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Photo by Airman 1st Class Darnell Cannady

On your mark, get set ...

Kaitlyn Borneman (near lane) and Elizabeth Miller (third lane) are set to begin their backstroke race in a swim meet held June 17 on base. For more on the youth swim meet, see page 20.

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MISSION POSSIBLE!

Charleston departures	8,411
Maintenance reliability	94.5%
Cargo moved (tons)	38,410
Personnel deployed	560
Reservists activated	726

(Jan. 1 to June 22, 2004)



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



Warm welcome

Col. Bash is currently on temporary duty to Washington, D.C., attending the Senior Leader Orientation Course so I have the privilege of writing this week's column. My family and I are grateful for the warm Charleston welcome we have received – Thank you!

Recognition

Nearly 200 Team Charleston NCOs received good news Thursday when the Air Force announced the newest selectees for promotion to technical sergeant and master sergeant. Congratulations to all our promotees, listed on Page 6. We also congratulate **Capt. Dan Dobbels**, 17th Airlift Squadron, and **Capt. Steve Hilliard**, 437 AW, on being nominated to attend Air Mobility Command's High Flight program, which provides a command orientation to the best and brightest captains across the command. The **437th Services Squadron** is also to be commended for providing superb entertainment last weekend when Mel Tillis and the Statesiders performed for roughly 300 attendees. It was a great show. To mark 64 years as a squadron and to commemorate 60 years since World War II, the **14th Airlift Squadron** held both reveille and retreat June 18. It's important that we remember our history with pride. For more on the 437 AW's heritage, see the story on Pages 12 and 13.

Changes of command

This week we bid farewell to **Lt. Col. Clifton Douglas**, 1st Combat Camera Squadron commander, and welcome **Lt. Col. Stephen Difonzo**, who comes to us from an assignment at AMC headquarters at Scott AFB, Ill.

Tuesday **Lt. Col. Stephan Shope**, 15th Airlift Squadron, will hand over command to **Lt. Col. Manson Morris**, who arrives here from Andrews AFB, Md. Learn more about the new commanders on Page 7.

Coming up

We're excited to host the area's **Military Retiree Appreciation Day** Saturday and look forward to welcoming all the retirees and their spouses who have served their country so well in years past. Many of the retirees continue to actively support our mission, and we owe them a debt of gratitude. We welcome retired **Lt. Gen. Donald Peterson**, Air Force Retiree Council co-



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

Col. Sam Cox, 437th Airlift Wing vice commander, receives his chemical suit from Senior Airman Janice Agans of the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron in preparation for his chemical warfare training class Tuesday.

chair, as a guest speaker for the event.

This coming week, we are honored to host **Brig. Gen. Andries Freutel**, deputy commander of the 2nd German Air Division, and 34 NATO students attending the German Armed Forces General Staff Officers Course. We also welcome Air Force Academy and Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets who are here for three weeks as part of **Operation Air Force**, learning about on-duty and off-duty life in the Air Force. They will be shadowing some officers and NCOs, and I encourage you to welcome and mentor these future leaders.

July 2 will be a **437 AW training day**, during which many base agencies will be closed. To the greatest extent possible, supervisors are encouraged to give people time off and offer liberal leave for civilians. Check with your supervisor for specific guidance for your area, and see Page 15 for information on revised facility hours for the training day.

Drunk driving

We had an Airman charged with driving under the influence this past weekend, and sadly, this case involved a loss of life. The guidelines are simple: if you have been drinking, don't drive; plan ahead of time how you'll get home safely if you've been drinking. I cannot state strongly enough the importance of active involvement, not just from commanders and first sergeants, but from the rank and file, in stopping someone you know from drinking and driving. Additionally, we have the **Airmen Against Drunk Driving** program manned each weekend, offering a free, confidential ride simply by calling **963-0437**. Use the buddy system; you *can* prevent a tragedy. 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. First, give the appropriate base agency a chance to solve the problem, but if you don't get a satisfactory answer, call me at **963-5581**, or send an e-mail to action@charleston.af.mil. To ensure you receive a response to your concerns, please leave your name and the information needed to contact you.

Safety emphasis item

An estimated 8,800 people were treated for fireworks-related injuries in 2003. The majority of injuries from family-type fireworks were caused by misuse rather than malfunction. Please use common sense when purchasing and using fireworks for your celebration. Choose a reputable vendor. Ensure family members stay far back from where you light fireworks. Celebrate your freedom safely, and if you use fireworks, use them responsibly. Remember, fireworks and other pyrotechnics are not authorized on Charleston AFB.

