



Newslines

Holiday hours

The housing Shoppette will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday. The main Shoppette/Class Six will close Thursday. However, fuel pumps will be open for unattended pay-at-the-pump service only.

All other AAFES facilities will close Thursday.

The Commissary will close Thursday and open Friday.

The Base Exchange will open at 6 a.m. for holiday shopping Friday and Saturday.

Dining facility hours for Thursday are:

Breakfast -- 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving meal -- 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Dinner -- 4 - 6 p.m.

Closure

The 20th Medical Group will close Thursday. The Primary Care Clinic can be reached at **895-2273** Friday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., for acute medical concerns only. The BX and clinic pharmacies, laboratory and radiology departments will close Thursday and Friday.

9th Air Force holiday party

The 9th Air Force holiday party is set for Monday at 6 p.m. in the Shaw Conference Center. Tickets are \$5 for E-5 and below, \$10 for all others and are available through unit representatives or at the door.

Airmen's Cookie Drive

The Airmen's Cookie Drive is scheduled for Dec. 5 at the Community Center. Cookies can be dropped off from 7 - 10 a.m. that day. For more information or to volunteer for setup, making cookie trays or cleanup, call **499-3553**.

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Speak softly...

Tech. Sgt. Ramon Pickell (right) and Staff Sgt. Seth Lash (left), both from the 20th Security Forces Squadron, train with an expandable baton Nov. 17. The baton is used by SFS personnel to control situations without lethal force.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Lee Watts

Click it or ticket: Buckle up

By Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Bowers
20th Security Forces Squadron

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, seat-belt use by vehicle occupants is up to 79%, the highest ever. Although a large portion of Americans are committed to buckling up every time they drive or ride, many service members continue to risk their lives by remaining unbuckled. Too often, this can lead to tragedy. NHTSA reports traffic accidents killed more than 5,000 young adults during the past year. Many could have survived if only they buckled up.

That is why Team Shaw is sending a strong message, *Click It or Ticket/Buckle up South Carolina*.

If members won't buckle up to save their own life, they will have to buckle up to save themselves a ticket. Shaw has joined more than 13,000 law enforcement agencies in a nation-wide crackdown on seat-belt violators.

The two-week enforcement wave began

Nov. 17 and continues through Sunday.

During the *Click It or Ticket* campaign, officers intensify enforcement of seat belt and child passenger safety laws. They have checkpoints and patrols looking for violators. Individuals disobeying these traffic safety laws will be ticketed.

Shaw is committed to supporting *Click It or Ticket/Buckle up South Carolina*, said Capt. Greg Woosley, 20th Security Forces Squadron commander.

If every state conducted high visibility enforcement, 5,000 lives could be saved each year, according to NHTSA. In fiscal year 2002, 321 military personnel across all services lost their lives in vehicle crashes.

If Team Shaw members want to avoid flashing lights in their rear-view mirror and a hefty fine to boot, they must heed the warning.

Civilian violators on base will receive a \$40 fine. Military violators must report tickets to their commanders and first sergeants for counsel.

Weekend weather

Wednesday



P. Cloudy
High: 64
Low: 39

Thursday



P. Cloudy
High: 73
Low: 48

Friday



Thunderstorms
High: 60
Low: 51

Courtesy of the 20th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

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Tree lighting

The base tree lighting ceremony is set for Dec. 5 at 5:30 p.m. at Memorial Lake. For more information, call **895-1106**.

Base Library hours

The Base Library will remain closed for renovation until Dec 7. A grand-reopening, with refreshments, is set for Dec. 8 at 10 a.m.

Housing privatization

For answers to housing privatization questions, call **895-2424**, ext. **225** or **233**.

Base taxi service

There is a base taxi service available to members for official business only. Call **895-5016** or **895-5017**.

Med Group makes changes

By Col. Carey Capell
20th Medical Group commander

The 20th Medical Group is changing its weekend and holiday Primary Care Clinic hours.

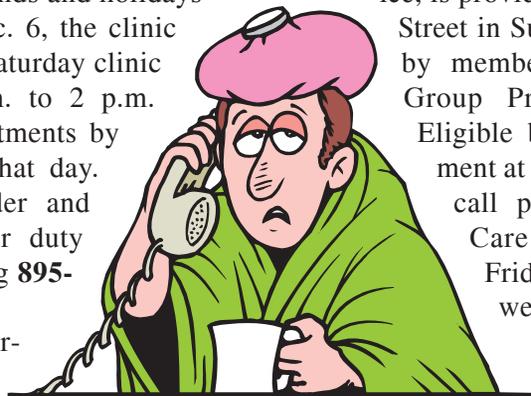
The clinic is currently open weekends and holidays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Beginning Dec. 6, the clinic will close on Sundays and holidays. Saturday clinic hours will be extended from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Patients may obtain Saturday appointments by calling **895-CARE** after 7:30 a.m. that day. Additionally, a primary-care provider and flight surgeon will be on call after duty hours. They may be reached by calling **895-CARE**.

The local community provides emergency care for Team Shaw patients. Tuomey Regional Medical Center Emergency Room is available 24-hours a day for all emergencies. Emergency situations affecting life, limb or eyesight do not require prior approval from a Primary

Care Manager. Instead, individuals needing immediate emergency care are asked to call their PCM the next duty day so a referral may be entered for that visit to cover costs incurred.

