



Newslines

Inspection team

A Headquarters Air Combat Command Performance Based Award accreditation inspection team will arrive Wednesday. This two-person team will evaluate the Carolina Pines Inn as part of the ACC lodging accreditation program. The Prime Knight procedures, overall facility condition and front desk proficiency and customer service will be target areas.

Promotion ceremony

The next wing promotion ceremony is scheduled for Thursday at 3 p.m. at Club Shaw.

Closures

The Family Support Center will close Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Shaw's Lakeside pool closes at 6 p.m. and Woodland pool closes at 7 p.m. The pools will close for the season Sept. 1. For more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at **895-0449**.

Commander's call

The 20th Fighter Wing commander's call is set for Wednesday and Thursday at the base theater. This is a mandatory formation.

Wednesday

10 a.m. - senior NCOs
noon - E6 and below
8 p.m. - E6 and below

Thursday

7 a.m. - E6 and below
(New time) **11:30 a.m. - officers**

Main Gate construction

The Main Gate will be undergoing construction beginning Sept. 8 to enhance security. Bollards will be installed on the inbound lanes; spring-loaded teeth will be added to the outbound lanes; and a protective planter will be placed in front of the guard house. Construction is expected to last six weeks. During that time, the Main Gate will be open for inbound traffic only. Outbound traffic will be re-routed to the Hospital or other Gates.

New uniform questions answered

Q. Why is the Air Force switching to a new uniform?

A. The need for a distinctive Air Force utility uniform comes from years of feedback from airmen on our current BDUs. Members complained of poor fit, the desire for better material, more functionality and more distinction from the other services. The current uniform is supplied through Army sources. As the Army looks at changing its uniform to meet mission requirements, the Air Force is looking at changes that meet the needs of the 21st century airmen and our mission.

Q. How much more expensive will it be for airmen?

A. The actual cost of the uniform has not been determined; however, we do know the upkeep of this uniform will be less than the old uniform since it will not require dry cleaning or starching. There will be certain items (for example, the henley t-shirt with embroidery) that will cost more if the individual opts to wear them, but other items may cost the same or less.

Q. What will be worn under the shirt?

A. The Air Force is wear-testing a three-button henley style t-shirt in both short sleeve and long sleeve versions. The henley will be embroidered with U.S. Air Force on the left and the airman's last name on the right. A black turtleneck will be authorized for use in the winter but will not be embroidered. In colder climates, the Air Force plans to wear test additional garments for warmth.

