

The Shaw SPIRIT

Weekend Weather

Saturday
High 72, low 50
Partly cloudy

Sunday
High 71, low 52
Partly cloudy

Courtesy of the 20th Operations Support Squadron Weather flight

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Newsline

Commander's call

Col. Bill Hyatt, 20th Fighter Wing commander, will hold commander's calls Monday and Tuesday at the base theater.

Officers -- Monday at 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Senior NCOs -- Tuesday at 1 p.m.

E-6 and below -- Tuesday at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Quarterly awards

The 20th Fighter Wing Quarterly Awards Ceremony is Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Carolina Skies Club. Cost is \$8.50 for club members and \$9.50 for non-club members.

Spouses meeting

The Enlisted Spouses Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the community center. For more information, call Tammi Biggs at 499-2090.

Volunteers needed

The Sumter Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers to help build a house from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in May. For more information or to volunteer, e-mail Senior Master Sgt. John Smith at smith.john@shaw.af.mil.

TO improvement

If there is a safer, better or more efficient way to complete a process directed by a technical order, recommend the change by calling Tech. Sgt. Daniel Jenco at 895-1820.

AADD

Airmen Against Drunk Driving offers free, confidential rides to intoxicated Team Shaw members. For a ride, call 983-9722.

Seven-digit dialing

Shaw will begin using a seven-digit dialing plan Monday. Callers must now dial all seven digits from their on-base telephones. Instead of dialing 5-xxxx, Shaw members must now dial 895-xxxx.

895-XXXX



Photo by Airman Matthew Davis

Staff Sgt. Steven Jandzinski (left) and Senior Airman Donald Shoals, both of the 77th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, prepare to load a munition Tuesday.

77th FS deploys to Combat Hammer

By Master Sgt. Julie Briggs
20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

More than 140 Airmen and 15 F-16s from the 77th Fighter Squadron depart today to participate in Combat Hammer, an air-to-ground munitions evaluation at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

A large portion of the Shaw contingent is from the 77th Aircraft Maintenance Unit. More than 110 people from the 77th AMU are participating in the exercise.

Even though the flying doesn't begin until Monday, the bomb-building portion began April 20. Eight people from the 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron are on site building bombs in preparation for the other segments of the exercise.

"Team Gamblers is basically going on the road to learn," said 1st Lt. Anthony Fleming, 77th AMU officer in charge. "We're taking intelligence folks, pilots and others to go out and employ like we actually would in a wartime situation."

Combat Hammer tests a unit's ability to build munitions, load and launch the aircraft with live munitions, the tactics used to hit the target and how well they follow technical data, Lt. Fleming said.

Scenarios will include air and ground threats en route to the target, such as bunkers and tanks. About 22 sorties – two missions with 12 aircraft on the first mission followed by 10 on the second launch – will be flown each day of the evaluation.

Everything from storage to target impact is graded.

Evaluators don't use a pass-fail rating system. Instead, evaluators use comments and offer suggestions on how they can do better.

"(But) you know you've done well by the release rates and how well you shackled the target," Lt. Fleming said.

According to Lt. Fleming, Combat Hammer is very important for two reasons.

"First, it gives us an opportunity to go someplace else and load munitions. We get the feel of an actual deployment and the kind of tempo that will ensue," Lt. Fleming said.

Second, the team will get to experience hot pad launches vs. regular continuation training launches, he said.

It's this chance to load and launch live munitions that has the team really excited, the lieutenant said.

"We don't get to load live munitions

that often. The experience of launching a jet and having it come back empty is going to be a real morale booster and some really outstanding training for these folks," Lt. Fleming said.

According to Airman 1st Class Daniel Guzman, 77th AMU weapons load crew member, Combat Hammer is a "good opportunity to load real stuff."

"When we go to war," Airman Guzman said, "we have to be ready to load the real stuff."

Senior Airman Donald Shoals Jr., 77th AMU weapons load crew member, is also looking forward to attending Combat Hammer. He said his team has been working really hard in the load barn preparing for the evaluation.

"We've been spinning up training with Mavericks and targeting pods for weeks leading up to this," Lt. Fleming said. "It's the culmination of weeks of training back at home station."

Combat Hammer, along with last month's Falcon Talon exercise and next month's Maple Flag, is helping the squadron prepare for an upcoming deployment, Lt. Fleming said. The 77th is currently slated to enter its AEF pair later this year.

Commander's Connection



Photo by Airman 1st Class William Coleman

Col. Bill Hyatt, 20th Fighter Wing commander, visits with volunteers at the appreciation barbecue Monday.

"Commander's Connection" is a link between Col. Bill Hyatt, 20th Fighter Wing commander, and the Shaw community.

Questions or concerns that can't be resolved through normal channels can be sent to 517 Lance Ave. Suite 106, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., 29152, or e-mailed to commander.connection@shaw.af.mil. Callers should provide a name and telephone number in case questions need clarification. Comments of general interest may be published in *The Shaw Spirit*.

Kudos

Comment: Please send a big thanks to the tire technicians at the AAFES tire shop. I recently took my vehicle to them to have two small nail holes repaired. When I picked up the vehicle, I noticed one very small nail had been missed. It was after closing time and when I brought it to the technician's attention, he clocked out and made the repair on his own time. This is the kind of service and dedication that keeps me going back to AAFES.

