedicating more than 30 years of service in the Charleston area to the Department of Defense.**

Mrs. Taylor was also a member of the federal equal employment opportunity process, and was very active in the Women’s History month events for the last eleven years.

Mrs. Taylor has been married to Jerome Taylor for 25 years, and they have four girls and six grandchildren.

## Distinguished Visitor

## 18 AF commander mapes rounds at Charleston AFB

By Senior Airman Amy Perry  
437AW Public Affairs

In a round of base visits, the 18<sup>th</sup> Air Force commander recently returned to the base of his first flying assignment when he visited here Jan. 14 to 15.

Lt. Gen. William Welser said it was good to be back at Charleston AFB as he spent a day touring the base and meeting the troops.

General Welser started his career as a maintenance officer, went to pilot training, and came to Charleston in December 1975 to July 1979 to fly the C-141 in the 20<sup>th</sup> Mobility Airlift Squadron.

As Air Mobility Command's war fighting numbered Air Force, 18 AF is responsible for tasking and executing all air mobility missions. It consists of 12 AMC wings, three AMC groups, two Expeditionary Mobility Task Forces, and the Tanker Airlift Control Center.

As the new commander of the reactivated 18 AF, General Welser said this visit was focused on discussing the mission of 18 AF, meeting the troops, and thanking the local communities for all that they do.

"I'm the senior war-fighter for the 54,000 troops that make up 18 AF," said General Welser. "However, one guy, the commander, can't be successful unless there's 53,999 other war-fit, war-fighters focused on our mission."

To be effective war-fighters, General Welser said every airman needs to be part of the focused Air Force family. "Although members of many different generations, we are still all one team."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Quinton Burris

**Maj. Paul Stang, 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron commander, briefs Lt. Gen. William Welser, 18<sup>th</sup> Air Force commander, on the proposed new base gates designed to unify all Air Mobility Command bases' entrances. General Welser visited here Jan. 14 to 15 to see Team Charleston at work.**

The first goal for General Welser is to get 18 AF up and running. This includes letting people know about the new numbered Air Force and bringing together the new team.

After his comments there was a lively question and answer session. When asked about reducing safety mishaps, General Welser reflected on a CAFB program from the 1970s.

"There used to be a sign as you departed CAFB that said 'Safety is a state of mind,'" said General Welser. "Whether going home or out on a mission,

everyone has to be focused on doing things safely. Safety is everyone's responsibility, and must be second nature."

When asked about operations tempo for CAFB, General Welser said he was sure CAFB would not see a decrease in current ops tempo in the near term since the base is gearing up for a major force rotation.

"Ops tempo is tough to gauge," said General Welser. "But since we've caught Saddam Hussein, the attacks have gone down by over 20 percent. If that trend continues, we should see a change in ops tempo. Our president said this would be a three to five year battle, and we need to be ready to sustain the fight. It takes people like each of you to keep the freedoms we have. Just

keep doing what you're doing so well."

General Welser said it's important to have a warrior attitude at all times. "You are all professionals, you are all warriors," he said. Carry a warrior attitude with you at all times. If you have to wait at a gate for 30 minutes because of ID checks, plan ahead, thank the troop at the gate for keeping us secure, and learn to tolerate occasional inconveniences. Remember the people who lost their lives on 9/11 and in the battle for peace that would love to be inconvenienced."

## Temporary home

First Lt. Shawn Shields, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, 307<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion cleans his weapon at the Sports and Fitness Center Globemaster Court Tuesday. More than 250 soldiers from the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division returning from

Iraq were diverted here due to severe weather at Fort Bragg, N.C. People from the 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron, 437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron, 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron Deployment Control Center and Traffic Management Flight, and 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Command Post coordinated the successful movement of the 82 AD.



Photo by 1st Lt. Shaloma McGovern

## Assignment listing available Feb. 3

**RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** — The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for overseas assignments for the October to December 2004 cycle will be available Tuesday.

Individuals need to contact their military personnel flights to update their preferences by Feb. 19, said officials at the Air Force Personnel Center here. Airmen will be notified of their selection by mid-March.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements, by Air Force specialty code and rank. People should review, prioritize and update their assignment preferences based on the EQUAL list, officials said.

