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Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

Day of Mourning

The Team Charleston Honor Guard take arms Wednesday during their firing party sequence drill in preparation for the National Day of Mourning reveille ceremony honoring President Ronald Reagan. The ceremony takes place today at 8 a.m. at the base flagpole.

NEW GATES

**Construction begins,
traffic patterns change**

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120 DAYS

**AEF deployments
extend in the next cycle**

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MISSION POSSIBLE!

Charleston departures	7,739	Personnel deployed	529
Maintenance reliability	94.8 %	Reservists activated	738
Cargo moved (tons)	34,517	<i>(Jan. 1 to June 8, 2004)</i>	

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



Hurricane Exercise

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Natural Disaster Readiness Exercise Tuesday. Walking through the initial steps the base will take in case of a hurricane or other severe weather will serve us well in preparing for the worst.

We will practice storm recovery efforts in a separate exercise within the next few weeks.

Gate closure

Next week we will close down the main Dorchester Gate for construction that will run the remainder of the year, diverting traffic through the Commissary Gate. The following week, the Rivers Gate will be modified for similar construction.

Please plan ahead for the extra time it will take to enter the base, and use extra caution in approaching the gate areas. The short-term inconvenience will pay dividends in streamlined traffic flow and additional force protection. See page 7 for the full story.

Safety basics

Traffic entries in the past several weeks' blotters show we still have a problem with people speeding on base and failing to come to



Photo by Airman 1st Class Darnell Cannady

Senior Airman Timothy Clark, 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, shows some of the 437th Maintenance Group duties to Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing commander, June 4. Colonel Bash did a walk through of the 437 MXG to get a hands-on look at what Team Charleston maintenance Airmen do.

a full stop at posted signs and traffic lights. Many of our Airmen and family members are also getting lax about wearing seatbelts.

Security forces will continue to stop and ticket violators, but we can do better. Buckle up; obey the posted speed limit; and come to a full stop before proceeding at a stop sign.

Team Charleston does a great job of accomplishing the mission safely; let's make sure we do not let the basics start to slip.

Whether you are on the job, or on your way to the job, be safe out there!

Safety Emphasis Item

"Have a Nice Trip, See You Next Fall." Slips and trips are often seen as a joke; however, in reality nothing could be further from the truth. They are the most common cause of major injuries at work, and account for 33% of all reported major injuries. Most trips are preventable and are due to poor housekeeping. Prevent slips and falls with good working practice and housekeeping.

Action Line caller talks some serious trash

Q: The Dumpster behind Bldg. 245 has not been emptied in almost three weeks. We're moving and have no place to put our trash. Could we get it emptied?

A: We appreciate and share your concern. The Bldg. 245 dumpster was recently emptied. Regular servicing of this dumpster has been a challenge due to illegally parked cars that block the refuse contractor.

We would appreciate your help by reporting illegally parked vehicles to security forces and encouraging compliance by those who work in the area.

Thank you for your call.

- Col. Brooks Bash
437AW commander

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.

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Consequences

Making a wrong decision hurts many

By Lt. Col. Rupinder Gill

437 AW staff judge advocate

A previous boss of mine, former Charleston AFB staff judge advocate, Col. Gordon Hammock, once wrote an excellent article regarding innocent victims of crime. I've carried it with me for several years. With the increase in military justice actions in the past year here at Charleston AFB, I believe now is an appropriate time to share it with you. So, here it is with some updating of statistics and the inclusion of some of my personal experiences.

Between May 2003 and May 2004, the following military justice actions involved Team Charleston active duty military members:

- 11 faced court-martial
- 42 were involuntarily separated
- 97 received Article 15 punishment.

Those would be "impressive" military justice statistics, if *numbers* were the goal—they're not. The goal is good order and discipline. Not reflected in the above numbers are the uncounted numbers of innocent Team Charleston family members who suffered because of the punishment imposed upon their spouse or parent. In an age where the word "victim" has become overused and trite, these innocent family members capture the word's true meaning.

The military justice process, and in particular the crucible of the courtroom, bear comparison with the battlefield. A military member who commits an offense is "targeted" for punishment. In imposing the punishment, however, innocent people—themselves members of our military family—may also suffer. As with the battlefield, we attempt to mitigate the unintended effects of the military justice system. We assist these innocent victims through the combined efforts of base agencies and personnel, such as first sergeants, chaplains and the Family Support Center, but we recognize that while the damage can be mitigated, it cannot be undone.

In more than ten years as a JAG, I have seen the hurt from several perspectives, as a JAG prosecutor, as a legal assistance attorney and as a Staff Judge Advocate. I have observed a father—a retired and decorated military veteran of three wars—bite his lip in anguish to the point of bleeding as he observed his staff sergeant son led away from a court-martial in handcuffs.

worth repeating

"I encourage you to think about the consequences of your conduct before you decide to make the wrong choice ..."



Lt. Col. Rupinder Gill

437th Airlift Wing staff judge advocate

I've seen the wife of a major—hoping against hope (and the facts of the case) that the court-martial panel would return a verdict of "not guilty"—sob uncontrollably and clutch tightly her young daughter as the president of the court-martial announced a verdict of "guilty" to drug use.

Several years ago at Charleston AFB, I prosecuted an Airman and then watched a military wife deal with the dual—and very cruel—dilemma of a husband placed behind bars, and the care of an infant daughter permanently maimed by the husband's out-of-control temper. On a lesser level, I've seen military families deal with the bitter reality and shame of an unanticipated stripe—and pay—loss, and the reality of having to pick up and find a new job and home in the wake of an unplanned forced separation from the Air Force.

This article is written to the military member. I encourage you to think about the consequences of your conduct before you decide to make the wrong choice, a choice which may well bring unfortunate and undeserved consequences for your loved ones. With that said, let me offer these six rules for keeping your Air Force career from ending badly and for keeping your family members out of harm's way:

Don't lie — ever. Integrity is the Air Force's first core value. Protect yours by practicing unflinching honesty and accountability.