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Air Force takes care of own even through job cuts

By **Maj. Christopher Kulas**
437 OSS director of operations

Imagine reading a major U.S. corporation announced 16,000 job cuts. An announcement of this magnitude would shock Wall Street and capture business headlines around the country.

The Air Force is undertaking a force reduction of just that magnitude. By the end of September 2005, the Air Force will shrink from 375,000 to 359,000 Airmen.

Unlike corporate America where downsizing is usually in response to poor performance, the Air Force is downsizing after it reached its peak performance. In the past three years, we have defeated the Taliban, wounded Al Qaeda and sent Saddam Hussein scurrying for his rat hole while sustaining two major operations and supporting numerous minor operations.

Our successes have created our manpower overage. In response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the Air Force instituted stop-loss. Once lifted however, fewer people separated from the Air Force than had been anticipated. Moreover, first-term enlisted retention is running at 61 percent versus the forecast 55 percent. The challenges and satisfaction of performing the mission elevated our retention rates.

We are now faced with the difficult task of reducing forces while still performing the demanding missions of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. How we deal with this task will have long term ramifications for our Air Force. We need to support our people who do separate while working hard to support our Air-

worth repeating

“The countless personal sacrifices are paying off for the good of our Air Force and our nation.”



Maj. Christopher Kulas
437th Operations Support Squadron director of operations

men remaining on active duty.

People separate for a variety of reasons. Those who leave now will be sorely missed. However, the demands of the past few years have been very stressful on our people and our families. Moreover, some may have different life goals which they cannot achieve in the Air Force. And finally, some people may separate for financial reasons.

Whatever the reason for choosing to separate, our leadership responsibilities do not vary. We need to support our Airmen, mentor them and counsel them even if that means telling them the Air Force is not the best fit for them. More importantly, we need to thank them for their contributions to our Air Force and to our country during this war on terror.

Very few people serve in the American military. The efforts of our Airmen should be recognized and applauded, for we would not be the world's greatest Air Force without them.

The bigger leadership challenge is retaining our people during these turbulent times. The toll of seemingly-endless high-operations tempo combined with extended deployments makes life in the civilian sector appear that much more appealing. Moreover, the rebounding economy means expanding job opportunities outside the military.

More people than expected may see this as an opportunity to jump ship. Leaders are faced with balancing these mission demands while caring for our people. We need to remind our people of the importance of the mission; the countless personal sacrifices are paying off for the good of our Air Force and our nation. Meanwhile, we need to find every possible opportunity to recognize these selfless contributions.

Force shaping is a difficult measure to judge. When I initially considered this topic, I was of the mindset that getting 16,000 Airmen to separate is going to be a difficult undertaking and could leave some of the bitterness we experienced with the forced drawdown in the early 1990s. However, as I considered the issue further with the news of growing job market and extended deployments, I began to wonder if the issue may instead be one of limiting the reduction to 16,000 Airmen and possibly igniting bitterness from those who want to separate but are prevented from doing so. Therefore, I am left with this bipolar judgment as to how force shaping will occur across the Air Force. Regardless, we must take care of our people as best we can within the constraints of continuing operations around the world.

Charleston chat

What Air Force benefit do you enjoy most?



“Thirty days paid vacation.”

— Staff Sgt. Melanie Berry
437th Aeromedical Squadron



“I like the medical benefits: Free surgeries and baby deliveries.”

— Staff Sgt. Phillip Carter
437th Medical Support Squadron



“Being on the greatest team, with the most important job in the world ... ensuring freedom.”

— 1st Lt. Kit Tinkham
437th Operations Support Squadron



“Flying the world's most amazing plane, the C-17!”

— Capt. Jeffrey Matre
15th Airlift Squadron



“Education opportunities.”

— Master Sgt. Gregory Brown
437th Medical Group

185 Charleston NCOs chosen for promotion

Seventy-nine Charleston AFB NCOs were selected for promotion to master sergeant and 106 NCOs for technical sergeant Thursday.

Overall, the Air Force chose 6,217 of 23,956 eligible technical sergeants for promotion, a 25.95 percent selection rate; and 9,114 of 42,248 eligible staff sergeants for E-6, a 21.57 percent selection rate. For Charleston AFB, 26.28 percent were selected for master, and 15.48 percent for technical sergeant.