Response: Kudos to the AAFES tire shop. This comment is an example of the work and dedication we have come to expect from our AAFES employees. The extra efforts are not overlooked. Thanks for all you do.

Like parent, like child

By Tech. Sgt. Kevin Williams
Internal Information NCO in charge

As a little league coach, I see all kinds of personalities from different players — from shy, calm, tense and natural leaders. A lot of these traits are learned from their parents. Unfortunately, they also learn poor sportsmanship from their parents.

One of the boys on my team, whom we will call Billy, is good at blaming other players, coaches and umpires when things don't go his way. If he misses an easy pop fly on a cloudy day, it's because the sun was in his eyes. If he strikes out swinging, the bat was too heavy. If the team loses a game, it's because the rest of the players made too many mistakes. He is very vocal and animated when he expresses his displeasure.

I've pulled Billy aside a few times and tried to explain what it takes to be a good teammate. I told him a loss is not the end of the world and a team should stick together and back each other like a family. Teammates should praise each other when they do something good and after encouragement when they make a mistake. I also told him that his loud outbursts make him look like a sore loser. He seemed to take what I said in good faith, but he still never changed.

Before our game last week, Billy came up to me excited to tell me his dad, who had just returned from

a TDY, would be at the game for the first time all season. I thought Billy's poor attitude might have come from him missing his dad, until his first at bat.

The first pitch hit the outside corner of the plate. When the umpire called it a strike, Billy's dad yelled, "Come on, blue! That was way outside! How much do they pay you for this?"

Billy hit the next pitch foul down the third base line. After two pitches in the dirt, Billy struck out looking at a third strike. Walking back to the dugout, he yelled, "bull crap!" because he didn't agree with the call. The umpire called Billy over to him and told him if he had another outburst like that again, he would be ejected from the game.

Billy's dad was not happy about that. He proceeded to yell at the umpire, insulting him on everything from his attire to his family. Billy was watching and listening carefully from the dugout. His dad left the game in the first inning after being ejected from the ball field. That's when I realized where Billy got his negative attitude.

It doesn't take Dr. Spock to see children learn mannerisms from their parents — good or bad. Unless Billy's dad changes, Billy will end up just like him.

I encourage all parents to learn from Billy's dad. If your child plays on a sports team, take a moment to talk to them about good sportsmanship and then lead by example. Even if your child loses the game, he will end up a winner in life.

Leave approval, denial authority defined

By Col. Charles Corpman
20th Fighter Wing
inspector general



Leave Web has been around for quite a while and most people are comfortable using it. If I asked supervisors if they have the authority to approve a subordinate's leave, all would likely answer, "yep, it happens all the time." And they would be right.

Now, if I asked that same group if they have the authority to disapprove a subordinate's leave, I'd likely get the same answer. And they would be wrong.

As a supervisor, I know for certain that Leave Web has a "disapprove" button. I've seen it.

However, here's what the authors of AFI 36-3003, *Military*

Leave Program, have to say.

"The entitlement to leave is a right; however, unit commanders can disapprove leave requests due to military necessity or in the best interests of the Air Force." AFI 36-3003 further states, "Unit commanders may delegate disapproval authority to a level now lower than squadron section commander, deputies or equivalent (for headquarters staff, no lower than assistant functional deputy

directors or equivalents)."

Because leave is a right, unit commanders can delegate to supervisors the authority to approve leave. By the same token, the authors of the AFI wisely reserved the authority to disapprove that right to a select few and went to great lengths to specify the limited circumstances when it's appropriate to deny leave.

I recommend commanders reinforce this point in unit commander's calls and make sure this is clear in any squadron leave guidance they provide. If a supervisor believes there is a reason why Snuffy's leave needs to be disapproved, stop. See the squadron commander or section commander before tapping that "disapprove" button.

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Law Day serves to remind Americans of U.S. government's three-branch structure

By Capt. Michael Breakfield
20th Fighter Wing Legal Office

Monday is Law Day and this year's theme is "Separate Branches, Balanced Powers." The 20th Fighter Wing Staff Judge Advocate Office wants to remind Team Shaw members about the unique system of government in the United States.

The first Law Day was celebrated on May 1, 1958 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation recognizing the importance of the rule of law and the benefits it provides the United States. Every president since then has signed a proclamation recognizing Law Day. The annual Law Day celebration is a major part of national, state and local bar associations' ongoing education efforts.

This year's theme reminds people that the founding fathers crafted a system of government that separates power to three branches of government: the legislative, executive and judicial branches. They then provided a system of checks and balances to insure that no one branch could become so powerful as to exclude the others.

The legislative branch is made up of the Senate and the House of Representatives. In Article I of the Constitution, the founding fathers gave the legislative branch the power to enact



Courtesy photo

Monday is nationally recognized as Law Day.

laws that include the ability to raise and spend money, raise military forces and declare war, regulate commerce, mail and immigration. Congress also has the power to establish certain federal courts.

The ability to enact laws that effect these areas means the legislative branch has the opportunity to become extremely powerful. However, the Constitution balances this power by giving certain powers to the other branches. One powerful tool is the presidential veto, which acts as a solid check against legislative overreaching, though the veto can be overridden by a two-thirds majority vote of Congress.