Don't use/possess/sell drugs. Zero tolerance has long been the Air Force position. It also bears mentioning that you should not use prescription drugs that are not prescribed to you—it's just as wrong as misusing illegal drugs. Don't give your prescription drugs to someone else either. You will eventually be caught, and in all likelihood be bounced out of the Air Force via court-martial or, if you're fortunate, involuntary separation.

Don't misuse your Government Travel Card, and pay your GTC bills on time. If you can't, tell your first sergeant before he or she tells you. Your commander gets a regular report that tells him/her if you've misused your card, or if you're late in paying your bill. This is a "stupid on station" offense—you *will* be caught for GTC offenses, so don't go there.

Be careful around alcohol. If you're underage, don't drink alcohol. It's illegal and, when caught, you will be appropriately punished. Many of the offenses we see are related to the over-consumption of alcohol (e.g., DUI, domestic assaults, disorderly conduct). Think! Exercise self-discipline, and avoid a "punishment" hangover. Take care of each other; have a designated driver.

Maintain proper and professional relationships. On and off-duty, treat others with dignity and in line with Air Force expectations and customs. Off-color speech or inappropriate conduct are surefire ways to get noticed quickly.

Swallow your pride and seek help early. If you've got money problems, for instance, don't wait for your supervisor or first sergeant to recognize the problem and speak to you; see them first. The Air Force has a wealth of programs designed to assist its members through difficult times. I urge you to give your chain of command the chance to help you so that it is not forced to punish you.

It is for the purposes of promoting good order and discipline, and in turn minimizing the damaging effects upon innocent family members that we've recently published offenses and punishments in the Airlift Dispatch. You'll see more in next week's edition. It will continue to be published on a regular basis. It is written in the sincere hope that military members will think hard about those potential collateral effects and choose not to inflict them on their undeserving family members. The number of disciplinary actions *will not* go down because commanders choose to ignore misconduct. The number of disciplinary actions *will* go down when members make the right choice and choose not to engage in misconduct.

I encourage you to take care of those who love you. You can do that by thinking in advance about the consequences of your actions and by choosing the right course of conduct.

Beacon increases training at North Auxiliary Field

By 1st Lt. Shaloma McGovern
437th AW Public Affairs

Charleston AFB pilots will soon fly local training missions at North Auxiliary Airfield using instrument flight rules because of a newly installed beacon.

Team Charleston installed a beacon at North Field to comply with instrument standards requirements, which is the first initiative of many upgrades in the near future.

The beacon is one of the requirements to give aircrews the option to train at North Field when conditions would otherwise force them to fly to Virginia or Florida to accomplish the same training.

"The beacon, along with the additional requirements of an instrument airfield, allows us to fly approaches into North Field during otherwise restricting conditions, such as low cloud cover," said Capt. Joel Eppley, 437th Operations Support Squadron wing airspace manager.

A rotating beacon helps aircraft identify the airport, much like the lighthouse for ships. An airfield at night or in the weather can appear to be just another group of lights in a city. However, a beacon draws the pilots' eyes to it by blinking once white and once green indicating to the pilot a civilian airfield or twice white and once green indicating a military airfield.

Additional improvements are planned for North Field.

"We are also working on bringing the airfield at North Field up to air traffic control standards," said Maj. Kevin Edenborough, 437th Operation Support Squadron wing training manager. "This provides positive control and additional safety to the airplanes flying at North Field."

Planned repair of some additional taxiways at North Field will enhance operational training and provide additional maneuvering areas, said Major Edenborough. Overall, improvements will increase the number of aircraft able to fly at North Field at one time.

Bank fraud, personal property damage make blotter

The following are some of the responses by 437th Security Forces Squadron from May 31 through Sunday and are printed to raise awareness of resource protection and safety. Anyone with information regarding these, or any other incidents, call security forces at 963-3600.

Vehicle accidents

■ A civilian driver damaged a government vehicle when he struck a star barrier exiting the base northbound out the Rivers Avenue gate. The driver was cited for inattentive driving.

Traffic

■ Security forces cited 31 drivers for speeding, 15 for failure to stop at a posted stop sign or traffic light, one for failure to yield for a pedestrian, and one for double parking.

■ Security forces stopped a civilian attempting to enter the base and a license check revealed

the driver didn't have a license. North Charleston County Police Department responded, transported the driver to the Charleston County Detention Center and scheduled a court date.

■ Security forces stopped a civilian driver attempting to enter the base, and a check revealed the driver had a fraudulent S.C. identification card. Charleston County Sheriff's Office and Immigration and Customs Enforcement responded. Charges will be filed later.

■ Security forces stopped a civilian driver attempting to enter the base with a suspended license. CCSO responded, issued a \$425 summons for Driving Under Suspension and scheduled a court date. The driver's base driving privileges were suspended.

■ Security forces stopped an Airman for speeding, and a license check revealed the driver's license was suspended. The

driver's base driving privileges were suspended.

■ Security forces stopped an Airman whose vehicle failed to maintain its lane of traffic, crossed the centerline and failed to stop for the gate guard. The Airman had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage, and he failed the field sobriety test. He was cited for driving under the influence of alcohol. His first sergeant responded and took custody of the Airman.

Crime watch

■ An Airman was arrested off base for Public Intoxication, transported to Dorchester County Detention Center and scheduled for a court date.

■ An Airman reported that a civilian used her identity to open a banking account.

■ An Airman reported that he placed his flight bag containing his personal laptop computer on the flight line when exiting an aircraft, and a government vehicle ran over the bag. The computer was damaged beyond repair.

■ A civilian reported three base residences were damaged. One screen porch was cut at one residence and a screen paneling was cut at another residence. A kitchen window was broken and the water line in the master bathroom was loosened at the third residence.

■ A civilian reported damage to a personal vehicle she was

watching for a deployed military member.

■ A juvenile family member was detained for shoplifting a \$29 video game from the base exchange. The member, whose exchange privileges were revoked, was released to her parents' custody.