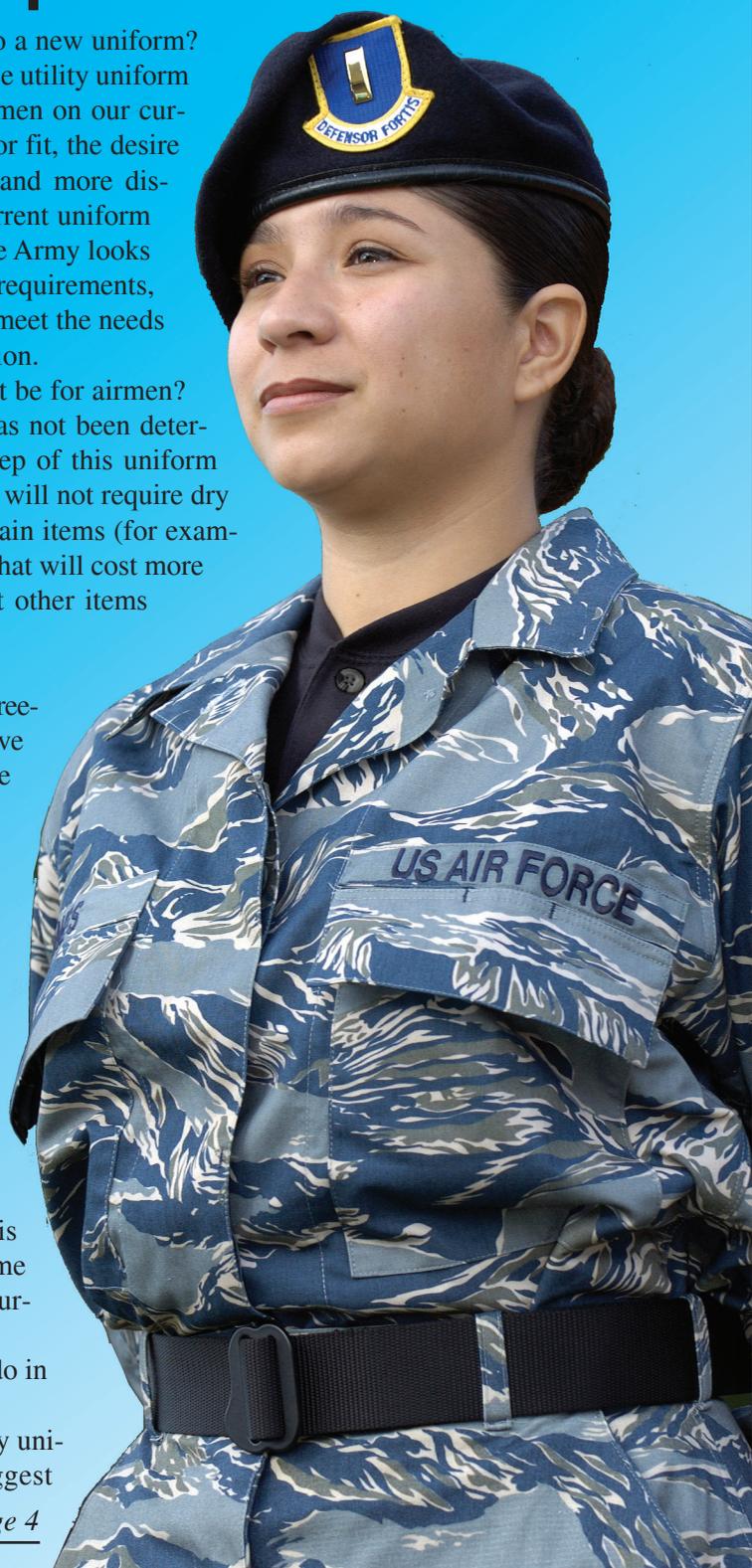
Q. Who will pay for the new uniform; will it be issued?

A. The only uniforms that will be issued are those at basic training. All other personnel will be expected to pay for their own uniform. If the uniform is approved, there will be a phase-in time before individuals will be expected to purchase them.

Q. How well does the new uniform do in camouflage tests?

A. Preliminary tests of the new utility uniform with infrared goggles suggest

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WEEKEND WEATHER

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
P.M. T-Storms	P.M. T-Storms	T-Storms

Courtesy of the 20th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

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it camouflages better than the current BDU pattern. More extensive tests will be conducted to determine its effectiveness in several environments.

Q. Will the rank still be on the sleeve of the blouse, and what about patches?

A. Rank will be worn the same way it is currently worn on BDUs. If the test is a success, the Air Force will phase in a new colored rank to match the pattern in the new utility uniform. The patches are being removed from the uniform to make it more affordable and versatile to streamline the appearance. Requiring members to add and remove patches when changing units can be expensive.

Q. How will individuals provide feedback on the new uniform once they see it?

A. The Air Force is developing a Web site which will be available with the implementation of the wear test in January 2004. Specific information on how to access it will be provided.

Q. Will the uniform come in summer and winter weight?

A. The new material comes in one weight that can be used year-round. The use of long sleeve/turtlenecks undershirts will be permitted.

Q. Will the uniform have to be dry-cleaned?

A. No. The uniform will be wash and wear. Starching will be prohibited, and the uniform will require little to no ironing. When starch is put on the uniform, it loses the camouflage capability. This ease of care will save on laundering costs as well as reduce the amount of time airmen spend ironing their uniform.

Q. Who will pay to have the henley embroidered?

A. The henley will be available for purchase with the U.S. Air Force already embroidered. Members will be required to pay to add their names if they want the option to remove the outer shirt.

