

Commander's Connection



Photo by Staff Sgt. Lee Watts

Col. Sam Angelella (left) speaks with Senior Airman Johnny Golson, 20th Logistics Readiness Squadron, during the annual vehicle roll-by here Oct. 17.

"Commander's Connection" is a link between Col. Sam Angelella, 20th Fighter Wing commander, and the Shaw community. Questions or concerns that can't be resolved through normal channels can be called in and recorded at 895-4611 or e-mailed to commandersconnection@shaw.af.mil.

*Callers should leave a name and telephone number in case questions need clarification. Comments of general interest may be published in **The Shaw Spirit**.*

Kudos

Our fellow warriors from the Army have been honorably providing security at all entrances to the base for the past several months. These individuals are a true asset to the Shaw community. All personnel have maintained high standards and performed their duty in exemplary style. Each day I enter the base, I find true professionals with great attitudes and smiles, always wishing me a great day. These selfless individuals should be commended for their hard work and dedication to Team Shaw. They provide a real spirit of "team" as the Army and Air Force work together for the freedom of America and success of the 20th Fighter Wing mission. I and many others express our thanks for your service to Team Shaw!

Q I am almost four months pregnant and I've gotten the run-around from about 10 different medical agencies on base. With the gynecologist no longer on base, nobody seems to be notifying personnel on how to get gynecological appointments, who to call or who to see. I don't want any expectant mother to have a problem being seen for her first appointment. Hopefully, it was just a misunderstanding and doesn't happen to anyone else. Thank you.

A The 20th Medical Group has a new process for expectant mothers' initial obstetrician appointments. First, the patient is notified of a positive pregnancy result by her primary care manager or a member of the PCM's staff. Then, a prescription for pre-natal vitamins is written, and the patient is notified of an optional obstetrics briefing held Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in the military treatment facility. At the briefing, the patient is given information for the "Global OB program" and briefed by New Parent Support, TRICARE Service Center and the Managed Care's Beneficiary Assistance Counselor. The patient receives the list of network OB providers; once she chooses one, the patient makes the first appointment with that network OB provider. All of the patient's OB care is done with that Network OB provider and is authorized (the patient does not have to get additional authorizations for OB care with provider, tests, etc). Thank you for your concern.

Q I am a base telephone operator, and I think we are the only people on base without computers. We've been told it's because we need a security clearance. We have to look up every number manually. I think it is outdated and ridiculous there are no computers in this operator's station.

A The base telephone switchboard operator contract calls for the government to provide operators with one computer. This computer is located in your work area, but is not connected to the base network. For access to the network, all users must have a security background check. As another e-mail option, the contractor could purchase service from a local network service provider. Thank you for your call.

Q Recently, I went to the 5000 area shoppette to rent a movie, but I couldn't rent one because only digital video disc movies were available. I have a videocassette recorder and do not have any intention of getting a DVD player. Consequently, I can't rent a movie from the shoppette, and I would like to know why. Thank you.

A With the high cost of VHS-formatted movies and the fact they represent only a small portion of total movie rentals, we opted to offer VHS movies only in the children's category along with a small percent in action/drama, etc. DVD-formatted movies make up 90 % of AAFES movie rentals. The selection offered at the shoppette is similar to national movie rentals. Thank you for your question.

Q With all the increased running activity, are there any plans to pave a jogging/bike path around Patrol Road? I'm concerned about safety, because some runners take up a whole lane and it's hard to maneuver around them. Also, lighting the road would help drivers see runners/bikers during hours of darkness.

A Thank you for your concern. The jogging/bike path concept has been given a construction project number and will be presented at the next Facility Board in Fiscal Year 2004 for possible funding. Until then, joggers/bikers should wear light, reflective clothing and stay close to the edge of the road, especially during heavy traffic. Another option is running on the track instead of the road.

Q There are a lot of people who use the base pool for lap swim, and I think it should be open before May and until the end of October, or as long as possible. Thank you.

A Thank you for your comments. Unfortunately, appropriated funding for the required lifeguards is not available before Memorial Day or after Labor Day.

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