■ A juvenile family member was detained for shoplifting a \$17 knife from the base exchange. The member, whose base exchange privileges were revoked, was released to her parents' custody.

■ A civilian reported his personal vehicle was damaged in the parking lot near the Aerial Port Squadron terminal.

■ An Airman reported that an Airman in the process of moving out of base housing had left his dog behind in the vacant quarters. North Charleston Animal Control responded and picked up the dog. The Airman's First Sergeant contacted him about the dog's location.

■ Security forces responded to a request by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations to detain an Airman for alleged housing breaking incident in Richland County, S.C. The Airman was detained until Richland County Sheriff's Office took charge of the member.

■ Security forces detained an Airman in a base dormitory for underage drinking. The Airman was released to his unit's first sergeant.

DUI/DWI Statistics

Last incident: 9 days

2004 total: 9

2003 total: 18

Members receiving a Driving Under the Influence or 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.

37 saves
this year

NEW GATES: Awareness, patience needed for 8-month gate construction project

By Master Sgt. Angel Newman
437th AW Public Affairs

Team Charleston begins dealing with new traffic patterns June 17 as construction on the Dorchester and Rivers entrances gets underway.

The new gate designs are part of an Air Mobility Command effort to standardize entrances at all AMC bases and incorporate new technology and force protection initiatives.

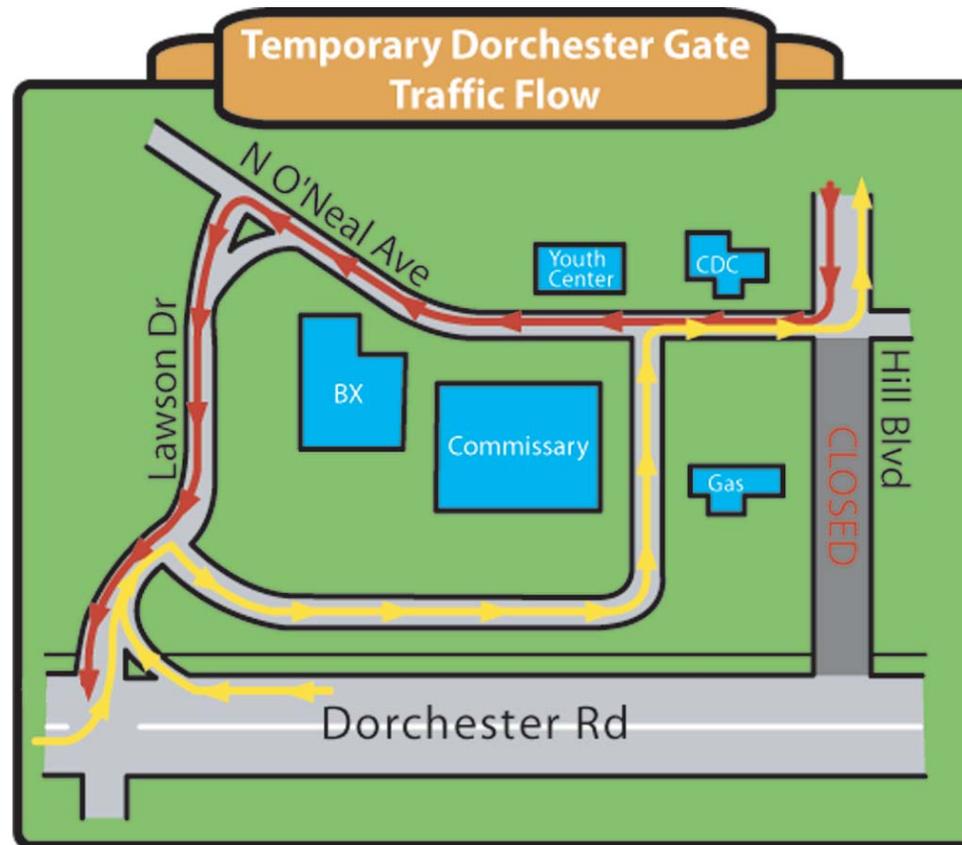
Since the contract calls for both gates to be revamped simultaneously, base officials have worked an extensive plan to keep traffic flowing during rush hours. Their message is clear—patience is the key to making this transition successful.

“Be patient, flexible and know that wing leadership, civil engineering and security forces have looked at, and understand, the possible problems the new gate construction is going to cause,” said Capt. Shawn Kirkpatrick, 437th Security Forces operations officer. “We have a solid plan, but will constantly monitor traffic flow during morning and evening rush hours and make adjustments quickly and as needed.”

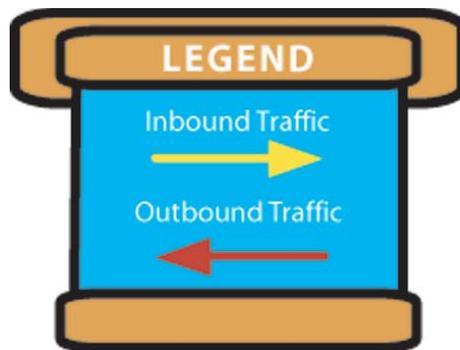
The plan includes closing the Dorchester gate at 6 a.m. Thursday and routing all traffic through the commissary gate, which will be open full time. The traffic light at Hill Blvd. and Dorchester Road will be flashing yellow, and new temporary left turn signals will be at the commissary gate and Hunley Park.

Then on June 24 the entrance to Rivers gate will be moved to a temporary entry control point on Arthur Extension. Midland Park Road will be closed at the Arthur Extension. Traffic will continue to flow around the construction area as a new temporary lane will support outbound traffic and the existing outbound lane will be used as the inbound lane.