Further, the judiciary can review the constitutionality of laws enacted by Congress.

The powers of the executive branch are contained in Article II of the Constitution. This branch is in charge of federal agencies, which have the responsibility for implementing the laws passed by Congress. The executive branch can make treaties and appoint government officers. Finally, the president acts as the commander in chief of the United States' armed forces.

The executive branch's powers are checked by congressional powers, and to

an extent, by judicial powers. The Senate must ratify the treaties signed by the president and consent to federal judges and certain other official positions nominated by the president. Congress also has the power to impeach the president for certain acts. The judiciary acts as a balance to the executive branch by its power to declare executive branch actions as unconstitutional.

In Article III, the framers of the Constitution created the federal judiciary as that branch of government which reviews the actions of the legislative and executive branches. The judiciary's job is to insure that actions taken by the president or laws passed by the Congress are consistent with the Constitution. The judiciary can't independently decide to rule on the constitutionality of an action or a law; its power arises only when someone requests that review by initiating a case before a court.

The federal judiciary's power is constrained by both the executive and legislative branches. First, the judiciary relies upon the executive branch for enforcement of their decisions and the executive branch nominates the federal judges. Second, the legislative branch has control over the judiciary's budget, can impeach federal judges and can seek to amend the Constitution if it disagrees with how the judiciary has interpreted it.

Middle East culturegram

Hajj: Fifth Pillar of Islam

By Capt. Matthew Ence
9th Air Force

Editor's note: This is the fifth in a series about the Five Pillars of Islam.

The world's largest religious gathering takes place each year as Muslims from around the globe travel to the holy city of Mecca. As the fifth pillar of Islamic theology, it is the duty of every adult Muslim, male and female, to perform a pilgrimage to Mecca during their lifetime. Pilgrims must be both physically and financially able to meet the demands of the hajj before beginning the journey.

During the last month of the Islamic calendar, pilgrims will participate in a series of rituals lasting six days. These rituals commemorate events in the life of the prophet Abraham and allow Muslims to, in a sense, walk in his footsteps. An important hajj event is the second major holiday in Islam, Eid al-Adha, the Festival of the Sacrifice, which occurs at the midpoint of the hajj.

The main theme of the hajj is one of sacrifice. By conducting the hajj, Muslims learn to let go of what they love to place God first.

Barbecue recognizes volunteers

By Tarsha Storey
Staff writer

Shaw members gathered Monday at Memorial Lake for a volunteer appreciation barbecue to thank those who contributed 51,644.5 volunteer hours to Shaw's mission in 2005.

The annual barbecue recognizes active-duty members, civilian employees, retirees and family members who volunteer for various base organizations, said Arlyne Rzepecki, family support center specialist.

The barbecue, held in conjunction with the National Volunteer Appreciation Week, started in 2000 as a way to thank volunteers for the difference they make at Shaw, said Patsy Johnson, FSC director.

Volunteers should be recognized for their contributions, said Mrs. Rzepecki. The recognition lets the volunteers know they make a difference and motivates them to continue their involvement. It also lets volunteers know that others acknowledge and appreciate what they do for Shaw's mission.

Mrs. Rzepecki said some of the places where volunteers work are: the library, clinic, pharmacy, chapel, thrift store, Airmen's Attic, education center, bowling center, civilian personnel office, housing office, 20th Contracting Squadron, the youth center, the child development center and the FSC. The



Photo by Airman Matthew Davis

Volunteers fill up their plates Monday at the volunteer appreciation barbecue.

majority of volunteers work in the clinic, the pharmacy and for the Red Cross.

"Shaw volunteers are very important to our mission. Several of our base's services, such as the Red Cross, pharmacy and chapel, would be adversely impacted without their help. I thank them for all they do to support Shaw," said Col. Bill Hyatt, 20th Fighter Wing commander.

Briefly ...

DRMO training

The defense and re-utilization marketing office is conducting two training classes at the education center Thursday. One is at 9 a.m. and the other is at 1 p.m. For more information, call Tech Sgt. Brian Portlock at **895-9441**. To schedule a class, e-mail Sgt. Portlock at brian.portlock@shaw.af.mil.

Guard opportunities

The Massachusetts Air National Guard has traditional guard vacancies. Enlistment bonuses may apply. Residency is not a requirement. For more information, call DSN **698-1567** or **(800) 247-9151**.

The New York Air National Guard has traditional guard vacancies in the following career fields: positions open through the rank of major for prior service navigators qualified on any airframe. There are also vacancies for newly commissioned officers. For more information, call DSN **344-2457** or **(800) 524-5070**.

Spouses meeting

The 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Spouses group meets Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Angel's restaurant in Sumter. For more information, call Christina Boyles at **720-3047**.

Housing pet policy

The base housing pet policy now allows members to have three domestic pets per unit, four with approval from the 20th Mission Support Group commander. For more information, call the housing office at **895-2424**.

Thrift Shop

The Shaw Thrift Shop is open Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and the first Saturday of every month from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call the thrift shop at **895-6280**.

Volunteers needed

The Shaw Heights Elementary School, Hillcrest Middle School and the Ebenezer Middle School are looking for volunteers to sit in classrooms during PACT testing May 8, 9, 11, 15 and 16. For more information, call the the Shaw Heights Elementary School at **666-2335**, the Hillcrest Middle School at **499-3341** or the Ebenezer Middle School at **469-8571**.