Master sergeant selects:

Air Force Combat Climatology

-- Shannon Barker, Michael Cassidy, John Kovachich, Robert McFadden, Bradley Riffle, Eric Thoresen and Gina Vorce

1st Combat Camera Squadron

-- Patricia Casciotta Stephen Faulisi, Marty Miller, Christopher Nolan and Scott Reed

14th Airlift Squadron

-- Christopher Dixon, James Hilton and Kenneth Rossa

15th Airlift Squadron

-- Gary Ferguson and Willia Wittenbrink

373rd Training Squadron, Det. 5

-- Ray Seaver

437th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

-- Kevin Baker and Martha Briggs

437th Aerial Port Squadron

-- Steven Baker, Antonio Brock, Timothy Cameron, Thomas Dybowski, Jeffery Kemp and Dirk Murray

437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

-- Scott Cairy, Ricky Clark, Nelson Credle, Jerry Harris, George Kamboures, Ty Mccolly, Mark Normand, Leon Payne, James Randall, Gary Saylor, John Shores, David Stinard and John Vallance

437th Airlift Wing

-- Roy Calvin, Susan Henry and Charles Washington

437th Civil Engineer Squadron

-- Robert Beechler, Robert Brown, Darin Dull, Horace Hightower, Jeffery Jones and David Muse

437th Communications Squadron

-- Dana Barror, Scot Borgerding, Michael Heckendorn and John Lewis

437th Comptroller Squadron

-- Jim Skinner and Gloria Thompson

437th Contracting Squadron

-- Rozella Johnson and William Pinkowski

437th Logistics Readiness Squadron

-- Steven Bolden, Edgar Brewer, Adrian Cabrera, Elbert Carriker, Nelson Castro, Michael McMinn, Marilyn Miller and Darren Wilson

437th Maintenance Group

-- Patrick Costello, Roy Eberle, John Howard and

Arnold Oulton

437th Maintenance Operations Squadron

-- Robert Johnston

437th Maintenance Squadron

-- John Andrews and Clifford Drake

437th Medical Support Squadron

-- Labridget Everett and Julie Rice

437th Operations Group

-- Chris Lemons

437th Operations Support Squadron

-- Loren Page, Elliott Ray and Terry Topouzoglou

437th Security Forces

-- Kenneth Tobin and Michael Wilson

Technical sergeant selects:

Air Force Combat Climatology

-- Lois Marin, Manuel Matute and Pichai Polprasert

Security Forces, Det. 3

-- Amanda Hardy and Matthew King

1st Combat Camera Squadron

-- Shane Cuomo, Darek Malone, Richard Mercado, Steven Pearsall, Anita Tallant and Ronald Vanausdal

15th Airlift Squadron

-- John Abate and Rodney Wiles

16th Airlift Squadron

-- Christy Podunajec

17th Airlift Squadron

-- Joseph Kapinos and John Pilgrim

373rd Training Squadron, Det. 5

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Jeramie Banks, Jamey Elms, Richard Greenwood, Joseph Grunditz, Trever Hutchison, Brett Kozel, Mark Montrose, Michael Nagy, Christopher Prestero, James Richardson, Steven Weiss and Todd Westhaver

437th Aerial Port Squadron

-- Brian Abraham, Christopher Alexander, Jason Harms, Don Herrod, David Hill, Serge Ladd, Joseph Mcclung, Patricia Mcclure, Victor Moscoso, William Troha, Aaron Vance and Walter Worthington

437th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

-- Consta Dangerfield, David Embrey and Renata Sutton

437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

-- Matthew Allen, Lloyd Barnett, Travis Bowman, Charles Burnett, William Danens, Brian Debaun, Todd Dimock, Mark Emmendorfer, Shane Kanara, Scott Kapanke, Matthew Virtue, Walter Paul and Aaron Young

437th Airlift Wing

-- James Brown, Jessica Moore and Kammie Shannon

437th Civil Engineer Squadron

-- Albert Dejesusarvelo, Kevin Henderson, Anthony High and Robert Skiff

437th Communications Squadron

-- Davis Eiland, John Peagler and Joseph Washburn

437th Comptroller Squadron

-- Ronald Hines

437th Logistics Readiness Squadron -- Douglas Boedeker, Chester Greenhalgh, Brian Langley, Joshua Obenchain, Christopher Plunkett, Mary Roach, Eric Speicher, Jeffrey Stell and Lewis Zuchowski