Constructing new entrances at both gates at the same time has increased the logistical challenges, but also will shorten construction time, said 2nd Lt. Eric Hagenburger, 437th Civil Engineer



Graphics by Sean Erbe

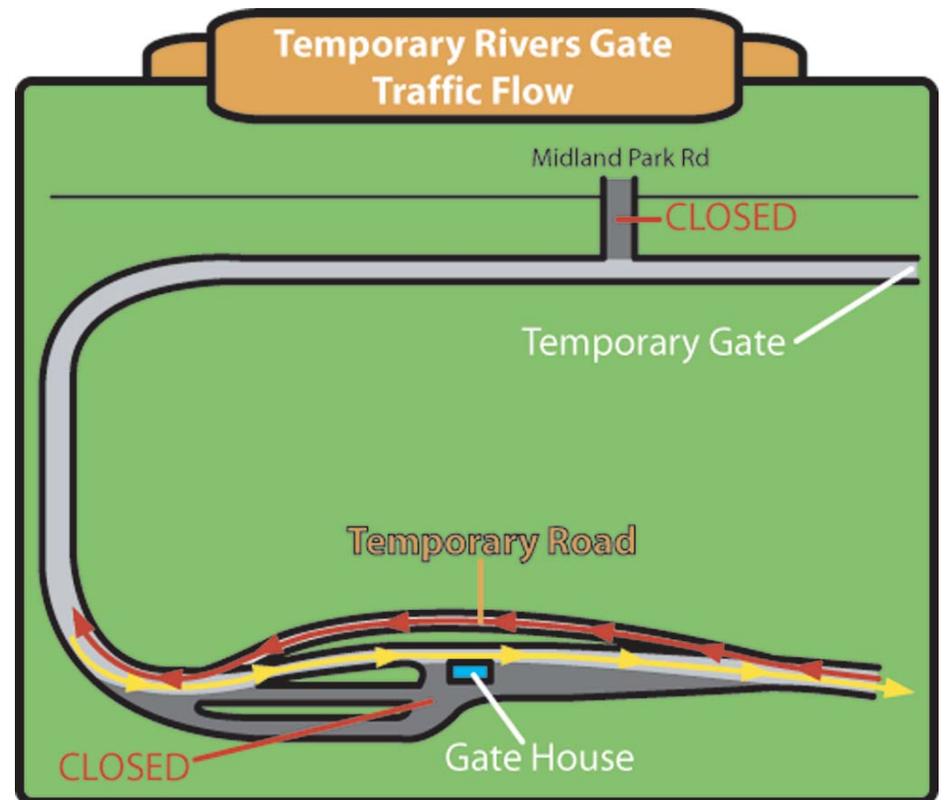


Squadron, facility programmer.

“In many ways it helps construction because resources and crews can be used more efficiently and the impact on the base will be much shorter than doing the gates one after the other,” said Lieutenant Hagenburger. “We need everyone’s cooperation and patience for this to be successful.”

While the construction portion will disrupt daily traffic routines, Captain Kirkpatrick sees the long-term benefits far outweighing any temporary inconvenience.

“In a relatively short time, Team Charleston will have two brand new gates that will greatly enhance base force protection and traffic flow on and off of the base,” said Captain Kirkpatrick. “The layout



of the new gates will allow guards to be safer, more efficient and better protected from the elements. For everyone entering the installation there will be a new visitor control center, canopies over the gates, an inspection area

Gate maps

These maps show the direction of incoming and outgoing base traffic during the construction of new gates at both base entrances. Construction begins on the Dorchester Gate and Rivers Gate Thursday and June 24, respectively. The gates are designed as part of an effort to standardize all base entry points in Air Mobility Command. Security forces ask drivers to be alert and patient during the project, which is expected to take approximately eight months.

and an air-conditioned waiting area.”

Base officials are still working through the completion schedule, but expect traffic could be flowing through the new gates by the end of 2004, with the entire project completed in early 2005.

Standard AEF deployment length stretches to 120 days

By Staff Sgt. Todd Lopez

Air Force Print News

Most Airmen scheduled to deploy in upcoming air and space expeditionary force packages will see their orders expand from 90 to 120 days.

The change in deployment length will begin with AEF cycle 5 in September. Those who deploy as part of AEF 1 and 2 should prepare for a 120-day deployment.

“Starting in September one of the largest cycles will deploy for 120 days,” said Capt. Robert Degregorio, 437th Logistics and Readiness Squadron installation deployment officer. “This will have a great impact on Charleston AFB personnel and their families. We will need to pull together as a base and community to assist those family members whose spouses have deployed.”

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper announced the change in his “Sight Picture” on June 4. The reason for the change is that the requirement for deployable forces is not expected to decrease in the foreseeable future, he said.

“Simply put, the demands on our deployable

forces have not diminished and are not expected to decline for some time,” the general wrote. “Further, the Air Force component commander in the Central Command area of operations has asked us to deploy people for longer tour lengths to allow greater continuity for expeditionary commanders in the field.”

To help extend tour lengths to 120 days, the entire AEF cycle was adjusted. The new cycle, now 20 months in length, allows for a four-month eligibility window and a 16-month training window.

General Jumper also said he intends to increase the pool of Airmen eligible for deployment. Currently, the Air Force has about 272,000 Airmen earmarked as deployment-eligible.

“I have asked all of our major commands to aggressively review the assumptions upon which they exclude Airmen from our AEFs and take immediate steps to maximize those postured for deployment,” the general said.

The changes to the AEF cycle, while possibly difficult for some, should be considered by all Airmen as part of their commitment to the Air Force, General Jumper said.

“Let me be perfectly clear — in our Air



Photo by Senior Airman Tyrone Pearsall

Members of Team Charleston rotate through a deployment line. Air Force officials are extending upcoming deployment rotation lengths to meet the force requirement.

Force, every Airman is expeditionary, every Airman will know (his or her) place in the AEF system, and every Airman will be prepared to support the combatant commander, whether deployed, in the United States via reachback, or employed at home station,” General Jumper said.

Airmen currently deployed as part of AEF 7 and 8 and AEF 9 and 10 will still be held to the 90-day deployment schedule.