Construction dumpsters

Shaw members are reminded not to place household goods or waste in construction dumpsters. Dumpsters are for construction use only. Violators will be fined. (Information courtesy of the 20th Civil Engineer Squadron)

DEERS enrollment keeps family members covered

Parents with a new little one in their lives or those who are expecting a child know that nothing means more to them than keeping their baby healthy and secure. Here's one essential step: registering the newborn or newly adopted child in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

DEERS is a database that tracks uniformed servicemembers, family members and others worldwide who are legally entitled to Tricare benefits. It is important to register a new baby in DEERS and enroll him or her in Tricare Prime as soon as possible after birth or adoption, but no later than 60 days afterward to avoid a lapse in Tricare Prime coverage.

After 60 days of not registering in DEERS, the baby becomes covered under Tricare Standard, which means claims submitted for the baby's care are subject to deductibles and costshares -- a more costly situation for parents. The baby will continue to be covered under Tricare Standard until registered in DEERS and enrolled in Tricare Prime, or until Tricare Standard eligibility ends, which is 365 days after birth for any newborn not registered in DEERS.

By promptly registering a new baby in DEERS, parents can ensure maximum coverage for the lowest cost.

How to register in DEERS

To establish Tricare eligibility for a newborn in DEERS, parents must submit a certificate of live birth from a hospital or Tricare-approved birthing center. They must also provide a copy of a verified and approved DD Form 1172, *Application for Uniformed Services Identification Card and DEERS Enrollment*, signed by the sponsor. If the sponsor is overseas, a notarized copy of the DD Form 1172 is required. Parents do not have to wait until they get a Social Security number for the child to register in DEERS, they can update his or her DEERS information after they receive the SSN for their child.

Register a new baby in one of the following ways:

- Visit the Shaw uniformed services ID card facility located in the Military Personnel Flight at 504 Shaw Drive, Bldg. 1118, room 1082, **895-1596**.

- Fax the DD Form 1172 and certificate of live birth to DEERS at 1-831-655-8317.

- Mail the DD Form 1172 and a copy of the certificate of live birth to: Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office Attn: COA, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA 93955-6771.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Laura Smith

Military members should enroll their children in DEERS shortly after the child's birth or adoption.

How to enroll in Tricare Prime

Newborns or newly adopted children, except infants of dependent daughters, are automatically covered as a Tricare Prime beneficiary for the first 60 days after birth or adoption, as long as one family member is enrolled in Tricare Prime, Tricare Prime Remote or Tricare Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members. Claims for any civilian health care received for newborns during this time are paid under Tricare Prime rules.

To enroll a new baby, complete a Tricare Prime Enrollment Form and mail it to Humana Military at the address listed on the form. For more information, call the Shaw Tricare Office at **895-6228** or **895-6229**. (Information courtesy of the 20th Medical Group)

Shaw Blotter

(Editor's note: The blotter includes incidents from the 20th Security Forces Squadron reports. The following information is intended to increase awareness of resource protection and safety concerns)

- Two thefts of personal property were reported in the 5000 area of base housing.

- Damage was reported to personal and government property at the main gate.

- Damage was reported to a personal vehicle in the Shaw Lanes parking lot.

- There were minor vehicle accidents at the following locations: the family support center parking lot, patrol road, the commissary parking lot and the intersection of Chapin Street and Shaw Drive.

- Security forces members responded to a loud noise complaint on Hickory Street.

- Fourteen traffic tickets were

issued during the week.

Direct routine questions and non-emergency concerns to 20th SFS personnel at the 24-hour desk by calling **895-3670**.

In case of emergency, call **911**.

If you have information about any crime listed here or otherwise, call the 20th Security Forces investigations section at **895-3600**.



SPIRIT TRIVIA

Question: How many hours did Shaw volunteers contribute to the mission in 2005?

Answer to last week's question: Acquaintance rape accounts for 88 percent of all rapes.

Last week's winner: Senior Airman Jared Straumann, 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

The first person to e-mail the correct answer to *The Shaw Spirit* at spirit.editor@shaw.af.mil will win a prize.

Lifeguard wins ROTC scholarship

By Senior Airman John Gordinier
Staff writer

A Shaw lifeguard recently won a Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship worth more than \$120,000.

Eighteen-year-old Garrett Williamson, the son of Susan Dunn and the stepson of Tech. Sgt. Leroy Dunn, 20th Component Maintenance Squadron test measurement diagnostic equipment supervisor, went online in January and filled out an application for the scholarship. He then drove to Columbia and took a physical fitness test consisting of running, sit-ups and push-ups.

"After that, I waited for awhile hoping to get a call back, and eventually I did on March 8," Mr. Williamson said. "I got a full ride, which was a four-year scholarship to any ROTC school. After graduation, I will be a commissioned officer in the Marine Corps."

Mr. Williamson chose the Citadel in Charleston.

"It is a beautiful campus," Sgt. Dunn said. "We went to the campus not too long ago and saw what it had to offer. I believe he will be happy with the oppor-

tunities that are available there."

Out of the 120 people throughout South Carolina and part of North Carolina who applied for the scholarship, only 10 were chosen.

Mr. Williamson said he believes his volunteer work in the community throughout his high school years helped his selection.