437th Maintenance Group

-- Kevin Lemere

437th Maintenance Operations Squadron

-- Danny Campbell, Jack Douglas and Mark Rogge

437th Maintenance Squadron

-- Michael Coulson, Patrick Curnow and Gustavo Herrera

437th Medical Operations Squadron

-- Jana Ross

437th Medical Support Squadron

-- Anitra Cosper, Brandy Delarosa and Martin Saienni

437th Mission Support Staff

-- Lori Metcalf

437th Operations Group

-- Daniel Colon and John Jennings

437th Operations Support Squadron

-- Kenneth Bragg, Charlene McPhaul, Paul Sampson, Jonathan Sellers and Paul Spear

437th Security Forces

-- Noah Coon, Jeffrey Fuqua, Sammy Garvin, Frederick Grider, Bruce Hatfield, Mary Laurenzi, Royall Mack, Heather Perkins, Gary Reash, James Sanscrainte and Todd Sherman

Security forces respond to numerous accidents, traffic violations

The following are some of the responses by 437th Security Forces Squadron from June 14 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 backed a government vehicle into a concrete pole and damaged the vehicle at a lodging parking lot.

■ Security forces, North Charleston Police Department and Charles-

ton County EMS responded to an accident at the intersection of Hill Blvd and Dorchester Road. An Airman attempted to make a left hand turn from Dorchester Road onto Hill Blvd to enter the base as the light turned from yellow to red.

A civilian traveling northwest on Dorchester Road attempted to go through the traffic light which was turning yellow to red and struck the first vehicle. The accident caused the second driver's car to hit another car. The driver of the first car was transported to Trident Medical Center.

■ A civilian driver, attempting to

make a U-turn to re-enter the base, hit the accelerator in mid-turn causing the vehicle to fish tail, jump the curb and hit the commissary gate. His vehicle was damaged and he was cited for failure to control a vehicle.

■ An Airman in a government vehicle attempted to avoid a fence near the Air Cargo Terminal while towing a power unit. When he realized he was too close to the fence and turned sharply, the towing hitch was damaged.

■ An Airman backed a government vehicle into a light pole in the commissary gate parking lot. The driver was cited for inattentive driving.

Traffic

■ Security forces cited 22 drivers for speeding, 22 for failure to stop at a posted stop sign or traffic light, and one for disobeying a do not enter sign.

■ Security forces stopped a driver for failure to wear a seat belt and failure to produce a driver's license. A license check revealed the driver had a suspended license. Charleston County Sheriff's Office responded and issued a \$440 summons for driving under suspension and scheduled a

court date. The driver's base driving privileges were suspended.

■ Security forces stopped a civilian driver during a random vehicle search at the commissary gate and discovered 3 to 5 ounces of marijuana. CCSO responded and issued a \$540 fine for simple possession and scheduled a court date. The driver was ordered not to re-enter the base, Hunley Park and the Naval Annex.

■ Security forces stopped a civilian driver at the Rivers Gate and the driver failed to produce a driver's license. CCSO responded and issued a \$232 fine for driving without a license. The driver's base driving privileges were suspended.

Crime watch

■ An Airman reported the rear window of his vehicle in a dormitory parking lot was broken out and \$3,000 of stereo equipment was stolen.

■ A family member was detained for shoplifting \$38 of makeup. CCSO responded, issued her a ticket, scheduled a court date and transported her to Charleston County Detention Center. Her base exchange privileges were revoked.

DUI Statistics

Last incident: June 19

2004 total: 12

2003 total: 16

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

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AIRMEN AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING

963-0437

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

Changes of command

Lt. Col. Manson Morris assumes command of the 15th Airlift Squadron Tuesday.

Colonel Morris, who has served on the staffs of the vice president and secretary of defense, will replace Lt. Col. Stephan Shope, who will attend Senior Service School in Washington, D.C.

Colonel Morris has a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1989. He holds a master's degree in organizational management from George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Colonel Morris graduated from pilot training and KC-135 Combat Crew training in 1991 and was stationed at K.I. Sawyer AFB, Mich. He then moved to Grand Forks AFB, N.D., before coming to Charleston AFB as a C-17 instructor aircraft commander. After completing Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Ala., he was stationed at Andrews AFB, Md., as executive officer to the commander.

Colonel Morris' military decorations and awards include a Defense Superior Service Medal, a Meritorious Service Medal with one oak-leaf cluster, and an Air Medal.