Change of Command

Lt. Col Blaine Holt assumed command of the 16th Airlift Squadron in a ceremony Tuesday.

Colonel Holt, recent director of operations for the 17th Airlift Squadron, replaced Lt. Col. Gary Goldstone, who will attend the National War College at Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

The Palo Alto, Calif., native earned his bachelor's degree in Management Information Systems from the University of Georgia in 1988. He earned his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps and also holds a master's degree from George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

After graduating from undergraduate pilot training at Reese AFB, Texas, Colonel Holt was assigned to the 54th Flying Training Squadron there as a T-38A instructor pilot. Two years later, he was reassigned as a C-141 aircraft commander in the 6th Airlift Squadron, McGuire AFB, N.J.

In 1995, Colonel Holt was selected as an initial cadre member for the then new C-17A for Team

Charleston. After four years in the 17 AS, he headed to Washington, D.C. to attend the Defense Language Institute in preparation for the Royal Superior College of Defense, Brussels, Belgium.

Following staff college in Belgium, Colonel Holt served as a joint officer for Headquarters United States European Command, Germany. While in Germany, he served on multiple Joint Headquarters Task Forces in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Colonel Holt's military decorations include the Defense Meritorious Medal, the Meritorious Medal and the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

Colonel Holt rejoins Team Charleston with his wife, Mey, daughter, Charlotte, and two sons, Nicholas and Thomas-Roy.

Interesting fact: I learned Flemish/Dutch at the Defense Language Institute so I could attend the Royal Belgian Defense College. By the end of the year, I had to defend my dissertation, “Airlift in the European Union,” to the Belgian Joint Chiefs and Ministry of Defense all in Dutch.



Lt. Col. Blaine Holt

Favorite movie: “Finding Forrester”

Favorite author: Rudyard Kipling

Favorite quote: “If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,

Or walk with kings — nor lose the common touch,

If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,

If all men count with you, but none too much;

If you can fill the unforgiving minute

With sixty seconds' worth of distance run —

Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,

And — which is more — you'll be a Man, my son!” — Rudyard Kipling

Why did you join the Air Force? I've wanted to fly since I was 5. During my development as an officer at the University of Georgia and at pilot training, the Air Force culture and service aspects of what we do greatly appealed to me, and I knew I had found my place.

How would you describe your leadership style? People person—I strive to play on the strengths of our individuals and orient them to a vision that the team will achieve together. Everyone has an important role to play.

Who is your role model and why? President Ronald Reagan. He was a leader in the truest sense. He had a vision of what could be and worked through people to achieve success. He took command at a time when many were pessimistic about the country's fortunes and brought enthusiasm and hope to the world. He will be missed.

Spotlight

Retirement: The 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron hosts a retirement ceremony for Chief Master Sgt. Robert Langston at 9 a.m. today in Bldg. 532. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Don Hagen at 963-2279.

Around the base

MEO: The Military Equal Opportunity office hosts "Meet Team MEO" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the base dining facility. Come join the MEO team for lunch and get answers to all your MEO questions. For more information, call the MEO office at 963-3655.

Educational opportunity: The Family Support Center, in partnership with Trident Technical College, offers free classes to 10 spouses of active duty or activated reserve members to learn basic computer skills including theory and software applications such as word processing, spreadsheets, Internet, databases and operating systems; business etiquette; professional imaging; and financial management. Classes are Aug 26 through Sept. 25. Deadline to register is Saturday. For more information, call 963-4406.

Resume II: The Family Support Center hosts a Resume II class 9 to 10:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the Family Support Center. For more information, call 963-4406.

Marriage seminar: The Family Advocacy Program offers a marriage enrichment class beginning Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. and running for six consecutive Tuesdays. There is no cost for base personnel and their spouses. To register, call Linda Kingery at 963-6972.

Sponsorship training: The Family Support Center hosts sponsorship training 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at the FSC. For more information, call 963-4406.

First Six: The First Six hosts its monthly meeting 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the Charleston Club. All technical sergeants and below are welcome. For more information, call Airman 1st Class

Charleston Warrior of the Week

Airman 1st Class Carl Kailipaka 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Carl Kailipaka is an electrical and environmental aircraft maintenance journeyman in the 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. He conducts evaluations on the electrical and environmental systems of the C-17. He also works on air conditioning systems, anti-skid systems, lighting and cabin pressurization.

"The best part about my job is working with great people with a vast amount of knowledge about the C-17 who can enhance my knowledge of the aircraft," said Airman Kailipaka.

The Hilo, Hawaii native joined the Air Force more than a year ago to serve his country and provide a better life for his wife and son. He also wanted to capitalize on the great educational benefits the Air Force offers. He has been in Charleston more than five months.

Airman Kailipaka plans to finish his degree and become an officer or cross train into pararescue. In his spare time he plays basketball and racquetball for the squadron in the intramural league and spends quality time with his family.

"Airman Kailipaka has been a blazer from his first day on the job. He is a very motivated worker who continues to keep a positive attitude and sets high standards for his fellow Airmen," said Master Sgt. Michael Pawlak, 437 AMXS Stingray production superintendent.



Photo by 1stLt. Shaloma McGovern

Brandi Whiting at 963-6505.

Mini job fair: The Family Support Center hosts a mini job fair 2:10 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday at the Family Support Center. Meet with local and long distance employers and bring your resume. For more information, call the FSC at 963-4406.

CAFB Mileage Club: Sign up today for the Fitness Mileage Club and track your fitness participation on the Cooper's E-Log Program. Earn fitness incentive prizes after reaching 300, 600, 900 and 1,200 point goals. For more information, call the Fitness and Sports Center at 963-3347.

Volunteers needed: Volunteers are needed for the Family Support Center's Airman's Attic, Loan Closet & Food Pantry. Training is provided and volunteers will receive up to 20

hours of free child care. Your help is desperately needed. For more information, call 963-4406.