In high school, Mr. Williamson was a member of the Future Business Leaders of America and represented his school at a national competition each year for the last three years. He was also a member of the First Priority Christian Organization.

Mr. Williamson coached a children's wrestling team, was involved with many church functions and a lifeguard for one of Shaw's pools the last three summers.

"I have always loved swimming," Mr. Williamson said. "I was never afraid of the water. Even as a little kid, I used to swim with the ducks in a nearby pond."

Mr. Williamson's parents are still amazed by what their son has accomplished.

"I am very proud of him," Sgt. Dunn said. "He has done it all on his own. I wish I could take some of the credit, but I can't. He is an amazing kid and he has always triumphed over adversity."



Photo by Senior Airman Susan Penning

Garrett Williamson (right), a lifeguard at Woodland Pool, helps beginner swimmer Taylor, son of retired Army staff sergeants Francene and Tommy Reed, get used to the water in summer 2004.

Local information

Prayer breakfast

The 2006 annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is Thursday at 7:15 a.m. at the Newton Family Life Enrichment Center, 415 Manning Ave. in Sumter. The guest speaker is retired Army Brig. Gen. Robert Stewart. Tickets are \$10 per person. For more information, call the Swan Lake Visitors Center at 436-2640 or the Shaw chapel at 895-1106.

Soccer camp

The Sumter Soccer Club is offering a soccer camp for children 5 to 13 years old May 12-13 at the University of South Carolina at Sumter soccer fields on Theater Road. For more information and fees, call Joe Tobiere at 773-1413.

Sumter at Six

The city of Sumter is sponsoring a series of seven free concerts. The second concert is "The Tams" at 6 p.m. May 11 at the Brody Pavilion on Harvin Street. For more information, call 436-2640 or (800) 688-4748.

Volunteer award packages

Monthly volunteer nomination packages are due by 4:30 p.m. the last Friday of each month. Nominations can be e-mailed or dropped off at the FSC. For more information, call the FSC.

Foreign Born Club

The Foreign Born Club is looking for new members. All foreign-born spouses and active-duty members are invited to attend. For more information, call Nadia James at 666-4737.

Air Force OneSource

Air Force OneSource is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week for information on a variety of issues. For more information, call (800) 707-5784 or visit www.militaryonesource.com, user ID: **airforce**, password: **ready**.

Dining facility 895-9791

Today: Lunch -- Mexican baked chicken, Swiss steak and lemon baked fish; Dinner -- Lasagna, spaghetti, Italian sweet sausage

Saturday: Brunch -- Chicken, cajun meat loaf and ribeye steak; Dinner -- Salisbury steak, chicken stir-fry and pork chops

Sunday: Brunch -- Tuna and noodles, sauerbraten and parmesan chicken; Dinner -- Ginger-barbecued chicken, beef stew and spinach lasagna

Monday: Lunch -- Swiss steak, chicken and Italian sausage; Dinner -- Turkey, baked ham and fish and fries

Tuesday: Lunch -- Onion-lemon baked fish, pork schnitzel and yakisoba; Dinner -- Paprika beef, barbecued beef cubes and chicken fajitas

Wednesday: Lunch -- Fried chicken, barbecued ribs and fried catfish; Dinner -- Pita pizzas, country style steak and fried chicken

Thursday: Lunch -- Orange-spiced chops, liver and onions and tempura fried fish; Dinner -- Baked chicken, peppered steak and pasta primavera
(Entree menu from the 20th Services Squadron)

FSC 895-1252

Separation briefing

A mandatory briefing for members who are separating or retiring is Monday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the family support center. For more information, call the FSC.

Sponsorship training

Sponsorship training is Tuesday from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the FSC. It is mandatory for all first-time sponsors and those who have not sponsored in the last year. For more information, call the FSC.

Reintegration briefing

Briefings for members returning from deployments outside the continental United States are Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, call the FSC.

Budget class

A class teaching Shaw members E-4 and below to manage their money is Wednesday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, call the FSC.

Pre-deployment briefing

A pre-deployment briefing is Thursday from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the FSC. It is mandatory for those deploying for 30 days or more and covers family separation preparation and anti-terrorism measures. Spouses are encouraged to attend the briefing. For more information, call the FSC.

Give parents a break

The child development center and the youth center will provide free child care May 5 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. For more information or to get a referral certificate, call the FSC.

Loan closet

A loan closet at the family support center has household items available to loan to Shaw families. For more information, call the FSC.

Chapel 895-1106

To speak to the duty chaplain after hours, call 895-5850.

Regular Protestant services:

8 a.m. Sunday, Inspirational Gospel Service, Friendship Chapel

10 a.m. Sunday, Liturgical Service, Friendship Chapel (weekly communion)

11 a.m. Sunday, Shared-Faith Service, Palmetto Chapel

6 p.m. Sunday, Faith Factor, Friendship Chapel

7 p.m. Wednesday, youth group, youth center

Regular Catholic services:

4:15 to 4:45 p.m. Saturday, confession, Palmetto Chapel

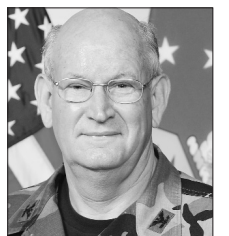
5 p.m. Saturday, Mass, Palmetto Chapel

9:30 a.m. Sunday, Mass, Palmetto Chapel

Other faith groups may contact the chapel for information on worship times and locations.

