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### CHARLESTON NATIVE SELECTED FOR ARMED FORCES VOLLEYBALL TEAM

**CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C.** - Robert Caldwell, 437th Services Squadron Readiness Training Flight, has been selected to the 2002 U.S. Armed Forces Volleyball Team and is part of a 12-man team to represent the United States during international competition Sept. 20-Oct. 2 in Romania's port city of Constanta.

Caldwell, a Charleston native and four-time All-Air Force Volleyball player, was a member of this year's Air Force team that captured the gold medal during August's Armed Forces Tournament in Millington, Tenn.

Caldwell was chosen as one of the 12 finest players in the U.S. Armed Forces with his new team now slotted for further competition against the best of the world's military players in the Conseil International du Sport Militaire Tournament in Romania.

The 6-foot-6-inch staff sergeant expressed surprise when he was named to the team.

"During the Armed Forces tournament, the Air Force was clearly the strongest, and all twelve of our players played well, and were interchangeable, and that's why we won," said Caldwell. "The other services also had really good players, so when I was named to the Armed Forces team, I was shocked, but proud."

Sharla Alexander, Air Force Service representative, Pope AFB, N.C., and one of the four voting members from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines who are responsible for selecting the Armed Forces team said Caldwell was a quality player.

"Bobby (Caldwell) played well," Alexander said. "He impressed the other service reps with both his play and attitude, and earned a spot on the team."

Among the expected volleyball heavyweights to compete by the Black Sea are China, Italy and Germany.

"Some of their players are national team members and even Olympians," said Caldwell. "China's starting front line is supposed to average about 6 feet 8 inches (tall), and Germany has some 7-footers."

"I have an enormous opportunity here to represent this country, my service, my base and my squadron, and not many are given such a chance," Caldwell continued. "I am honored and grateful for this."

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