Medical training: The Red Cross Medical Assistant Training Program will start its next class on June 21. Students receive classroom training and on-the-job training in healthcare. Students also receive cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification, a course completion certificate and letters of recommendation. For more information, call 963-6743.

Newcomer's tour: The Family Support Center hosts a newcomer's tour 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Thursday at the FSC. For more information, or to sign up, call 963-6969 or complete an application at the FSC reception desk.

OPSEC tip: Make sure a copy of the unit's critical information items are by every phone, fax machine, computer and copier.

Retiree Day and Information Fair:

Military Retirees & Spouses
Annual Appreciation Day
and Information Fair
June 26, 2004, 8:30 a.m.
Charleston Club

- Tricare for life
- Tour of flightline
- Health and Wellness screening
- Static display
- Legal aid
- Widow/Widower benefits
- Delta Dental Plan
- Commissary
- AAFES
- Pharmacy/Medical Clinic
- ID card renewal
- Coffee and snacks
- Lunch at dining facility
- Door prizes
- Flag ceremony by the Washington Light Infantry and Sumter Guard

Air Force offers incentive for South Korea duty

WASHINGTON – Airmen who volunteer to extend their tours of duty in South Korea may be eligible for an extra \$300 per month.

The assignment incentive pay program is designed to reduce permanent-change-of-station requirements, encourage longer tours, provide further stability and improve readiness on the peninsula, said Lt. Col. Leslie Formolo, 460th Mission Support Group commander, Buckley AFB, Colo.

Airmen currently in South Korea will be granted a one-time offer to extend their current tours for assignment incentive eligibility.

During the “open season,” Airmen who previously signed up for the extension or in-place programs may switch to the new program and extend their original tour lengths by 12 months if they have not received benefits from the other programs. They will receive \$300 per month from the date they sign the contract until the end of the extended tour.

“The primary purpose of (the new incentive) is to attract qualified volunteers to extend their tours at one of the more difficult-to-fill locations in the Air Force,” Colonel Formolo said. **(Air Force Print News)**

Air Force expands space-A lodging window

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas – The Air Force Services Agency director announced recently an expanded space-available reservation policy designed to maximize occupancy at lodging facilities.

The window for reservations decreases as the percentage of projected occupancy rises.

For example, when a projected occupancy rate is 65 percent or less, space-A guests can make reservations up to 30 days in advance. At 80 percent, the reservation window is two weeks. It is seven days for 85 percent, and three days for 86 percent or greater.

Under this new system, higher priority customers may not bump space-A customers with confirmed reservations, Mr. Myers said.

Neither can they be bumped once they are assigned lodging except dur-

ing contingencies, emergencies or when the installation commander determines higher priorities exist.

Mr. Myers also said commanders may establish a policy limiting the number of days space-A guests may stay in on-base lodging to no more than 30 days per year. **(Air Force Print News)**

PCS orders streamlined for civilian employees

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas – Permanent change-of-station orders for Air Force civilians moving under the career program are now being prepared by Air Force Personnel Center officials here in an effort to simplify and streamline the process for getting orders to the employees.

By eliminating extra steps in the process, AFPC officials have short-

ened the time for an employee to get his or her orders. There are also steps that managers and employees can take to expedite orders.

For more information, contact the civilian personnel flight at 963-4501 or visit the AFPC Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/pcs/pcs.htm. **(Air Force Personnel Center News)**

New procedures speed overseas voting ballots

WASHINGTON – Absentee ballots from servicemembers overseas will move faster and with greater control for the 2004 elections, Department of Defense and U.S. Postal Service officials said.

Postal Service officials will ask local postmasters to contact the officials in counties that are responsible for mailing ballots and to whom

completed ballots are returned.

In theater, military postal officials will ensure balloting materials are given priority as they travel to the servicemember.

Once a servicemember votes, the reverse process is the same — balloting materials receive priority, and ballots are placed in specially marked trays.

One change, however, is that when ballots are received at the APO or FPO, mail clerks will put postal cancellation marks on the envelopes. This gives an accurate measure of the date and time a ballot is reversed.

DOD and Postal Service officials recommend servicemembers and their families follow Federal Voting Assistance Program guidelines. Program officials are designating the week of Sept. 6 as Get Out the Vote Week. **(Air Force Print News)**



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Scott Reed

Light it up

Tech. Sgt. Scott McDaniel talks to inbound aircraft, as Staff Sgt. Carl Hill uses a laser to highlight a target during a weapons interdiction mission in Iraq. The sergeants are part of a joint team which must scout the objective area prior to a coalition attack to ensure no collateral damage will occur.



Left: D-Day veteran retired Lt. Col. Wayne Chase, 15th Troop Carrier Squadron, pauses to reflect at a grave in Normandy American Cemetery Omaha Beach after a D-Day ceremony in France on Sunday. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Normandy invasion during World War II.

Below: Colonel Chase along with 1st Lt. Robert Shantz and Staff Sgt. Joseph Yuhasz (left to right), all D-Day veterans from the 15th Troop Carrier Squadron, show their respect during a wreath laying ceremony at Amfreville, France, Saturday.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Wayne Clark

60 Years: Sacrifices of D-Day are not forgotten

By 2nd Lt. Kristy Miller
437 AW Public Affairs

Many of us probably have family members who are veterans. But how many times have they started to tell their war stories and we just didn't have time to listen?

Have you ever stopped to think what will happen to those stories when those veterans are gone? Have you ever stopped to say 'thank you' for the sacrifices they made for you and for our country?

It's thoughts like these that travel through my mind as I ride on board one of our Charleston C-17s headed to France for the 60th anniversary of D-Day. With us are three veterans of the war—two C-47 pilots and a flying



Soldiers from the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment, Ft. Benning, Ga., relax before loading onto four C-17s in support of a 16 aircraft paratroop drop during the D-Day ceremony Saturday.

crew chief, all of whom participated in the Normandy invasion.

Also with us are 45 members of the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment. These young men and women are a stark contrast to the 84-year-old veterans on board, and while they are excited to be a part of this commemorative event, their excitement can't match that of the veterans.