Q. Will flight suits also be changing?

A. At this time, there is only wear testing of a

new utility uniform, the tests do not include the flight suit.

Q. Will this be the new primary duty uniform instead of blues?

A. This will be the new utility uniform. It will replace the current BDUs.

Q. Will all the accessories (goretex jacket, field jacket, bags, etc.) be reissued?

A. If this uniform is approved, accessories will be made available but not reissued. The old items will be phased-out over an appropriate period of time.

Q. How long until the uniform would be phased into everyday wear?

A. The process from test to production and implementation can take up to five years.

Q. Will the new uniform come in different sizes than the current one?

A. Yes. The test uniform will have specific male and female sizes.

(Information courtesy of Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Public Affairs.)

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 vehicle was damaged at his base housing residence.

■ An airman was apprehended for domestic assault when he assaulted his wife at their base housing residence.

■ Two vehicles collided in the Hospital parking lot.

■ An airman reported items were stolen from his vehicle.

■ Two vehicles collided in the Supply parking lot.

■ An airman reported damage to a smoke detector at dorm 402.

■ A government vehicle struck a fixed object in the munitions area.

■ An airman was charged with Driving Under the Influence while attempting to gain entry through the Frierson Gate.

■ A civilian was detained and charged with domestic assault when she assaulted her husband at their base housing residence.

■ An airman reported damage to a wall at dorm 407.

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**.

Traffic Tips

Each week, multiple accidents occur in Shaw parking lots. Drivers are reminded to use caution in these areas. According to Air Force Instruction 31-204, Air Force Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, the speed limit in base parking lots is five mph.

Drivers of government vehicles must use a spotter while backing up, and drivers of private vehicles should use caution while backing as well.

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OPSEC reminder

Indicators act as clues to an activity that adversaries can exploit to their advantage through analysis.

Trivia contest

Question: What three tie tacks are authorized with wear of the service dress uniform?

Last week's answer: The acronym AMRAAM stands for Advanced Medium-Range, Air-to-Air Missile

Last week's winner: Senior Airman Austin Chittum, 28th Operational Weather Squadron.

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

33

THIS YEAR

18

20 AMXS

WAS THE LAST UNIT TO RECEIVE A DUI/DWI

IT HAS BEEN

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DAYS SINCE THE LAST INCIDENT

(As of Thursday)

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Photo by Airman Amber McCarthy

The final cut

Lt. Col. James Johnson (left), 20th Mission Support Group deputy commander, presents Nicole (center) and Staff Sgt. Chad Olexa (right), 20th Civil Engineer Squadron, a certificate for winning Yard of the Month for August, the last for the year. They are joined by their two-year-old son Andrew. The Olexa family lives on Shady Grove Ct. The family was also given a \$50 certificate for the Shaw Commissary, a \$25 certificate for the Base Exchange and a vanity.



Legal readiness vital

WASHINGTON – American servicemembers have deployed to locales across the globe for months at a time since the advent of the war against global terrorism.

Military members should ensure a constant state of legal readiness, said Capt. Brian K. Keller, officer in charge of the Marine legal assistance office at Henderson Hall, Va.

Keller said servicemembers should "take some time," long before a deployment becomes a possibility, to consult a military attorney for evaluation of their legal readiness.

The military provides free legal assistance to servicemembers and their family members, Keller pointed out. Legal assistance attorneys handle traditional transactions like arranging wills and powers of attorney. They can also counsel service members on a wide range of topics, including insurance, consumer and civil law issues, court hearings and child-support obligations.

All in all, keeping up with legal affairs – espe-

cially before being deployed – benefits both individual servicemembers and military readiness, Keller emphasized. (*Briefs courtesy of American Forces Press Service.*)

Pay not lowering

WASHINGTON – Pentagon officials have no intention of lowering total compensation for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Defense Department's top personnel officer said Aug. 14.

David S.C. Chu, defense undersecretary for personnel and readiness, took questions from the media on the topic in response to published media reports suggesting DoD would cut the pay of forces serving overseas in the war on terrorism.

At issue are temporary increases Congress approved in April for two forms of compensation: imminent danger pay and family separation allowance.

