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Change of command

Lt. Gen. T. Michael Moseley will relinquish command of 9th Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces to Lt. Gen. Walter E. Buchanan III Monday at 10 a.m. at Hangar 1614.



Moseley has been selected for promotion to General with an assignment as the vice chief of staff of the Air Force.

Airmen interested in attending the ceremony should be in place no later than 9:30 a.m.

Due to limited parking for designated guests in the hangar area, bus transportation is available in front of the Club Shaw Annex (Conference Center).

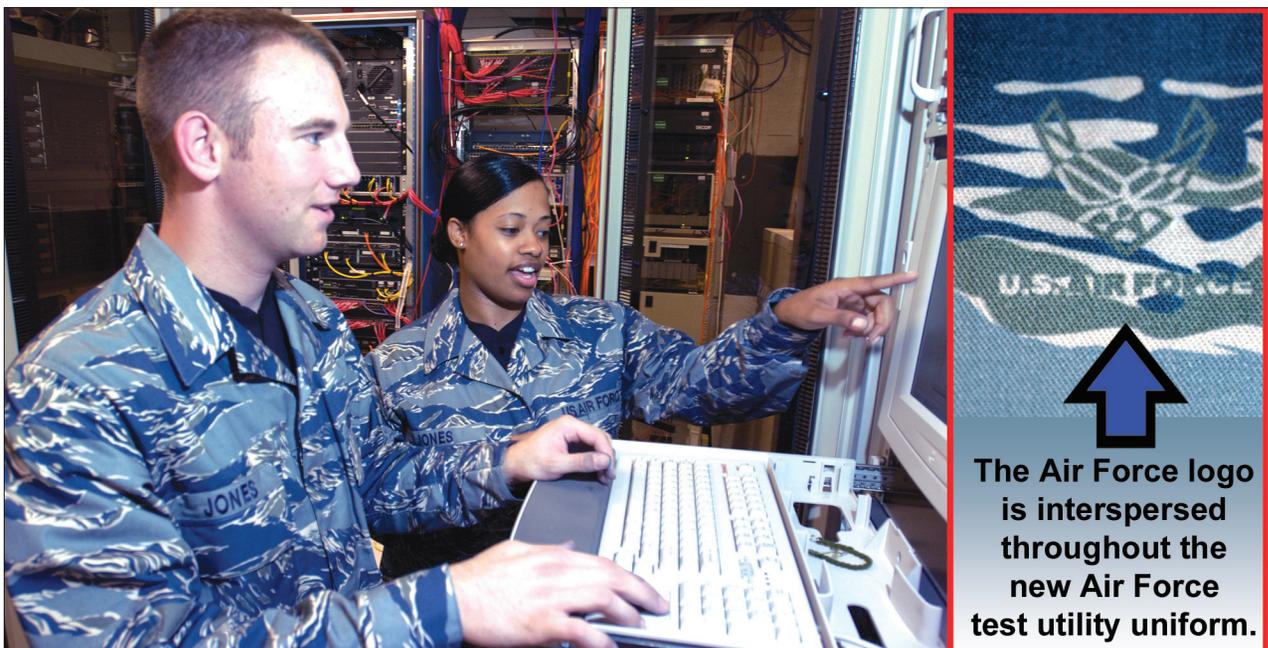


Break-A-Thon

The Shaw TaeKwon Do club is set to perform a "Break-A-Thon" demonstration Aug. 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Memorial Lake Pavilion. Donations will be accepted for the Air Force Aid Society.

CCAF Graduation

The Community College of the Air Force has announced Aug. 29 as the cut-off for documents arriving at CCAF, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., for the October graduation. The place and date of the April - October CCAF graduation will be announced at a later date. For more information, call the Education Services Center at 895-1838.



The Air Force logo is interspersed throughout the new Air Force test utility uniform.