■ **Interesting fact:** I went through a three-week mounted police training course with a group of U.S. Secret Service agents. We learned English-styled riding from the Park Police's mounted unit in Washington, D.C.



Lt. Col. Manson Morris

■ **Favorite movie:** "Shrek"

■ **Major pet peeve:** Personal actions which demonstrate a lack of concern for others

■ **Favorite book:** "A Tale of Two Cities" — Charles Dickens

■ **Favorite quote:** "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to an all-knowing God" — Martin Luther

■ **Why did you join the Air Force?** During a high school class trip to Germany, I had the opportunity to visit the cockpit of our airliner en route to Europe. From that moment I was hooked on aviation. The Air Force seemed to be the natural place to become a pilot.

■ **How would you describe your leadership style?** Strive to do my best in everything I do and encourage and expect others to do the same. Don't beat around the bush on issues, get to the point, dig to get a comprehensive perspective on the situation, move forward to make things better, and self-evaluate during implementation to make sure we're getting the desired results.

■ **Who are your role models and why?** My kids. Children are an incredible mirror through which parents can learn more about themselves. Mine have taught me immeasurably.

Lt. Col. Stephen Difonzo assumes command of the 1st Combat Camera Squadron today.

Colonel Difonzo, who developed logistics systems for the National Security Agency replaces Lt. Col. Clifton Douglas who will be the 737th Training Group deputy commander at Lackland AFB, Texas.

Colonel Difonzo has a bachelor's degree in computer science from Pennsylvania State University and was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1985. He holds a master of military operational art and science degree from Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

His first duty was as support group executive, Fort Meade, Md., before going to Keesler AFB, Miss.

Colonel Difonzo was then stationed at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, as commander of the Mission Support Flight. Returning from overseas, he was stationed at Bolling AFB, Md., with the Defense Intelligence Agency. Colonel Difonzo was then stationed at Scott AFB, Ill., where he was in Air Mobility Command's Communication and Directorate.

He attended Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Advanced Communications-Computer Officers Training at Keesler AFB Miss., and Air Command and Staff College and Air War College at Maxwell AFB.

Colonel Difonzo's military decorations and awards include a Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak-leaf cluster, a Meritorious Service Medal, and an Air Force Com-



Lt. Col. Stephen Difonzo

mendation Medal.

■ **Interesting fact:** Performed street drama with a church in Washington, D.C.

■ **Favorite movie:** "The Passion of Christ"

■ **Major pet peeve:** A job half done

■ **Favorite author:** Dr. James Dobson

■ **Favorite quote:** "One thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14)

■ **Why did you join the Air Force?** "I joined the Air Force because of the technical career fields it offered and the educational benefits."

■ **How would you describe your leadership style?** Service leadership, I trust people and give them reigns to do their job, ensuring they have all resources to complete the mission.

■ **Who is your role model and why?** My father is my role model. He portrayed impeccable morals and values from day to day while taking care of his family and making a difference in the community.

Charleston Airman to open for Nashville Star tour

By 2nd Lt. Kristy Miller
437AW Public Affairs

CHARLESTON AFB — An Airman here made himself a star June 16 when he won a local singing competition based on the television series, Nashville Star, a nationwide talent search for country music artists.

Staff Sgt. Jayson Johnston, 315th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, competed against 100 people to be the opening act for the Nashville Star tour at the Charleston Performing Arts Center today.

"There was a lot of competition," Sergeant Johnston said, "but I was there to win."

Sergeant Johnston, now working as an air reserve technician, spent 10 years on active duty before joining the Reserves. During his time on

active duty, he was selected for Tops in Blue, the Air Force's premier entertainment group. He said that experience helped him grow as a performer.

"Tops in Blue contributed a ton to my career," Sergeant Johnston said. "It gave me stage legs. I had never played in front of thousands of people before and I was lucky enough to have this opportunity. I can't give enough credit to Tops in Blue."

Not only does Sergeant Johnston get to perform the opening act tonight, but he also won several other prizes, including a demo deal with Sony.

"There's no promise for a [compact disc]," Sergeant Johnston said. "It just means that someone at Sony will listen to my music."

Overall, he won about \$5,000 in prizes, including an all-terrain golf cart, a recliner and a \$500 gift certificate from Honda.

Sergeant Johnston, originally from Freeport, La., started singing when he was about 18 years old. He said he played the saxophone for about 8 years before deciding he would rather sing.