Imminent danger pay went from \$150 per month to \$225, while family separation pay increased from \$100 to \$250 per month. The two increases are set to expire Sept. 30, and defense officials have urged Congress not to extend them, saying they are unfunded.

But, Chu stressed, this doesn't mean troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan will see a cut in their total take-home pay. "We are not going to reduce

their compensation," Chu said.

Instead, the Defense Department would prefer to compensate the troops through other means. "We have some incentive pay with which we can compensate people in Iraq (and Afghanistan) should the current allowance provisions expire," Chu said. Among these are hardship duty pay and incentive pay, he added.

Contract signed for memorial

WASHINGTON – Another milestone in the Pentagon Memorial project, which will honor the 184 lives lost in the Sept. 11, 2001 attack, was reached as military officials signed a contract to construct the memorial Aug. 15.

As the project moves forward, Ralph Newton, the Pentagon's acting director of real estate and facilities, said it's important to reflect on the project's purpose.

"It's to show the proper respect and memorialize the lives lost on that day – innocent victims of a horrendous act," he said. "As we go forward, we can take joy in the jobs we do to bring this wonderful memorial to fruition."

Construction will be funded by private donations. It will be completed about 20 months after enough funding is available to begin the first phase. For information, visit <http://memorial.pentagon.mil>.

CSAF talks about changes in Air Force

By Tech. Sgt. Mona Ferrell
U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany -- New demands on today's airmen are driving changes to the Air Force physical fitness program and a possible new uniform, said the service's senior leader during a visit here Aug. 13.

As the Air Force's needs and demands change, so should airmen, said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper.

"I think anybody who's been a part of the expeditionary Air Force, living in tents in 120-degree desert heat, knows we need to pay attention to how fit we are when we deploy," Jumper said.

"In the early 1990s, we began cycle ergometry, and I think when we did that, we lost all of the social aspects of physical fitness. We stopped working out together, and we drifted away from the basics," he said. "I want something we can do when we're deployed; we can always run, and we can always do push-ups and sit-ups when we're deployed -- that's what we need to be able to do."

The new program will also put physical-fitness responsibilities back in the hands of squadron commanders and their airmen, Jumper said.

"Rule number one is everyone will participate," he said. "Squadron and unit commanders are going to be responsible for the fitness of the people in their squadron, and eventually it will show up on their fitness reports. The squadron commander will ultimately, once we get going, be graded on the percentage of the people in their squadron who pass or (don't) pass.

Our involvement into a more expeditionary Air Force may also lead to a change in the Air Force uniforms, Jumper said.

"Anybody who's worn the current woodland (battle-dress uniforms) knows the first time you take them to the dry cleaners to get them washed and starched is the last time any air passes through that material. It is now sealed up forever, and it doesn't breathe any more," Jumper said.

"What we did was take a lesson from the Marine Corps, who got a hold of some new material that's truly wash-and-wear. This will alleviate somewhere between \$20 to \$40 a month of dry cleaning bills for our members," he said. "We also went out to people and got their ideas about the right kind of belt and the right kind of pockets placed on the uniform so they're more useable.

"The color is an experiment," the general said. "If you look at some of the scientific data, the color (of the

test uniform) at night is actually better than the current camouflage uniform. We do a lot of our fighting at night, so it's a test; that's what it is.

"When I say quality of life, what I mean is more about the value of life than higher standard of living," said the general. "It's how good we feel about what we do. There's certainly a material side of that, and the material side is we're going to continue to get pay raises.

"We're in the service of a very grateful nation right now. All you have to do is walk downtown in uniform anywhere in America, and people will come up and thank you for your service," Jumper said.

"They have no idea who you are, or what rank you are, but they know they are grateful. You are the symbol of the pride and strength of this nation," he said.

"If you think of your counterparts who you went to high school or college with, what are they doing? Do people come up to them in the street and thank them for what they do? That is a very big part of quality of life.

"When you look in the mirror in the morning and say there's not anything I can do with my life, nothing more valuable to my nation or myself than what I'm doing today ... I tell you, what's not to like? This is a great Air Force."