People can view the lists on the AFPC home page at <https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm> or at local MPFs. Those on temporary duty during the advertising period can contact the nearest personnel office for assistance. **(Air Force Personnel Center News Service)**

## Center helping deployed airmen

**RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** — Deployed personnel specialists now have around-the-clock assistance in performing personnel actions for deployed airmen that previously may have taken days to complete.

The Air Force Contact Center will now provide one-stop customer support for deployed operations, said Lt. Col. Jacqueline Harry, chief of the customer support branch at the Air Force Personnel Center here.

While the contact center cannot yet fully replace a person's servicing military personnel flight, it can accomplish much of the work currently done at home station, said the colonel. This includes coordination with owning commanders and updates to the military personnel data system.

This new partnership will essentially cut the middle man out of the process and, in many cases, speed up services for deployed airmen while eliminating unnecessary paperwork, Colonel Harry said.

The Air Force Contact Center offers one-stop shopping service for personnel information and can be reached by calling (800) 616-3775.

Service is also available online at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil). **(Air Force Print News Service)**

## Reserve command seeks recruiters

**ROBINS AFB, Ga.** — Air Force Reserve Command officials are looking for exceptional airmen and non-commissioned officers to become Reserve recruiters.

Recruiters serve a full-time active Guard and Reserve tour for four years at one of more than 190 locations in the United States and overseas. In some cases, applicants can perform recruiting duty at their current location; however, the needs of the Air Force Reserve come first.

Applicants must be airman first class through master sergeant and meet qualifications spelled out in Air Force Manual 36-2108, Air Force Instruction 36-2115 and AFRC's recruiting policy. If selected, master sergeant applicants must take a voluntary demotion to technical ser-

geant before beginning their ARG tour. **(Air Force Reserve Command News Service)**

## AF creates personnel system team

**WASHINGTON** — The Air Force has formed a team to implement the Defense Department's most dramatic civilian personnel system transformation in the last 50 years.

The National Security Personnel System gives DOD managers the flexibility to place civilian workers where they are needed most, without delay. It reduces the time it takes to hire new people, introduces pay-for-performance bonuses and streamlines the promotion process.

To do that, the Air Force NSPS staff plans to establish e-mail updates tailored to civilian personnel staffs, video-teleconferences to capture the most pressing issues and find appropriate solutions, and a Web site to post the latest information for

employees and managers.

The initial goal is to ensure everyone in the Air Force is trained on and understands the new personnel authorities and programs.

The most dramatic changes will be in classification and performance management. Pay banding will replace the traditional general and wage schedule grades. This is expected to greatly simplify the classification of positions as there will be much less need to identify specific differences in duties. The result should be streamlined position descriptions that should not exceed one page. Under NSPS, the performance management system becomes pay-for-performance; employees will be compensated based on their contribution to the mission of their organization.

Until the Air Force site becomes available, people can learn more about NSPS at the Defense Department level by visiting [www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/](http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/). **(Air Force News Service)**



Photo by Staff Sgt. Marie Cassetty

## Electric C-17

**Senior Airman Jerome Thomas, electro-environmental specialist, changes out a differential pressure sensor on a C-17 Globemaster III at Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany. Airman Thomas is TDY to Rhein-Main from the 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Charleston AFB.**

## Spotlight

**Retirement:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Camera Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Joyce Taylor at 10 a.m. today at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Angelo Costanzo at 963-3465.

**Retirement:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Service Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony and luncheon Tuesday for Nancy Corbin at 11 a.m. at the Charleston Club. The cost is \$9 for club members and \$11 for non-club members. For more information, call the 437 SVS at 963-3820.

**Retirement:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Chief Master Sgt. Garry Jones at 3 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Education Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Patrick Goss at 963-6333.

**Speeder's alert:** The "Fit to Fight" testing loop located on East Jackson, James Drive and Chance Loop behind the fitness center has a new speed limit of 5 mph. This is effective immediately and the new speed limit will be enforced.

## Around the base

**Awards banquet:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Annual Awards Banquet is set for 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Charleston Club. The cost is \$17.50 for club members and \$19.50 for non-members. For more information or tickets, call a squadron first sergeant by Tuesday.