Chaplain's corner

The following inspirational words were provided by Chaplain (Col.) Gary Perry, 20th Fighter Wing wing chaplain.



Chaplain Perry

Every time we pull up to the gas pump we are reminded that the world we once knew is changing before our very eyes. Most of us spend our time complaining about the change rather than doing something about it. We had our wake up call in the early 70s with the gas crisis, but we chose to continue as if nothing had happened. We are reaping the results of that choice. Benjamin Disraeli reminds us of the necessity of change if we are going to continue to grow as individuals and a nation. "In a progressive country change is constant -- change is inevitable." It is time for each of us to examine what we are doing in response to the situation we find ourselves in with our non-renewable resources. Take some time this week to consider what you are doing to help with the situation. Every little step will make a difference.

At the movies 895-2199

Movie schedule and start times are subject to change. Members can call the theater for recorded movie information. Admission is \$1 for both adults and children.



Friday at 7 p.m.

V for Vendetta, R (violence, language) -- Set against the futuristic landscape of totalitarian Britain, the story of a woman named Evey who is rescued by a masked vigilante known only as "V." Incomparably charismatic and ferociously skilled in the art of combat and deception, V urges his fellow citizens to rise up against tyranny and oppression.

2 hrs. 12 mins.



Saturday at 7 p.m.

Failure to Launch, PG-13 (sexual content, nudity, language) -- Trip, 30-something man still living with his parents, falls in love with the woman of his dreams, Paula. Things start to happen that make Trip suspect she has been hired by his parents as a way to get him out of the house. When his best friend gets involved with Paula's roommate, things start going haywire.

1 hr. 37 mins.



Sunday at 3 p.m.

She's the Man, PG-13 (sexual material) -- Viola Johnson had her own good reasons for disguising herself as her twin brother and enrolling in his place at his new boarding school. She was counting on him not showing up for school as he tried to break into the music scene in London. What she didn't count on was falling in love with her hot roommate, Duke.

1 hr. 45 mins.

Photos and information courtesy of AAFES

Four 'Ps' required before doing maintenance

There are 2,000 maintainers in the 20th Maintenance Group performing maintenance on 80 F-16s, the components that go on the aircraft, ground equipment and munitions.

Before any maintainer performs maintenance on Shaw's aircraft, they must complete four prerequisites. If they are missing any of the four, or just feel something is not quite right, they are instructed to call "knock it off," and postpone further work until the problem is resolved, according to Col. Michael Vidal, 20th Maintenance Group commander.

The first maintenance prerequisite is training. Each technician must be properly trained to do the job and that training must be properly documented, said Maj. Simon Izaguirre, 20th Maintenance Operations Squadron commander.

The second prerequisite is ensuring units use correct technical data. Our Airmen must have the right data opened to the task at hand and they must follow that data step by step. If there is a task our technical orders do not cover, the task will not be done until procedures for that job are developed and published, said Lt. Col. Michael Costello, 20th Component Maintenance Squadron commander.

The third prerequisite is ensuring proper tools and equipment are available for the job. Support sections provide all necessary tools; no

personal tools are needed or allowed on the flightline and in work centers, said Lt. Col. Cheryl Minto, 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron commander.

The fourth prerequisite is providing technicians the time they need to do the job right. It is a supervisor's primary responsibility to give Airmen time to do the job correctly and document the work they perform, said Maj. David Cope, 20th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander.

Maintainers must have all four prerequisites for success: training, technical data, tools and enough time. The four prerequisites are critical to producing safe, reliable, combat-ready aircraft, said Col. Vidal.

No sortie, whether for training or combat, is important enough to perform maintenance without these four prerequisites.

"Our technicians have the support from senior leadership to call 'knock it off,' until a problem is resolved. We will cancel sorties if needed, fix the problem, and reschedule the sorties for another day," said Col. Bill Hyatt, 20th Fighter Wing commander. "Our 2,000 maintainers provide our pilots quality jets every day by following these guidelines. We are very proud of each and every one of them." (*Information courtesy of 20th MXG*)



Photo by Airman Matthew Davis

Staff Sgt. Brian Gaylor, 77th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, refers to aircraft forms Tuesday on the flightline.



Fighter duty technicians prepare themselves for more training while the A-10 pilots refuel their aircraft.

Combat search and rescue training with the...

Tactical air control party

By Senior Airman John Gordinier
Staff writer

The 682nd Air Support Operations Squadron acted as aircraft crash survivors during combat search and rescue training April 20 with the 74th Fighter Squadron from Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

The tactical air control party's typical job is to advise, assist and control, said Staff Sgt. Marcus Mader, 682nd ASOS joint terminal attack controller. But during the CSAR training, controllers try to make it as realistic as possible.

"CSAR training practices authentication, signaling and the proper procedures to be rescued," Sgt. Mader said. "TACP will go to an area that allows them to split the aircrew up and make the aircraft locate each of them in different areas."

Two ways to signal to an aircraft are with smoke grenades or mirrors.

This is the second CSAR exercise the 682nd ASOS has performed, said Airman 1st Class Jonathon Hughes, 682nd ASOS fighter duty technician. "The A-10 pilots were so impressed with the job that we did in the other sessions that they now want to make this a monthly training event."