Graphic by Staff Sgt. Lee Watts

BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. -- Airmen 1st Class Jonathan Besko (left), and Senior Airman Brandi Wyatt, both with the 11th Communications Squadron here, try out the Air Force test utility uniform in a computer server room.

New uniform wear tests begin

By Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski
Air Force Print News

Air Force officials announced plans Wednesday for the wear test of a new utility uniform that could replace the current battle dress uniform.

The blue, gray and green tiger-stripe camouflage ensemble includes many new features intended to increase functionality and provide a distinctive look for airmen of the 21st century, officials said.

Three hundred uniforms will undergo wear testing from January to July at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska; Hurlburt Field, Fla.; Langley AFB, Va.; Luke AFB, Ariz.; McChord AFB, Wash.; Ramstein Air Base, Germany; Robins AFB, Ga.; Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The tests are to generate feedback about fit, durability and functionality.

"Our intent is to create a uniform that is distinctive, practical, easy to maintain, comfortable and, most important, one you will be proud to wear," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper.

"In the last 20 years, material technology has improved greatly. As a result, we have designed one uniform that can satisfy our various climates and utility needs, while eliminating the need for professional ironing to provide a polished appearance," Jumper said.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray said great care is being taken to ensure the best possible uniform is created to meet future needs.

A key step in bringing any new uniform item into service is feedback from airmen in the field, Murray said. "We want your feedback as well - not shoot-from-the-hip feedback, but feedback that comes from seeing the uniform in action and thinking about how it will meet your needs based on your work environment.

"It's important to remember this is a wear test, and the decision about whether or not to adopt some, all or none of this uniform will be made after considering the results of the test and feedback about how

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WEEKEND WEATHER

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
T-storms High: 89 Low: 71	T-storms High: 91 Low: 71	T-storms High: 91 Low: 72

Courtesy of the 20th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Lee Watts

Kaboom

Master Sgt. Erik Singletary, 20th Fighter Wing Inspections, test fires a bird scare cannon July 29. The cannon does not launch anything, but produces a loud noise by building up propane gas pressure and then igniting it. Though the cannon can be used to keep birds off of the runway, its main purpose will be to simulate explosions during exercises.

20TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON BLOTTER

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

- An airman reported his bike stolen from dorm 401.
- Two privately owned vehicles collided on Lance Avenue.
- A civilian struck a fence in a commercial vehicle by the Corrosion Control Utility building.
- An airman reported his uniforms stolen from



the laundry room at dorm 406.

- A civilian was detained for Underage Drinking in the parking lot of Club Shaw.
- An airman reported damage to his vehicle at dorm 406.
- Two privately owned vehicles collided in the 55th Fighter Squadron parking lot.
- An airman was charged with assault when he shoved a civilian at Club Shaw.
- 20th Security Forces responded to a verbal altercation between an airman

and his spouse at their base housing residence.

- An airman reported damage to his vehicle while parked at Club Shaw.
- A private vehicle rolled into another at the Auto Hobby Shop because the parking brake was inoperative.



In case of emergency, call 911. Direct routine questions and non-emergency concerns to the 20th Security Forces Squadron at 895-3670. If you have information about any crime, listed here or otherwise, call 20th Security Forces Squadron Investigations section at 895-3600.

OPSEC reminder

Practicing good OPSEC protects your information and your game plan by allowing you to develop and apply countermeasure.

Trivia contest

Question: How many months of upgrade training must an apprentice have to become a journeyman?

Last week's answer: The three subject areas of the NCO Academy are profession of arms, leadership and communication skills.

Last week's winner: There were no correct answers submitted this week.

The first person to e-mail *The Shaw Spirit* at spirit.editor@shaw.af.mil with the correct answer will get their name in next week's paper.