Urgent Care, which is same-day, non-emergency service, is provided by Doctor's Care, at 220 Broad Street in Sumter. This service can be utilized by members any time the 20th Medical Group Primary Care Clinic is closed. Eligible beneficiaries can get an appointment at Doctor's Care by contacting an on-call provider at **895-CARE**. Doctor's Care hours are Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on weekends from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"As always, we encourage feedback and invite suggestions on ways we can better support your healthcare needs," said Lt. Col. James Gasque, 20th MDG chief of medical staff. Members may call **895-6817** with comments.



20th Security Forces Squadron 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.)

- An airman reported damage to the wall of the first-floor dayroom in dormitory 428.
- An airman and her spouse were involved in a domestic dispute at their base housing residence.
- Security Forces responded to six incidents regarding accidents and damages to POVs and GOVs.
- A civilian reported two juveniles attempted to gain entry through the patio door at her base housing residence.
- An airman was apprehended off base for Failure to Appear and Failure to Pay Court Fees.
- An airman was apprehended off base for Burglary, Public Disorderly Conduct and Malicious

Injury to Personal Property.

- An airman was apprehended for Assault when he and his spouse were involved in a domestic dispute at their base housing residence.
 - A civilian reported her son received harassing and threatening phone calls at their base housing residence.
 - Two airmen were apprehended for Underage Drinking, Disorderly Conduct and Drunkenness at dormitory 428.
 - There were 23 traffic tickets issued on base this week.
- In case of emergency, call **911**. Direct routine questions and non-emergency concerns to the 20th SFS at **895-3670**. If you have information about any crime, listed here or otherwise, call the 20th Security Forces Investigations section at **895-3600**.

Traffic Tips

Vehicles should be inspected before long trips. This can help prevent a breakdown. Check tire pressure and tread wear, all lights, belts, fluids and windshield wipers. Read the owner's manual about what dash warning lights indicate and what to do if they come on. Check the spare tire and know how to access the jack and lug. Know the emergency telephone numbers for the areas you will be traveling through. Some mobile telephones are unable to reach **911** if they are not in their home areas.

OPSEC reminder

An adversary's capabilities are strengthened when he is able to acquire and exploit critical information.

Trivia contest

Question: What was the first jet fighter used by the military?

Last week's question: Up to four ribbons can be worn in a row with the service-dress uniform.

Last week's winner: Airman 1st Class William Doerrler, 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	THIS YEAR
33	21
20 AMXS	WAS THE LAST UNIT TO RECEIVE A DUI/DWI
IT HAS BEEN 10	+ DAYS SINCE THE LAST INCIDENT

(As of Tuesday)

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Hotline remains open

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER – The Air Force's hotline for reporting unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment remains open for business.

The phone numbers are **(800) 616-3775**, DSN **665-5000** or commercial **(210) 565-5000**. Personnel overseas without easy access to overseas lines can e-mail **contact.center@randolph.af.mil**, visit **http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil** to send webmail or chat online with a customer service representative.

Counselors take calls from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. After hours, voice mail takes messages. Counselors return phone calls the following duty day, officials said. For emergencies, people should contact a supervisor, commander, command post or the police, officials said. *(Brief courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service.)*

Leave granted to Reservists

WASHINGTON -- In a Nov. 14 memorandum, President George W. Bush directed departments and agencies to grant five days of uncharged, administrative leave from civilian duties to federal employees

returning from active-duty to reservist status.

"The federal government will continue to be the model for employer support to the Guard and Reserve," wrote the president in the memorandum. "We are the guarantors of the rights of returning (service members) under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, and I am personally committed to providing each of them with our full support, recognition and assistance."

The five work days of excused absence covers employees activated for military service in connection with Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. *(Courtesy of Air Force Reserve Command News Service.)*

Travelers may donate miles

WASHINGTON -- Operation Hero Miles allows travelers to donate frequent-flier miles to help service members on leave from Iraq reach their destinations.

Service members participating in the two-week "rest and recuperation" leave program are flown free to airports at Atlanta, Baltimore, Dallas and Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany, but must pay for connecting flights from and back to those ports.

Launched by Maryland Congressman C.A. Ruppersberger, whose district includes Baltimore/Washington International Airport, the Hero Miles Web site provides information on how to donate frequent-flyer miles and how service mem-

bers can receive complimentary tickets.

According to the operations Web site, **http://www.heromiles.org/**, more than 60 million miles have been donated so far. *(Brief courtesy of American Forces Press Service.)*

AF board game debuts Dec. 1

WASHINGTON -- A new game is scheduled to hit the shelves of base exchanges Dec. 1 when the AAFES introduces Air Force Edition Monopoly.

"This is a one-of-a-kind board game dedicated to the men and women of the United States Air Force," said Chris Burton, of the exchange service.

In classic Monopoly style, players compete to control aircraft, rocket and satellite properties, Burton said. Instead of traditional houses and hotels, the Air Force edition features air expeditionary squadrons and air expeditionary wings.

"Also, the chance and community chest cards have been changed to airman's legacy and commander's call cards, with comments referring to the Air Force," Burton said.

Players navigate the board with a B-2 Spirit, an air traffic control tower, the F/A-22 Raptor, a satellite, an unmanned aerial vehicle or a C-17 Globemaster III. Even the money is custom made to complement the Air Force theme.

Customers can purchase the game online at **www.aafes.com** and in stores beginning Dec. 1. *(Brief courtesy of Air Force Print News.)*

Laying groundwork for education



Right, Tech. Sgt. Steve Adams, 20th Civil Engineer Squadron, was one Shaw volunteer helping construct Shaw Heights Elementary School's Wetlands Project. Above, volunteers' tasks included laying sod, planting flowers and making a sidewalk in the school's courtyard. Science students will use the courtyard to study the environment.



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