An A-10 swoops down to give controllers support during training.

Assisting in CSAR efforts is one of the many duties controllers have.

"The controller's purpose is to advise the ground commander of what capabilities we bring to the fight as an Air Force in general," Sgt. Mader said. "We control the assets that

show up to ensure the enemy is taken care of and our allies are not harmed."

"Controllers supervise and conduct mission planning and coordination of combat air resources," said Senior Airman Travis Daigle, 682nd ASOS fighter duty technician. "They also recommend use of combat air resources to support mission requirements, tactics, air support assets, and ordnance capabilities and limitations."

"Controllers also provide close air support for Army units and operate the air support operations center that coordinates aircraft to other TACP controllers," Airman Hughes said.

Because of the long hours some might ask, why would anyone want to be a TACP controller?

Airman Daigle wanted to be a controller because he believes that it is a great mission. Airman 1st Class Salim Dabone, 682nd ASOS fighter duty technician, found a Web site that was devoted to the TACP career, and by looking at the pictures and the job description, he found it interesting and enticing.

The controllers are proud of the job and service that they do.

"I like being a TACP controller," Airman Dabone said. "It makes me feel like I am making a difference for once in my life."



Photos by Senior Airman John Gordinier

Airman 1st Class Jonathon Hughes, a fighter duty technician with the 682nd Air Support Operations Squadron, uses a mirror to signal to an A-10 aircraft.



Airman Hughes gives an A-10 pilot information to help find his location.



Staff Sgt. Marcus Mader, a joint terminal attack controller with the 682nd ASOS, waits for the aircraft to return to begin training.



Photo by Airman 1st Class William Coleman

Shaw volunteers pick up a shopping cart during the Shot Pouch Creek Cleanup. More than 1,200 pounds of trash and litter were removed from the creek and surrounding area.

Shaw celebrates...

Earth Day

By Tarsha Storey
Staff writer

In an effort to push forward for a cleaner tomorrow, Shaw members gathered at four events April 22 for Earth Day, picking up litter, planting vegetation and collecting electronic waste for recycling.

The four events were the Shot Pouch Creek Cleanup, Chapel Pond beautification, an electronic waste collection and the Manchester State Forest Cleanup, said Tech. Sgt. Andy Teague, 20th Civil Engineer Squadron solid waste manager.

Each event offered Shaw members a way to improve the environment, said Mark Hall, 20th CES Pollution Prevention manager.

At the Shot Pouch Creek event, 28 Shaw volunteers picked up litter and trash that had collected in and around the creek. Volunteers picked up about 1,200 pounds of trash, Sgt. Teague said.

In fact, during the cleanup, community members stopped and helped pick up litter, Sgt. Teague said.

"If people see other people doing good things for the environment, they will want to join the effort," Sgt. Teague said.

At the Chapel Pond beautification project, more than 40 volunteers planted 230 plants next to the pond and the pond's walking trail. The volunteers also placed mulch around the plants, Mr. Hall said.

During the drive-through electronic waste collection, eight volunteers collected 800 pounds of recyclable electronic equipment, Mr. Hall said.

Sgt. Teague said 30 volunteers from Shaw helped clean up litter from the Manchester State Forest.

"Even though Earth Day happens once a year, the celebration can last the entire year. It is an awareness, as well as an action. It inspires visions of a cleaner environment and a call to action," Sgt. Teague said.

For more information about recycling, call the 20th CES pollution prevention team at **895-5000**.



Photo by Senior Airman John Gordinier

Shaw's Spotlight presents:

Airman 1st Class Michael Roche

Organization:

20th Comptroller Squadron

Duty title: Special actions technician

Job duties: Recovering money due to the Air Force from members or vice versa

Time in service:

2 years

Off-duty interests:

Outdoor activities and going to concerts

Hometown:

Bellingham, Mass.

What do you enjoy about the Air Force?

There are so many options available

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Hopefully as a master sergeant or owning my own business as a civilian

What would you change about the AF?

Make it a requirement to PCS every three years for people at state-side bases who want the opportunity to travel.

To submit a name to the Spotlight, go through the squadron's public affairs representative or first sergeant.

Shaw's stork sorties

April 17 -- Sarah Grace to Capt. Cyrus Champagne, 609th Air Communications Squadron, and Kimberly Champagne, 20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

April 25 -- Caroline Elizabeth to 1st Lts. Jeff Glover, 9th Information Warfare Flight, and Deanna Glover, 609th Air Intelligence Squadron



Family members extend thank you

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat upon a chair. Perhaps you sent us beautiful flowers. If so, we saw them there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever your part.

The family of the late Tech. Sgt. Juan Williams, 372nd Training Squadron, deeply appreciate and gratefully acknowledge your kind expression of sympathy

Sloan Retirement

Senior Master Sgt. Craige Sloan, 609th Air Support Squadron, is retiring after 28 years of service. He and his family have been at Shaw nine years.

The Mooresville, N.C., native and his wife, Sarah, have three children, Craige Jr., Roketa and Ashanti. After retirement, Sgt. Sloan plans to remain in the local area.