SHAW AFB DUI/DWI STATISTICS

LAST YEAR	THIS YEAR
33	17
20 OSS	WAS THE LAST UNIT TO RECEIVE A DUI/DWI
IT HAS BEEN 9	+ DAYS SINCE THE LAST INCIDENT



(As of Thursday)

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Thanking Shaw's 1st line of defense



Photos by Staff Sgt. Lee Watts



Lt. Gen. T. Michael Moseley, commander, 9th Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces, shakes hands with members of the 20th Security Forces Squadron Tuesday. Moseley has been selected for reassignment as vice chief of staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. Members of the South Carolina Army National Guard augment the 20th SFS. Moseley spoke to them about the importance of joint force operations and continuing the war against terrorism.

Congratulations

The following 1st lieutenants have been selected for promotion to captain:

Robert Bader Jr.
David Barrera
Brooks Barringer
Jennifer Esser
Nathan Green
Jon Mancuso
Michael Paluba Jr.
Kevin Smith
Robert Speer
Matthew Stanford

New process for promotions to captain

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER -- More than 800 Air Force first lieutenants have been selected for promotion to captain by the CY03A quarterly captain selection process -- the first through a new decentralized procedure.

Board officials considered 823 lieutenants for promotion in the line, judge advocate general, chaplain, medical service corps, biomedical sciences corps and nurse corps fields. A total of 816 were selected for an overall 99.1 percent select rate.

The last board under the former central selection process last year had a 99.6 percent select rate.

The entire list is posted on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site, www.afpc.randolph.af.mil. Based on a policy change allowed by the 2002 National Defense Authorization Act, promotion decisions to captain are now made at the major command or equivalent level. The intent is to place the decision point for promotion closer to those who know the officers

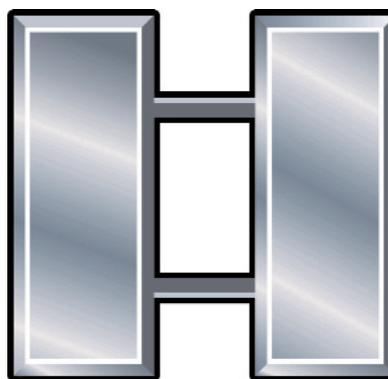
best while saving the Air Force time and money, said officials. This process significantly reduces temporary duty trips for board members and preparation time at the personnel center.

While the opportunity for promotion to captain is 100 percent, those eligible still need to be "fully qualified" before they can be promoted, said officials. First lieutenants must meet the time-in-grade requirement.

In addition, each lieutenant receives a promotion recommendation of 'promote' or 'do not promote' from his or her senior rater which takes place one year before the quarter he or she is eligible to pin on the new rank.

Those with a 'do not promote' recommendation have an opportunity to refute the recommendation.

For more information, active-duty officers can contact the local military personnel flight, and Reserve and Guard officers can call the Air Force Reserve Personnel Center at (303) 676-6398 or (303) 676-7193.





June 20 --

Nadia Auria to Carlos
and Patricia DeLaCruz

June 28 -- Ryan

Joseph to James and Daisy Vollmer

July 1 -- Emily Katherine to Steven
and Katherine Jackson



Stork Sorties

If you would like your child's birth announced in the Stork Sorties section of *The Shaw Spirit*, send the date of birth, baby's full name and the first and last name of the parent(s) to spirit.editor@shaw.af.mil. Announcements are run the second Friday of each month and should be received by the first Friday.

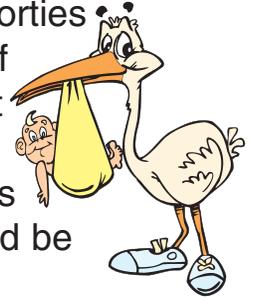




Photo by Staff Sgt. Lee Watts

Gear up for Learning

Master Sgt. Lee McGranaghan (left), 20th Security Forces Squadron first sergeant and Master Sgt. James Laurent, 20th Civil Engineer Squadron first sergeant, load boxes of donations July 29 for the "Gear up for Learning" program. The base collected school supplies for local students.

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it meets airmen's needs," Murray said.

