



# News Release

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

**437th AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
102 East Hill Blvd., Rm. 223, Charleston AFB, S.C. 29404-5154  
Phone: (843) 963-5608, 5588 or 5589 Fax (843) 963-5604

**PAO email:** edmund.memi@charleston.af.mil  
After duty hours, call the base operator or  
command post (963-2531) & ask for a PA rep

**Release No. 07-05**

**July 23, 2003**

### **CHARLESTON AFB TO GAIN MANPOWER**

**CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C.** – According to a recently released Air Force force structure announcement, Charleston AFB will see a boost in manpower authorizations in fiscal year 2004.

This announcement addresses fiscal 2004 force structure, realignment, and management actions resulting from mission changes, adjustments for efficiency and both congressional and presidential directives.

The base will lose seven military positions and gain 29, for a net gain of 22 military personnel. On the civilian side, the base will gain three positions but lose an additional two, for a net gain of one position. Twelve civilian positions will be converted from civil service jobs to Non-Appropriated Funds positions, so they won't be considered a loss for the base.

Twenty-nine military and three civilian positions will be used to support 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing flying operations.

“The positions being filled will support expanding operations capabilities and ensure that worldwide mobility requirements are met,” said Lt. Col. Rick Lassiter, 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Group Deputy Commander, Special Capabilities.

The remainder of positions will be disbursed throughout the base.

The force structure changes are not an indication of Air Force plans to close or realign any installation.

**(For more information, contact Master Sgt Angel Newman at 963-5582 or Staff Sgt. Pamela Smith at 963-5830)**