"Craige has been an outstanding senior NCO and friend. He has been a tremendous asset to U.S. Central Command Air Forces and the 20th Fighter Wing. His dedication, strong leadership skills and ability to perform multiple tasks have been his trademark while serving here at Shaw," said Lt. Col. Bruce Arnold, USCENTAF A-7 Installations deputy.

The retirement ceremony is May 19 at 10 a.m. at the Carolina Skies Club.

Cagle Retirement

Master Sgt. Albert Cagle, 20th Logistics Readiness Squadron, is retiring after 26 years of service. He and his family have been at Shaw eight years.

The Southside, Ala., native and his wife, Peggy, have four children, Shellie, Chanel, Brandi and Brandon. After retirement, Sgt. Cagle plans to remain in the local area and work in civil service.

"Sgt. Cagle's superb efforts have positively affected the logistics readiness squadron, Team Shaw and the Air Force throughout his 26 years of service. We wish him good luck and God speed as he and his family transition to civilian life," said Lt. Col. Matthew Beckage, 20th LRS commander.

The retirement ceremony is May 5 at 11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 325.

Sports shorts

Intramural golf

Matches are played Tuesdays and Thursdays, with first tee time at 11 a.m. and last tee time at 1 p.m. For more information or to sign up, call William Barch at 895-4998.

Fun run

A base 5K fun run is May 5 at 7 a.m. at the pavilion near outdoor recreation.

Fishing on base

According to the office of Fish and Game of South Carolina, because Shaw is federal land and the ponds are not stocked or patrolled by the state, members fishing on base ponds are not required to have a fishing license. However, fishing on base is subject to catch and release only.

Golf tournament

Shaw's Enlisted Spouses Club is hosting a Best Ball Golf Tournament May 19. Check-in time is 11 a.m. for a shotgun start at noon. Teams should consist of four players with a minimum combined handicap of 55. Prizes will be awarded. Cost is \$30 per person (includes cart) and Mulligan Package is \$5 for two mulligans, one throw, one drop, one red tee (male) or 15 paces (female). For more information, call Master Sgt. Jerry Dire at 895-9035/5151 or Tammi Biggs at 499-2090. Deadline to sign up and pay is May 10.

Aerobics schedule

A one-hour **cardio kickboxing** class begins at 5:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the fitness center. A one-hour **aerobics** class begins at 10:45 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and a **body sculpting** class meets from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays in the fitness center.

Intramural skeet

Teams interested in joining the intramural skeet league must submit a letter of intent by Wednesday. A meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday at the skeet and trap clubhouse.

AAU basketball

Tryouts for girls and boys interested in participating in the Amateur Athletic Union league are 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, and from 1 to 3 p.m. Sundays at Alice Drive Middle School. The program teaches youth basketball fundamentals and how to be productive citizens by emphasizing education, discipline and respect for self and others. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. J. Stewart at (850) 217-9584.



Photo by Tarsha Storey

Fishing rodeo

Staff Sgt. Karl Halligan, 609th Combat Operations Squadron, and his son Connor participate in a fishing rodeo Saturday at Memorial Lake on base. The event was sponsored by outdoor recreation.

Shaw men's softball team triumphs over Sumter Material Handling 16-13

The Shaw Men's Varsity Softball Team triumphed April 18 over Sumter Material Handling in a 16-13 victory at Sumter's Dillon Park Field 3.

The game was a see-saw battle that ended with Shaw making a strong defensive stance in the eighth inning holding the home team scoreless.

First Baseman Matthew Foote and Shortstop William Long combined to turn a double play to start the seventh inning followed by Left Center Fielder Wes Dogan's routine fly ball catch that ended regulation play and sent both teams into extra innings.

In the eighth, Pitcher Troy Soeder kept the opposition off-balance by working the strike zone and strategically setting up his defense to counter Sumter's base-hitting ability. Sumter hit the ball well, but started to run out of magic as Shaw closed the door.

Long made the game's final out by cleanly fielding a line drive at shortstop.

Dogan and James Coulbourne were Shaw's standout players at the plate each batting .900 and scoring a combined six of the team's 16 total runs.

Shaw Head Coach Jimmy Counts said he was very impressed with the team's effort in the game.

"At one point, the team was down by five and showed the hearts of true champions by chipping away at their opponent's lead," Coach Counts said.

"Being mentally prepared for tough competition can make the difference between winning and losing well before the game ever begins. In games like this where both teams are well matched, it basically becomes a question of who wants it more," the coach said. (Information courtesy of Shaw Men's Softball Team)

Upcoming games

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. -- Danny's Trophy Shop vs Shaw at Dillon Park Field 3

Tuesday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. -- Shaw vs Ruff Ryders/BB&T at Dillon Park Field 2

Tuesday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. -- Shaw vs Sumter Material Handling at Dillon Park Field 2

Tuesday, May 23 at 8:30 p.m. -- Greene Insurance vs Shaw at Dillon Park Field 2

For more information, call Coach Counts at 895-6196.

Ready for summer?

As weather heats up, increase your intake of water. Eight 8-ounce glasses per day should be sufficient for people not in a hot, humid environment or sweating from physical work or exercise. In those conditions, drink more water, more often. Cold (40-50 degrees F) water is also recommended because it is absorbed more quickly from the stomach and has the dual effect of cooling the body internally. (Information courtesy of the U.S. National Institutes of Health)