



News Advisory

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CHARLESTON AFB ARTIFICIAL REEF TEAM RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

What: The Charleston AFB Artificial Reef Team will be honored as one of this year's recipients to receive a Coastal America Partnership Award. The project team is comprised of Charleston AFB, S.C. Army National Guard, U.S. Navy, S.C. Department of National Resources, and Stevens Towing Company.

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 26, 9:45 a.m.

Location: Charleston Area Convention Center in Room 1, near the North Charleston Coliseum.

Why: The base is receiving this award for its efforts to find an environmentally friendly way to dispose of construction debris. In preparing for the arrival of the first C-17, the base had to tear up and replace the parking apron on its flight line, generating 30,000 tons of concrete rubble. About 18,000 tons were recycled and 12,000 tons required disposal offsite. Instead of sending this material to a landfill at great cost, the base worked out a partnership with a number of federal and state agencies to help create two artificial reefs. The material was placed at these two reef sites, creating over 200,000 cubic feet of high quality marine habitat.

Visuals: The keynote speaker during the ceremony will be Raymond S. DuBois, Under Secretary for the Department of Defense. There will be press access to the speakers and award winners at the reception following the award presentation in Room 1 of the Charleston Convention Center.

Contact: News media interested in attending this event should contact Capt. Krista Carlos at 963-5589 or 2nd Lt. Jennifer Andrews at 963-5537.