"I've always liked country, but I actually wanted to sing rock," Sergeant Johnston said. "But I've been told my whole life I was meant to sing country and it seems to have worked out for me."

Sergeant Johnston said he would pursue a career in music, if given the opportunity, but for now, he will remain in Charleston with his wife and daughter.

"I strive to be the best in every aspect of my life," Sergeant Johnston said. "I am very competitive and if it's not worth doing your best, then it's not worth doing. Without all of the support from my family, friends and co-workers, this wouldn't have been possible."

Spotlight

Chemical exchange program: Military family housing residents can turn in their unused household products for reissue to incoming members of the MFH community to include cleaners and disinfectants, polishes and waxes, paint, aerosols and pesticides and herbicides.

Items may be turned into Bldg. 626 from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call Lena Spangler at 963-4929.

Around the base

Family Support Center: The Family Support Center will be closed today at 3 p.m. for fumigation and will reopen 8 a.m. Monday. They will also be closed July 2 and 5 in observance of Independence Day.

Base blood drive: The DoD blood drive is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Fitness and Sports Center. Collections directly support troops and military families overseas and at home. For more information, contact Capt. Ryan White at 963-6100.

Eagle hall of fame ceremony: The 15th Airlift Squadron will hold an eagle hall of fame ceremony at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Charleston Club.

Tickets are \$20 for club members E-5 and below, and \$25 for E-6 and above. Non club members are \$22 for E-5 and below and \$27 for E-6 and above. For more information, or to reserve your ticket, call Joyce Paist at 963-2153.

Clinic Closure: The 437th Medical Group will be closed July 2 and 5. Charleston AFB TRICARE Prime patients with an emergency are instructed to call 911. If you need to reach the on-call provider for non-emergencies, call 963-6880.

Commissary: The commissary will be closed July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

MSS: The Mission Support Squadron will be closed noon July 9 for a squadron function and July 2 and 5 in observance of Independence Day. For emergencies, call 696-1017 or 412-5653.

Volunteers for Armed Forces Inaugural Committee: The Air Force

Charleston Warrior of the Week



Photo by 1st Lt. Shaloma McGovern

Airman 1st Class Sandy Simonin 437th Operations Support Squadron

Airman 1st Class Sandy Simonin is a combat operations and tactics flight administrative specialist for the 437th Operations Support Squadron. Her primary duties include making changes to officer performance records, enlisted performance records, decorations and awards, along with creating temporary duty orders for the wing tactics pilots and loadmasters. She is also the workgroup manager.

"I love being able to go to any squadron on base and know I am contributing to the mission," said Airman Simonin. "Each squadron is responsible for different aspects of the mission, so by moving from squadron to squadron I have the privilege of being a part of the respective squadron and assisting in the mission."

The Hayiland, Ohio, native joined the Air Force more than a year ago because her father was in the Air Force. She also wanted to receive the college benefits, do her part in keeping this country free, and loved the idea of being part of the Air Force team.

Airman Simonin plans to earn a bachelor's degree in computer science, go to Officer Training School and become a pilot. In her spare time she loves to fish, hang out with friends, listen to country music and fish in Lake Moultrie.

is seeking 32 individuals to support the 55th Presidential Inauguration from Jan. 15 to 24. This is a unit funded temporary duty.

The available positions correspond with individuals, Air Force speciality codes for jobs needed in the inaugural committee. To volunteer and find out more information, visit: https://www.mil.bolling.af.mil/orgs/Wing/CC/CCI/2005%20AFIC%20Website/Index_CCI.htm. Applications must be faxed to AFPC/DPAPP1 (DSN 665-4323 or commercial 210-565-4323) no later than July 12.

Wing training day: The wing training day and liberal leave day is Friday, July 2. All base agencies will be closed for business except the following:

- Fitness & Sports Center: 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Education Center: 7:30 a.m. to noon

- CDC: 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Outdoor Rec: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Youth Center: 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Dining Facility: normal hours of operation
- Flight kitchen: normal hours of operation
- Lodging: normal hours of operation
- Golf: normal hours of operation
- Bowling: normal hours of operation
- Aero Club: normal hours of operation
- Skill Center: normal hours of operation
- Liberal Leave/Civilians: May remain at work, use annual leave, comp time, credit hours, time off award or leave without pay.

Wing promotion: Wing promotion ceremony 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Charleston Club.