**Induction:** The Chiefs' Induction Ceremony is set for 6 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Lawrence Strother at 963-4591. Tickets are \$20 for club members, and \$23 for non-members. For tickets, call 963-5497 by Jan. 23.

**Scholarships:** In 2003, the Air

# Charleston Warrior of the Week

## Senior Airman Eric de Guzman 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron

Senior Airman Eric de Guzman is a personal property craftsman with the 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron.

He assists members going TDY, PCSing, retiring or separating in shipping their personal property to their next assignment or destination.

"I like seeing customers leave our office with a satisfied look on their faces knowing their move will go smoothly," he said.

Airman de Guzman joined the Air Force three years ago to get an education and to see the world.

The Pasadena, Calif., native has been at Charleston AFB for more than two years.

"Charleston is one of the most beautiful bases on the east coast," said Airman de Guzman. "I love its proximity to the beaches, shopping malls, colleges and other attractions."

Airman de Guzman plans to earn a commission and stay in the Air Force for at least 20 years. He wants to retire with a doctorate's degree.

In his off-duty time, Airman de Guzman likes to play guitar, video games, paintball and go to the beach during the summer.



Photo by Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Stephanie Hammer

Force Aid Society awarded \$5.25 million in college education grants to Air Force dependents, \$31,500 of which went to Charleston AFB dependents. Sons, daughters or spouses could be eligible candidates. Visit the Air Force Aid Society Web site at [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org) for information on how to apply for the General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program.

**Commander's channel:** The commander's access channel is available to all base residents on channel 2. The channel contains information and updates on base events, organizations, and force protection levels. For more infor-

mation, call 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Public Affairs at 963-5608.

**Self-help classes:** The following classes are offered by Life Skills or Family Advocacy offices:

- Baby Steps Support Group meets from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays. This program is designed for new parents of children under 1 year old. For more information or to sign-up, call 963-6787.

- New Parent Support Program is an ongoing support group for families during pregnancy and with children up to 3 years old. For more information or to sign-up, call 963-6787.

- Anger Management Workshop meets the second and third Thursday of each month from 10:30 to noon. For more information or to sign up, call 963-6504.

- Common Sense Parenting starts at 6:30 p.m. Mar. 2 and runs for six weeks. For more information or to sign up, call 963-6504.

- Step-Teen Parenting starts at 6:30 p.m. Mar. 1 and runs for six weeks. For more information, or to sign-up, call 963-6504.

**Tobacco cessation:** A tobacco cessation class begins noon Thursday. Medication to help members quit smoking is offered during the course. For more information, call Health and Wellness Center at 963-4007.

**Retirees needed:** Military retiree volunteers are needed to help in the Charleston AFB Pharmacy. Volunteers typically work two to three hours a week. For more information, contact the Retiree Activities Office at 963-2228 or by e-mail [cafbrao@charleston.af.mil](mailto:cafbrao@charleston.af.mil).

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## Put Valentine's Day messages in *Airlift Dispatch*

The *Airlift Dispatch* is taking submissions to print Valentine's Day messages in the Feb. 13 edition. Notes, 25 words or less, should be sent to [dispatch3@charleston.af.mil](mailto:dispatch3@charleston.af.mil) by noon Feb. 6.

Family members of deployed personnel, who wish to send a message, should include a temporary e-mail address of the intended recipient. An e-mail of the *Airlift Dispatch* page will be sent to the deployed individual.



Army National Guard Sgt. William Knight, 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron augmentee, and Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Jason Klotz, 437 SFS installation entry controller, check a driver's ID card at the Rivers Gate Tuesday. Forty-six South Carolina ARNG members are activated here to support base security due to a large number of security forces personnel deployed downrange in support of the global war on terror.

## Army stays on as part of Team Charleston family

Story and photos by 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Bryan Lewis  
437AW Public Affairs

"An Army of One" doesn't apply to the 46 South Carolina Army National Guard volunteers here.

While other bases around the Air Force lost many of their Army National Guardsman after their one-year stint as security augmentees expired, Team Charleston luckily kept nearly every one of the Guardsmen who were eligible to stay.