"When I heard about the opportunity to come on this trip I was somewhere out in orbit," said Lt. Col. (Ret.) Wayne Chase, C-47 pilot and D-Day veteran. "I wasn't sure if I could make it because of my wife's health, but my wife said, you're going—no question."

Colonel Chase, 84, was a member of the 15th Troop Carrier Squadron, predecessor to the 437th Airlift Wing's 15th Airlift Squadron. He was piloting the 13th C-47 in the formation airdrop during the Normandy invasion. His return to Normandy for the 60th anniversary found him on one of our C-17s, ironically the 13th plane in formation.

"The C-47 was the best airplane in the war," Colonel Chase said. "It didn't matter what it was—gasoline, landmines, hand grenades or people—we hauled it. President Eisenhower once said the two pieces

of equipment that were most influential in winning the war were the jeep and the C-47."

Colonel Chase said the image he remembers the most from his D-Day experience was the surprised look on a sailor's face as their C-47 flew by below the deck of his ship.

"We flew low for three reasons. It was harder for the enemy to take aim, their radars couldn't detect us and the fighters didn't come down that low."

On D-Day, Colonel Chase's plane returned home seemingly unscathed. Later, his crew chief found a 20 mm bullet hole between the two fuel tanks.

Colonel Chase said he remembers the events of that day pretty well, and he experienced more anxiety than actual fear.

"You're too busy to be scared," he said. "An event like that gets seared into your mind forever—there's no question you'll remember it. It looked like a Fourth of July celebration down there. Then we realized it wasn't, and it was coming at us."

The day after the initial airdrop, Colonel Chase and his crew flew into combat again, this time to re-supply the troops they had airdropped the day before.

"We returned from that mission so

beat up that they made spare parts out of our plane," Colonel Chase said.

The other two veterans, also members of the 15 TCS, shared similar memories and experiences.

"The main thing I remember is sitting there with the paratroopers," said Robert Shantz, C-47 pilot and D-Day veteran. "What sticks out is when we passed Cherbourg [France], there was so much gun fire."

These men never dreamed they would have the opportunity to relive the events of this day 60 years later. They went from forgotten war veterans to heroes during this anniversary celebration. Children and adults, French and American, lined up for their autographs and begged to have their pictures taken with them.

"I never in a million years thought I would do anything like this," said Joseph Yuhasz, C-47 electrical mechanic and D-Day veteran. "It's so important and not many have the opportunity to take part in this."

History is written everyday, but only some lasts forever. We truly owe a debt of gratitude to these veterans—and to all our veterans. So maybe the next time an old veteran starts to tell you a story, you should take that extra minute to really listen, and maybe even say thank you. I know I will.

Command Performance

Airmen get what is tolerated

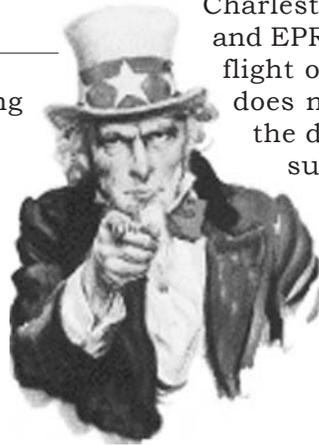
By Master Sgt. Rita Bogart
437 CS first sergeant

Have you ever heard of the saying "you get what you tolerate?"

This means as long as you tolerate something it will go on and on until you have had enough and finally put your foot down and don't take it anymore.

There is no reason for squadrons to tolerate late officer or enlisted performance reports and decorations. Supervisors must know who works for them and when these very important career reports are due on their people. Long gone are the excuses, "he doesn't work for me anymore" or "I never knew the report was due" or "I didn't know the decoration was due prior to his PCS."

In case you didn't know, the policy at



Uncle Sam expects standards to be met, which includes getting officer and enlisted performance reports completed and to the military personnel flight by their closeout date.

MPF in a timely manner.

Charleston AFB is to have all OPRs and EPRs to the military personnel flight on their closeout date. This does not mean supervisors have the draft to your commander's support staff on the close out date or begin writing the report on this date.

We have the "Pin-them-where-you-win-them" policy, which means you actually have the decoration completed and presented to the individual prior to their permanent change of station or retirement.

Bottom line — don't tolerate! Hold yourself and your supervisors accountable on these very important programs. Get these reports to your CSS and

WELLNESS TIP

From birds to mosquitoes to you

West Nile Virus surfaced in the United States in 1999. In 2003, WNV activity occurred in 46 states and caused illness in over 9,800 people

WNV fast facts

- Transmitted from infected birds to mosquitoes to humans
Incubation period is 10 to 14 days
- Mild symptoms: fever, headache, body aches, rash and swollen lymph nodes
- More severe infection (occurs in fewer than 1 percent of those infected):
high fever, headache, neck stiffness, disorientation, convulsions and, rarely, death

Prevention plan ... avoid mosquitoes

- Remove standing water around home
Curb outdoor activity at dawn and dusk
Wear long sleeve shirts and long pants, and use insect repellent

Air Mobility Command information

AMC has a very aggressive prevention program - zero cases seen



SOURCE: AMC Command Surgeon Office

InfoGraphic by Tech. Sgt. Mark Diamond

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.

"Envy" - Ben Stiller

When a hapless schmo becomes rich after selling an invention called Vapoorize, his longtime friend and neighbor is driven insane with envy and proceeds to wage war against him. (PG-13) 99 minutes

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

"Kill Bill Vol. 2" - Uma Thurman

There were five on her list. Now, there are three. O'Ren and Vermita Green were the first to fall, now the Bride is out to finish the job by killing the rest. If the final three aren't afraid now, they better be, because she's coming for them. (R) 137 minutes

Friday, June 18, 7:30 p.m.