Military Retirees & Spouses Appreciation Day and Information Fair

The information fair starts at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the Charleston Club. Events include:

- 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
- Flag ceremony by the Washington Light Infantry and Sumter Guard

Officials take second look at 'code-C'

WASHINGTON – Following a review of the new force-shaping policy, Air Force officials rescinded the enlisted date-of-separation rollback for Airmen with an assignment limitation code "C."

"The secretary and chief of staff of the Air Force decided we should take a harder look at code-C limitations, and the medical conditions that drive the codes, to see if we can come up with a long-term solution, rather than a short-term, force-reduction tool," said Col. Michael Hayden, chief of the Air Force military policy division at the Pentagon.

Initially, the force-shaping program's Phase II assigned a DOS of no later than June 30, 2005, for enlisted Airmen who possessed this limitation and had more than 20 years of service as of that date. "We want to look at the deployment and assignment of Airmen worldwide and structure the policy to apply to both officers and enlisted, while still taking into consideration the needs of the Air Force as well as the needs of the Airmen," Colonel Hayden said. **(Air Force Print News)**

Utility uniform feedback survey

WASHINGTON – The Air Force's first physical training uniform will hit the street later this year, and a Web site for Airmen to provide feedback on the proposed utility uniform will be online Thursday.

Feedback on the proposed utility uniform has been excellent so far, said Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Dean of the Air Force Uniform Board.

Sergeant Dean said Air Force military clothing sales stores will begin displaying the utility uniforms in July.

Only active-duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Airmen will be authorized to purchase the PT uniforms from AAFES until adequate supplies are available.

The PT uniform will have a two- to three-year phase-in period. Sergeant Dean said the running suit costs about \$100, and the shorts and shirt about \$25.

Officials have not yet determined if Airmen will receive a lump sum allotment in October, an increase in their annual clothing allowance or a voucher to pay

for the initial requirement. **(Air Force Print News)**

Federal Long Term Insurance Program

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER – Active-duty Airmen, some reservists, appropriated fund civilian employees, retirees and qualified family members can still apply for the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program.

FLTCIP is a benefit authorized by Congress to help federal employees defray the costs of in-home care, nursing-home care or assisted living facilities for people no longer able to perform normal daily activities because of chronic health conditions.

For more information on the insurance program and how to enroll, visit <http://www.ltcfeds.com/>. Certified specialists are available to answer questions Mondays through Fri-

days, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., (800) 582-3337. **(Air Force Print News)**

Tobacco use terminated in technical training

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Tobacco use and possession are no longer allowed for nonprior service technical training students at any time while on base or in uniform.

The change is included in Air Education and Training Command Instruction 36-2216, "Administration of Military Standards and Discipline Training," published June 16.

The policy states that Airmen will only be allowed to use tobacco if they are off base and out of uniform. Before the policy change, students could use tobacco products on base after duty hours, provided they were out of uniform and had reached at least Phase III of the enlisted phase

program. **(Air Force Print News)**

ARPC call center improves customer service

DENVER — Beginning Monday, all toll-free calls to the Air Reserve Personnel Center will be channeled through the customer call center, officials announced June 21.

ARPC officials said the new step provides one-stop shopping to the more than 950,000 customers they serve. Currently, when customers call (800) 525-0102, they are given the option of their call going through the call center or entering a five-digit number for a specific directorate. The new system will help ARPC officials keep in touch with mission-ready reserve-component Airmen. People with questions a particular directorate will be transferred to the proper extension. **(AFPN)**



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Scott Reed

On fire

A firefighter with the 332nd Expeditionary Fire Department clears the scene after igniting a fire for a controlled burn exercise at Balad Air Base, Iraq.

Command Performance

Integrity

First sergeant puts AF core values first

By Master Sgt. Wes Prillaman
437 SVS first sergeant

The Air Force has three core values: Integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do. Sounds simple and easy to live up to. Do we really know and live up to these core values?

The cornerstone for these values is integrity first. Without integrity, nothing else matters.

What does it mean when you think, integrity first? Perhaps I come from an "older generation" of NCOs, but to me, integrity is the substance of who and what a person really is. Integrity is the glue that holds our moral fibers together and is the building block of character. When we live with integrity, what we say is always what we do. When we model integrity, we exemplify "walking the walk" not just "talking the talk."

In other words, integrity is doing what you know is right, even if you know no one else will ever see it. Integrity is not gray; it is only

black and white, right or wrong.

