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CAFB HOSTS RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY

CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. – Charleston AFB will host the second annual Retiree Appreciation Day and Information Fair June 29 at the Charleston Club.

The event will host guest speakers representing a variety of on-base services, to include the 437th Comptroller Squadron, 437th Aerial Port Squadron, 437th Operations Group, 437th Support Group and the Family Support Center.

“We’re hoping to let retirees know what’s available to them, not only in terms of official business, but we also want them to know what leisure activities they can take advantage of,” said Nancy Corbin, 437th Services Squadron deputy chief.

The information fair begins at 8 a.m. with registration, followed by the opening ceremony at 8:45 a.m. Col. Brooks Bash, 437th Airlift Wing commander, will share a few words with the attendees then introduce the guest speaker, Congressman Henry Brown, who represents the First District of South Carolina, which includes all or portions of Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester, Georgetown and Horry counties.

Topical speakers throughout the rest of the morning will include representatives from the 437 SVS, Air Force Retiree Council Regional Director, Retirees Enlisted Association and Retired Officer Association, among others.

“This year’s appreciation day and information fair is comprehensive and informative,” said retired Army Col. Raymond Borelli, Retiree Activities Program director.

Once the speakers have finished, the attendees will be free to visit the various information booths set up around the club, see a C-17 static display or go to lunch. A shuttle service will be available to transport people to the different locations throughout the base.

The appreciation day and information fair was designed to recognize retirees and let them know they haven’t been forgotten.

“We did something like this years ago, but there’s been a lull for sometime,” Corbin said. The Retiree Activities Program started this again last year and wants this year to be bigger and better. We want retirees to know that they’re still a part of Team Charleston and the military family.”

Corbin said the event is open to retirees from all branches of the service, but isn’t restricted to just those who’ve already retired.

“We encourage everyone to come out, even those who haven’t retired yet,” she said. “This will give them an idea about what’s available to them when their time comes to retire.”

The daylong event will end with mission briefings from the 437 SPTG and 437 OG.

Corbin said this would link the military members from the past with those serving today.

“We want them to see what our military is doing today, especially in Afghanistan,” she said.

The fair scheduled to wrap up at 3 p.m. and is free.

For easier access to the event, attendees are encouraged to have their military ID card with them and their vehicle registered with the 437th Security Forces Squadron prior to June 29.

For more information about the Retiree appreciation day and information fair, contact the Retiree Activities Program Office at 963-2228.

“We hope that most of the retirees will join us,” Borelli said. “It’s their special day at CAFB.”

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