

## Spivey retirement

Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Spivey, 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, is retiring after more than 22 years of service. He and his family have been at Shaw for two years.

The Tabor City, N.C., native and his wife Senior Master Sgt. Denise have two daughters, Tamica and Breanne.

After retirement, the Spivey family plans to stay in the local area.

The retirement ceremony is scheduled for today at 1:13 p.m. in Weapons Standardization, Hangar 611.

## Weathersby retirement

Master Sgt. Timothy Weathersby, 20th Operations Support Squadron, is retiring after 20 years of service. He and his family have been at Shaw for nine years.

The Columbia, S.C., native and his wife Angela have two daughters, Tiffany and Jessica.

After retirement, the Weathersby family plans to stay in the local area.

The retirement ceremony is scheduled for today at 1 p.m. in the Shaw Radar Approach Control conference room, building 700.

## Shaw members stay in the blue

The following is a list of Shaw members who re-enlisted Sept. 1-30.

### Chief master sergeant

Joseph Sullivan, 609th Air Support Squadron

### Senior master sergeants

Jeffery Chapman, 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron; Russell McCray, 20th Mission Support Squadron; Thomas Pigford, 337th Recruiting Squadron; Joel Rzepecki, 28th Operational Weather Squadron; Dave Sturkie, 20th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

### Master sergeants

Dwayne Chilcutt, 20th EMS; John Hunter, 20th Operations Support Squadron; Linda Johnson, 20th EMS; Johnny Leonard Jr., 20th Logistics Readiness Squadron; James McNeil, 9th Air Force; Dennis Rice, 28th OWS; Gary Smith, 15th Air Support Operations Squadron

### Technical sergeants

Tim Allen, 682nd ASUS; Eugene Armand, 609th ASUS; Brian Collins, 609th Air Communications Squadron; Angela Ellis, 28th OWS; Crystal French, 20th Comptroller Squadron; Conrad Ilagan, 609th Combat Operations Squadron; Christopher Krohn, 20th

MSS; Joe Orban, 20th Civil Engineer Squadron; Rufus Reed III, 337th RCS; William Reynolds, 9th Information Warfare Flight; Charles Wilkie, 337th RCS

### Staff sergeants

Louis Benes, 31st Intelligence Squadron; Levy Bland, 28th OWS; Charles Clark Jr., 20th LRS; Louis Coleman, 20th Component Maintenance Squadron; Michael Frost, 20th Security Forces Squadron; Russell Gray, 20th EMS; Daniel Harrington, 20th CES; Scott Hathorn, 20th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Jody Jones, 20th AMXS; Excell Kendrick, 20th Maintenance Operations Squadron; Derrick Meyer, 20th EMS; Richard Mordew, 20th Logistics Readiness Squadron; Jonnathan Smith, 20th LRS; Raymond Stephens, 682nd ASOS; Daniel Stevens, 20th AMXS; Christopher Strode, 20th EMS; James Ward, 20th CMS; Michael Watford, 20th AMXS

### Senior Airmen

Caesar Alvarado Jr., 9th IW Flight; Jeremy Arledge, 20th EMS; Crystal Trezza, 31st IS; Shawn Workman, 20th CMS.

## Load Crew of the Quarter Award

On Oct. 2, the 20th Fighter Wing Weapons Standardization sponsored the Load Crew of the Quarter Competition.

The title went to the 77th Aircraft Maintenance Unit. Staff Sgt. Shawn Jervis, Airman 1st Class David Lenahan and Airman 1st Class William Valentine, members of crew 77-6, scored 1,250 out of a possible 1,600 points during the two-day competition. Events included a 20-question weapons knowledge test, a dress and appearance inspection, a tool box inspection and a performance evaluation of aircraft weapons loading.



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Lee Watts*

## Roll-by

Staff Sgt. Alex Corbin, 20th Logistics Readiness Squadron, drives a forklift into position during the annual roll-by here Oct. 17. The roll-by is designed to highlight the care and appearance of vehicles to wing leadership, as well as identify vehicles requiring new paint, refurbishment or repair.

## Heavy metal lovers keep jets flying Shaw EMS shop committed to hard work, integrity

By Airman 1st Class Susan Penning  
Staff Writer

Many television programs show metal workers piecing together vehicles and motorcycles that can reach speeds near 200 miles per hour.

Forget TV. Some members at Shaw pound metal for machines that go more than 1,200 mph faster.

The sheet metal shop at Shaw is part of the 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Fabrication flight.

Primary duties of the section include replacing rivets, fasteners

and other aircraft structural hardware, as well as repairing cracks and graphite damage on planes, said Master Sgt. Vernon Turnbull, 20th EMS NCO in charge of sheet metal.

“We touch every part of a plane,” said Tech. Sgt. Ronald Hadnot, 20th

EMS Aircraft Structural Maintenance shift supervisor. In addition to repairing structural and graphite damage, the

shop also modifies electrical components, manufactures hydraulic tubing, fuel lines and more.

“I guess you could say we are structural surgeons,” said Turnbull.

“Every day is different. About 90% of our jobs are unplanned, so we have to be prepared for anything.”

In addition to being proficient and mission-ready, it's important to have integrity in this shop, Hadnot

said. A job has to be done right, and numerous inspections are done to ensure that.

“If we do something wrong or forget to do something, it could result in aircraft structural damage and potentially lead to disaster,” Turnbull said.

Our shop is accountable for a lot, Hadnot said.

“There are approximately 25-30 members assigned to the shop at any given time. They are really committed to what they do, and they work

hard,” said Turnbull. “We also get valuable guidance from the supervision in our flight.

“The great thing about our

job is, when we see a plane we just worked on get back in the air, we know we played a huge part in continuing the mission at Shaw.”



**Shaw's sheet metal shop is prepared to handle any challenge.**



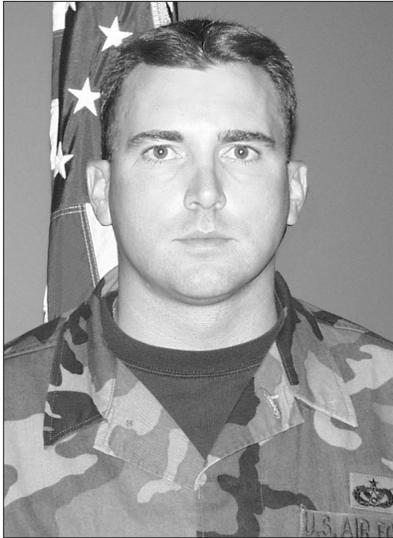
*Photo by Senior Airman Nathan Bevier*

## Giant job

Steve Hammett (left), company owner of Steve Hammett Electrical Utilities, Inc., Augusta, Ga., and David Taylor, lineman, guide utility poles onto a trailer to transport to various sites on Shaw Oct. 7. The poles will be used as mounts for six new "Giant Voice" speakers here.



## Spirit Spotlight



### Staff Sgt. Jeff Getman

**Organization:** 20th Civil Engineer Squadron

**Duty title:** Pavement and equipment operator

**Hometown:** West Carthage, N.Y.

**Time in service:** 11 years

**Off-duty interests:** playing sports, cards and shooting trap and skeet

**Words I live by:** "The game of life is not so much holding a good hand as playing a poor one well."

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