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### **437 CES wins AF, AMC awards**

**CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C.** - The 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron here was awarded the Maj. Gen. Clifton D. Wright Award for the best 2002 Air Force civil engineer operations flight.

Air Force officials and three civil engineer civilian organizations announced the annual civil engineer awards Jan.8.

Each year the Air Force civil engineer community partners with the Society of American Military Engineers, the National Society of Professional Engineers and the Northeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives to sponsor the awards.

The awards recognize outstanding achievements and contributions to the Air Force mission.

The squadron also received recognition in the following categories:

- 2002 Air Force Environmental Flight Award runner-up
- Lt. Col. Maria Dowling, 437 CES commander, was named runner-up for the civil engineer senior military manager of the year award
- Glenn Easterby, 437 CES deputy commander, was named runner-up for the Harry P. Rietman Award for outstanding civil engineer civilian manager of the year

Easterby attributed his success this year to the squadron being one of the first "out of the box" for deployment after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"It's all about our craftsmen," said Maj. Brian Murphy, 437 CES Operations Flight commander. "This flight of military and civilian men and women do a great job, and I'm very happy, but not altogether surprised that they've been recognized as best in the Air Force. I couldn't be prouder."

The squadron also received the 2002 Air Mobility Command awards in the following categories:

- Explosive Ordnance Flight of the year
- CE Operations Flight of the year
- Environmental Flight of the year
- Harry Rietman Award for the CE senior civilian manager of the year awarded to Glenn Easterby
- CE senior military manager of the year awarded to Lt. Col. Maria Dowling
- CE civilian technician of the year awarded to John Geraci
- Environmental Quality Award
- Restoration Quality Award for Team Excellence

- Pollution Prevention Award for Individual Excellence awarded to Nicole Shope

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