The Air Force I proudly serve has Airmen of high caliber and who understand integrity! Airmen learn from the rules and follow those rules to see success. Integrity starts in basic training and continues throughout an Airman's career. Growth takes place as you start to stand up for what is a published procedure or checklist, knowing the "old" NCO takes the shortcuts. Integrity tactfully deals with problems to complete the procedure safely and correctly.

So, what does integrity first mean to you? People always try to influence you with their point of view. It is your job to take a stand for what you believe and grow your integrity. Can you do it? Can you put integrity first? Can you start living with integrity first?

You absolutely can! Find the correct answers. Do the right thing. Be responsible. Take charge. Say "I can do it." In order to put integrity first, you must first put integrity into practice. Start to practice today. Make this Air Force better for tomorrow's Airmen.



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.

"Mean Girls" – Tina Fey

Raised in Africa, Cady thinks she knows about "survival of the fittest." But the law of the jungle takes a whole new meaning when the home-schooled 15-year old enters public high school for the first time and falls prey to the psychological warfare and unwritten social that teenage girls face today. **(PG-13) 97 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

"Van Helsing" – Hugh Jackman

Van Helsing, the legendary vampire hunter, is in an ongoing battle to rid the world of vampires and other ghoulies. He travels to Transylvania to bring down the powerful Count Dracula and joins forces with Anna Valerious to rid her family of an old curse by defeating the vampire. **(PG-13) 132 minutes**



SAFETY SENSE

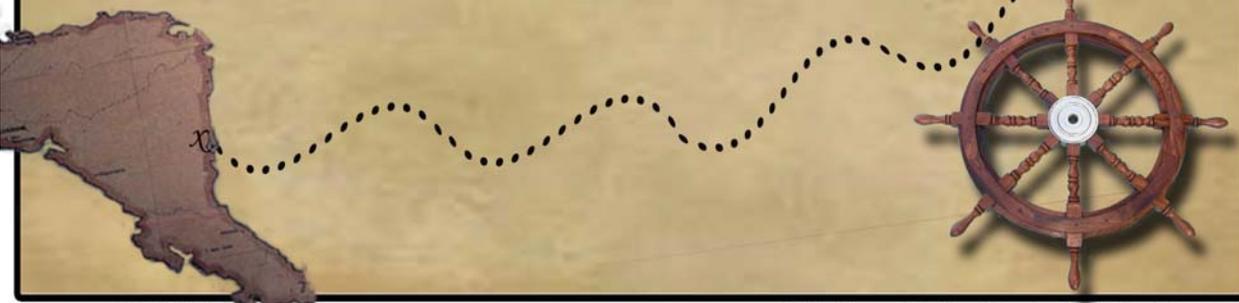
DON'T GET SUNK

File a Float Plan: Tell someone where you're going and when you're expected to return.

Check the Weather: Always check weather and water conditions, and bring along a radio to listen for updates.

Bring Enough Life Jackets: Everyone should have one that fits. Enforce their use.

Do a Fuel Check: Bring enough fuel, plus extra.



Source AMC Safety

Info Graphic by Master Sgt. Paul Fazzini

CAFB Hurricanes compete in youth swim meet



Above: Katrina Robb of the CAFB swim team takes a deep breath of air during her butterfly race during a meet June 17 at the base pool. There are 32 people between the ages of 8 to 17 on the CAFB Hurricanes Swim Team. Their next meet will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the base pool.

Left: A CAFB swimmer (in the red cap) dives into the pool at the start of her race.

Right: Elena Cordero is poised to begin her race.

Photos by Airman 1st Class Darnell Cannady

Sports Shorts

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

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

Intramural softball – Games are held at the base softball fields every Monday through Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Racquetball: A racquetball tournament is July 5 to 9 at the Fitness and Sports Center. The tournament is open to all active duty military members and their family members, reservists, National Guard and DoD employees. Entry fee is \$5.

Interested participants should sign up at the center or contact Senior Airman Eric Bryan at 963-3347, or e-mail eric.bryan@charleston.af.mil.

Fitness tip: Fueling up for top performance

To understand how to prepare your body to perform at optimum levels, know what to eat. Here is a quick breakdown:

Food = Fuel for your body

Carbohydrates: Preferred fuel source by the brain and muscles

Protein: Necessary for rebuilding and repairing muscles

Fat: Necessary for the absorption of some vitamins

Alcohol: Not necessary for life