According to officials, the wash and wear uniform will be easier to maintain and will not require professional laundering or starching. Officials estimate home laundering can save up to \$240 in laundry costs during the course of a year.

Unlike the current BDU, the new version comes in men's and women's cuts. Officials said other possible advantages to the uniform include:

- Using the same fabric identified by the Marines as the optimum material for wash and wear characteristics.

- A camouflage pattern that corresponds to the jobs airmen do in most situations that require a utility uniform.

- Recalling the "tiger stripe" cam-

ouflage pattern used during the Vietnam War, but with the distinctive Air Force logo embedded into a color scheme that preliminary testing indicates may provide better camouflage.

Officials are also considering maintenance-free boots and alternative T-shirts.

The T-shirt is a black, three-button Henley-style shirt with the Air Force logo on left breast and the wearer's name embroidered on the right.

A final decision on the uniform is expected in December 2004.

The wear test period officially begins in January, with 300 uniforms. Wearers and observers will be able to record their comments and observations on an Air Force Web site. Officials say production, if approved, could begin as soon as 2005, with a phase-in date to be determined.





Air Force News

Wireless available in Iraq

WASHINGTON --- A Department of Defense official spoke about coalition plans to let contracts for a cellular phone system and to reconstruct the telecommunications system in Iraq August 1.

Linton Wells II, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for networks and information integration, told Pentagon reporters the cell phone system could be up and running by November.

Telecommunications systems support all ongoing reconstruction efforts in Iraq: security, restoration of essential services, government, economy and the internationalization of the coalition effort. Iraq has never had a cell phone network, Wells said. The former regime put in 320 cell phone towers, but never followed through with service.

DoD officials said the winning bidders may build off any of the old facilities in their regions.

"The objective is to return the Iraqi telecommunications system to its pre-war activity to enable government operations, but also to introduce advanced technologies," Wells said.

There is limited cell phone service in the Baghdad area. A rudimentary service was installed in

May and members of the Coalition Provincial Authority and Iraqi officials can now communicate in the city.

Three regional cell network contracts are to be awarded. This is to ensure the whole country gets coverage. Wells said with one contract there would be the temptation to just cover Baghdad and the larger cities. By breaking it into three regional contracts, he said he hopes smaller cities and towns will get communications. *(Brief courtesy of American Forces Press Service.)*

CAAs assist in decisions

WASHINGTON --- Air Force career assistance advisers do more than advise commanders on retention issues; they help shape the force and assist airmen in making informed career decisions.

The position was created three years ago to help counter the service's declining retention rates. The job has evolved since then, said Chief Master Sgt. Barbara Opel, the advisers' career-field manager from the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

"We're taking a more active role in helping to shape the force and engage airmen," Opel said.

Career advisers have been helping AFPC tell airmen about special-duty assignment opportunities as recruiters and military-training instructors. They also have been talking to airmen identified for retraining into critical career fields.

If they chose to leave active service, Opel said the advisers also make departing airmen aware of the opportunities for continued service to the nation in the Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, civil service or other federal agencies.

For more information on about career assistance, call Senior Master Sgt. Raymond Butler at 895-7830. *(Brief courtesy of Air Force Print News.)*

Air tower goes civilian

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. --- Vandenberg Airfield Tower became the first active-duty Air Force tower to contract the services of civilian air traffic controllers Aug. 1.

"Switching to civilian air traffic controllers frees slots in a critical career field and will save the Air Force \$520,000 over a three-year period," said Capt. Michael Horowitz, 30th Operations Support Squadron.

"Air traffic control is on the critical skills list for the Air Force," Horowitz said. "To help free up some of those bodies for the rest of the Air Force, the Air Force Flight Standard Agency decided they wanted to try outsourcing some of the slower towers in the Air Force."

"A lot of team work has taken place to get us to this point," said Lt. Col. Lee-Volker Cox.

Air traffic controllers make sure aircraft are on the right courses, direct landings and take off and monitor the weather. *(Brief courtesy of Air Force Space Command News Service.)*