"13 Going on 30" - Jennifer Garner

Thirteen-year-old Jenna makes a wish: if only she could be all grown up, she'd have the life she's always wanted. Miraculously, her wishes come true. The next day, she's 30 years old. Jenna soon learns having it all is not enough. (PG-13) 97 minutes

Don't sweat heat stress; know the signs

By 1st Lt. Corey Ringhisen
437 MDG bioenvironmental engineer

Summer is once again officially upon us with the passing of Memorial Day and with it comes an increase in the temperatures and a heat Charleston is often known for.

To help people avoid a heat-related injury, the Charleston AFB human performance training team developed

a sign which will be posted in the Fitness and Sports Center lobby displaying the current heat stress condition and corresponding flag color.

"Heat stress is the combination of environmental and physical work factors that constitute the total heat load imposed on the body," said Capt. Raymond Lewis 437th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron. "The environmental heat stress factors are air tem-

perature, radiant heat exchange, air movement and relative humidity. Physical work contributes to total heat stress through the body's production of heat as it burns energy to sustain work. By knowing how heat stress will affect an individual's performance, one can employ the concepts of operational risk management to reach maximum potential."

"The fitness flag color is an operational risk management tool indicating the heat stress level measured by the Wet bulb/Globe Temperature Kit," said 1st Lt. Natalie Riley, 437 MDG aerospace physiologist.

Flag conditions will be updated at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, and at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on weekends. Exercisers can use the

tool to determine the potential for heat illness and signs and symptoms to look out for during exercise.

While the fitness flag condition will indicate the current measured heat stress level, other factors should be considered before exercising

"Current fitness level, acclimation to the local weather, and intensity of routine must all be taken into account before exercising," said Captain Lewis.

Additionally, awareness of environmental factors is part of becoming fit to fight.

"I want us to be a fit and healthy force ready to deploy, fit to fight," said Gen. John Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, in a recent sight picture. "By being fit to fight we are better prepared to respond in our ever-changing world; however, we must take care not to injure ourselves during our fitness routines. With the hot summer months, the threat of heat injuries and personnel falling out increase because of the increased heat stress."

RISK	TEMP	RISK MITIGATION	HEAT INJURY SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS
Green Flag LOW	82-84.9 F WBGT	Time to Exercise! Drink at least one pint of water/ sports drink every 20 min	Recognize early symptoms and take appropriate action to prevent serious heat disorders in yourself and others.
Yellow Flag MEDIUM	85-87.9 F WBGT	Take rest breaks during exercise and keep drinking fluids	HEAT CRAMPS LIKELY: Painful contraction of muscles, weakness
Red Flag HIGH	88-89.9 F WBGT	Consider reducing workout intensity	HEAT EXHAUSTION LIKELY: Dizziness, nausea, vomiting, headache, fainting, disorientation, weakness
Black Flag EXTREMELY HIGH	≥ 90 F WBGT	Extreme Caution! Exercise indoors in a cooler setting	HEAT STROKE HIGHLY LIKELY: Extremely high body temp, confusion, convulsions, unconsciousness, death

LRS 2 rallies for softball victory

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kleber
437 AW Public Affairs

Logistics Readiness Squadron no. 2 exploded for 11 runs in the fourth inning en route to a 15-5 victory over 1st Combat Camera Squadron Monday in intramural softball action.

With its second straight win, LRS #2 improved its record to 2-5, while 1CTCS fell to 0-6.

Down 5-3, LRS #2 sent 16 batters to the plate in the fourth inning. They got seven hits, four walks and capitalized on one error to take a 14-5 lead. A two-run single by Mike Krawzak highlighted the rally. They added a run in the fifth as Krawzak doubled home Scott Wiedermann to end the game 15-5 using the 10-run rule.

"Once we settled down and realized we were just as good as the other team, the hits started dropping," said LRS coach Steven Beasley. "We were more relaxed by the fourth inning and started chipping away at their lead. Their pitcher losing his control helped. He walked four batters that inning."

Krawzak paced the 14-hit LRS attack with three hits. Beasley, Droll Freeman, Wiedermann, Robert Miller, Sidney Lea, and

Jonathan Parker all had two hits.

1CTCS collected 13 hits. Keith Michaud and Mark Clutter went 3-for-3 and Alan Amato 2-for-2

Clutter and Chris Galindo had run-scoring singles as 1CTCS took a 3-0 lead in the first inning. They added a run in the second as Kelly McGann tripled and scored on Kristen Templet's groundout to third. 1CTCS increased its lead to 5-1 in the top of the third as Clutter ripped a opposite field triple down the right field line and later scored on Galindo's single.

1CTCS has an inexperienced team that continues to improve, said Coach Jeff Glawe.

"We have a lot of people who came out to have fun but said they've never played before, so I just hope we have a good time and show improvement. Though we haven't won a game, we've shown more improvement than I'd expected."

LRS is slightly better than last year's team which lost in the first round of the playoffs, Coach Beasley said. Beasley added they only have two returning players but three players from the squadron's competitive team joined us this year.

"We expect to win at least seven games and have fun doing it," said Coach Beasley.

Sports Shorts

Fitness and Sports Center – New hours are 4:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday; 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. holidays.

Base Pool – The base pool is closed every Monday; open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call the Outdoor Recreation Center at 963-5271.

Intramural Softball – Games are held at the base softball fields 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Monday through Thursday. The regular season is scheduled to end in July.

School and Sports Physicals – Appointments are now available. Don't wait until the last minute. Call 963-6880 today to schedule an appointment.

Youth baseball – A single-elimination tournament for youth ages 9 to 12 is scheduled for Saturday, Monday and Tuesday at the baseball fields behind the Fitness and Sports Center. The tourney schedule includes no. 4 (Yankees) vs. no. 5 (Reds) at 9 a.m. Saturday; at 6 p.m. Monday the Yankees-Reds winner plays no. 1 (Athletics) on field two while no. 2 (Mets) and no. 3 (Braves) play on field one. The winners of Monday's games play for the championship 7 p.m. Tuesday on field two.