The Army volunteers said the combined morale of security forces and family atmosphere here was a major reason they remained.

"We have an all-for-one type morale with the Air Force," said Army National Guard 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. James Palmore, 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron. "While here at Charleston, the Air Force has treated us like family, friends and soldiers in all we do. Team Charleston has gone beyond the call of duty to make us a part of their mission"

"We had the highest retention rate of Army National Guardsmen in Air Mobility Command," said Maj. Paul Stang, 437 SFS commander. "This program was voluntary this year, which caused many units to lose a large number of their Army volunteers. We're going to be in good shape at Charleston AFB due to the efforts of our Army folks."

Due to a large number of security forces members deployed downrange to support the global war

on terror, the ARNG were activated here.

"Since 9/11, 30 to 35 percent of our squadron has been deployed," said Senior Master Sgt. Richard Graves, 437 SFS operations superintendent. "With the increased post requirements of heightened force protection conditions, the ARNG has provided the manpower to fill the void."

The volunteers' duties include resource protection for aircraft on the mass parking area, industrial maintenance area, and adjoining aircraft parking areas; response to alarmed facilities; installation entry control and vehicle searches. However, providing protection is not the only advantage the Army volunteers have to offer.

"The mixing of ARNG and security forces is proving to be a unique learning experience for both services at a personal level," said Major Stang. "With some Army soldiers having experience extending back to the Vietnam War, our security forces members have a great opportunity on a 12-hour shift to learn there is a lot more to this military than just the post-Cold War Air Force."

Despite what may have occurred on a security shift, both the ARNG and security forces members go home with the same sense of accomplishment.

"What we enjoy most about our job is keeping the base and its airmen safe," said Army National Guard Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class McDonald Hamilton, 437



Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Melvin Rice, 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron augmentee, inspects a truck entering the Rivers gate Tuesday.

SFS. "Having a successful mission for our Air Force family and friends has been most important. This is the best mission we recall being involved with, and the sense of family has been the main reason for that. If we weren't here at such a great base, we would be somewhere else." Fellow Air Force security members hope the Army volunteers retain the sense of family once their tour is over.

"My only wish is for a good part of the ARNG to see how well they were treated while serving with us so when they are deactivated, they volunteer to enlist in the Air Force as permanent security force members," said Sergeant Graves.

# Command Performance

## Cell phone responsibility in uniform



It is authorized to use a cell phone in uniform for official use only. Air Force Instruction 36-2903 states cell phones should be clipped to the waistband or purse, or carried in the left hand.

Did you know Air Force Instruction 36-2903, *Dress and Appearance of Air Force Personnel*, addresses beepers and cellular phones? Table 2.5, rule 11, states that they will be clipped to the waistband or purse, or carried in the left hand.

The rule further states they are prohibited unless required to perform duties.

It is everyone's responsibility to abide by and enforce Air Force standards. The easiest way for this to happen is for everyone to take personal responsibility.

Our dress and appearance standards are provided to ensure neatness, cleanliness, safety, and the appropriate military image. How "safe" is it to talk on the phone while driving? However, the true key here is "military image"—the image of a professional.

If cell phones are provided for official duties, wear it correctly. If it's not for official uses, put it away.

## Mentoring

Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Kevin Boxberger, 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron firefighter, mentors Cadet 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Seth Spidahl, Squadron 23, U.S. Air Force Academy on the Terrazzo during a recent base sponsor visit. More than 20 Team Charleston members participated in the U.S. Air Force Academy sponsor base trip Jan. 22 through Jan. 25 including a C-17 noon meal formation flyby, cadet shadowing, and squadron dinner. The visit was designed to give U.S. Air Force Academy cadets the opportunity to interact with active-duty personnel.



Photo by 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Greg Hignite

## 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 canceled until April 2004.

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

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

## Movie schedule

**Admission:** 99 cents for adults and children.

Any person under 17 years of age requires a parent or adult guardian (a minimum of 21 years old) to purchase an admission ticket for the minor to view R-rated movies. The ticket office opens 30 minutes prior to the start of the movie, unless otherwise noted.

Movie schedules are provided by AAFES.



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

Today, 7:30 p.m.

**"Paycheck" – Ben Affleck**

Michael has his memory erased by his employer as a security precaution once he's completed special projects. After finishing his latest, he receives not his usually lucrative paycheck, but an envelope containing 19 items, including ticket stubs, bus tokens and other reminders he sent himself before the procedure. He's told he chose to forfeit any monetary compensation. The problem is, he can't remember a thing, since his brain has been wiped clean. **(PG-13) 115 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

**"Mona Lisa Smile" – Julia Roberts**

1953 America was a time ripe for change for women, and when Katherine arrives to teach art history at Wellesley College she finds the institution drowning in outdated mores. She takes on the establishment and in doing so, deeply affects her students who in turn lead her to alter the course of her life forever. **(PG-13) 125 minutes**

Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m.

**"Cheaper by the Dozen" – Steve Martin**  
**(PG-13) 125 minutes**

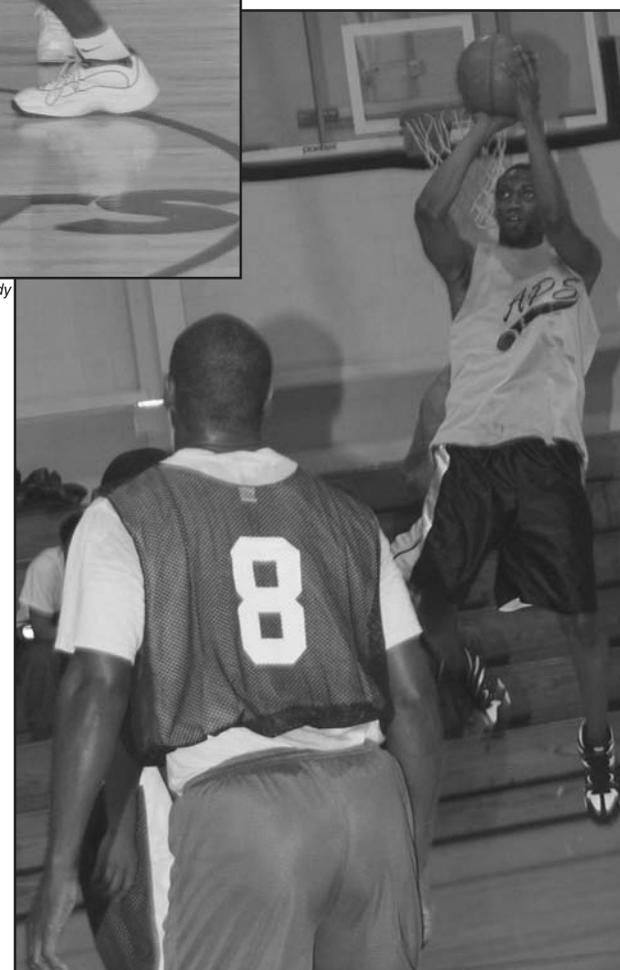
**Jump Shot****Charleston AFB basketball begins**

437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron and 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron team members prepare for the opening jump ball to determine possession in Tuesday night's game at the Sports and Fitness Center Starlifter Court. Charleston AFB intramural basketball began Jan. 21, and games are played 5:30 p.m. to 8 every Monday through Thursday at the Sports and Fitness Center.

Photos by Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Darnell Cannady

**Charleston AFB Basketball Standings**

Place	Team	Wins	Losses	Points Scored	Avg. Points Scored	Points Allowed
1	AMSX 1	3	0	173	57.67	140
2	APS	3	0	166	55.33	106
3	SFS	2	0	93	46.5	68
4	CS	1	0	42	42	34
5	AMXS 2	1	1	102	51	78
6	LRS 1	1	1	100	50	96
7	LRS 2	1	1	87	43.5	87
8	CES	0	3	128	42.67	171
9	SVS	0	2	79	39.5	90
10	MDG	0	2	66	33	116
11	MXS	0	1	47	47	61
12	CPTS	0	1	31	31	67



Billy Graham, 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron, shoots a jump shot during Tuesday night's game in which APS outscored CES 58 to 22.