



## Newslines

### Legal Office

The Base Legal Office will not provide legal assistance today due to the base exercise. A notary will be available for notary service and powers of attorney. For more information, call 895-1560.

### Traffic change

For force protection construction, inbound traffic for the Frierson Gate will be redirected to the outbound lane starting today. Completion is scheduled for Thursday. Members should stay alert for new traffic patterns.

### Christian luncheon

A Christian Fellowship Luncheon is set for Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Center. Cost is \$3. Reservations should be made by noon Tuesday. For more information, call 895-1408 or 895-1106.

### Housing reminders

All Christmas decorations must be removed from base housing units no later than Jan. 30.

Members planning to move on base are required to stay for 12 months, unless there is a bona-fide hardship. For more information, call 895-2424 ext. 235.

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

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## Weekend Weather

Saturday



Cloudy  
High: 63  
Low: 30

Sunday



Cloudy/Rainy  
High: 65  
Low: 43

Courtesy of the 20th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight



Photos by Master Sgt. Paul Holcomb

## The line of duty

An F-16 performs a barrier engagement during a certification test on base Jan. 16. In an emergency, a cable is used to catch and stop an aircraft. Above right, Airmen 1st Class Brandon Albrecht (left) and Raymond Drury, both from the 20th Civil Engineer Squadron, retract the barrier following the test.

# Phase I sharpens Shaw's skills

By Airman 1st Class Susan Penning  
Editor

Shaw continues to hone its operational readiness through the base's 04-04 Initial Response exercise this week.

The Phase I exercise concentrates on meeting various mission goals and improving procedures from previous exercises.

The simulated wartime scenario began Wednesday and is scheduled for completion today.

During the exercise, more than 20 aircraft, 700 members and 300 short tons of cargo deployed, according to Master Sgt. Erik Singletary, 20th

Fighter Wing Inspections superintendent.

Singletary said exercises are an important part of military training.

"Even though we deploy regularly," Sgt. Singletary said, "we need to keep our skills sharp and our records up to date."

"As members of Team Shaw, we must always keep fresh in our minds our commitment to accept Any Challenge, Anytime, Anywhere," said Col. Sam Angelella, 20th FW commander.

"This exercise will help us remain at the tip of the spear and prepare us for the upcoming Unit Compliance Inspection," he added.

## 04-04 exercise goals

- Generate and regenerate aircraft to meet wartime tasking

- All tasked people and equipment processed to meet load times

- 100% accountability of all personnel

- No repeat mistakes from previous exercises

Information courtesy of Lt. Col. Nathan Hill, 20th FW Inspections Chief

**Inside:** Pages 12-13: Fitness charts: a list of requirements for the new fitness test.  
Page 14: What to do if you suspect someone has stolen your identity.

# Shaw sergeant named Military Citizen of Year

By Staff Sgt. Alicia Prakash  
Staff writer

The Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce recently named a Shaw master sergeant its Military Citizen of the Year.

Master Sgt. Gary DeVault, Senior Master Sgt. David B. Reid Airman Leadership School flight chief, was notified of his selection Jan. 9, in a surprise presentation at the ALS auditorium on base.

In November, Lt. Col. Barbara Jorgensen, 20th Mission Support Squadron commander, nominated Sgt. DeVault and the Chamber chose him from eight Shaw nominees.

"We appreciate his character and the difference he makes in the community," said Mr. John Jones, of Jones Chevrolet in Sumter and a sponsor for the award. "His efforts are amazing."

Sgt. DeVault helped create a mentoring program at a local middle school. Through his program, 30 to 40 students received guidance from positive Air Force role models. As part of the program, more than 20 Shaw volunteers visited the middle school on a weekly basis to talk with the students.

Not only did Sgt. DeVault rally volunteers from the base, he also involved parents within the community. As president of a high school Parent/Teacher Association, he helped increase PTA membership.

"I enjoy what I do in the Sumter community, especially with the schools," he said.

Sgt. DeVault assists with many programs for youth, and makes time for general improvements within the community as well. He participated in adopt-a-highway cleanup projects, and he and his wife, Carmen, also help out monthly in their church nursery.

"My community involvement gives my son, Ben, an opportunity to understand what it means to give back to the local area," said Sgt. DeVault. "Being in the military involves more than just being in uniform at work."

Where he does not lend a hand, Sgt. DeVault lifts his voice. He was the guest speaker for Florence's Air Force Junior ROTC cadet corps, where he discussed the importance of mentorship.

During the award presentation, people from various agencies on base gathered to celebrate Sgt. DeVault's

recognition. At the time, he did not know he was the reason for the meeting.

"Sgt. DeVault thought I was receiving something," said Col. Sam Angelella, 20th Fighter Wing com-

mander. "I did. I got another winner for the 20th FW."

"I am thankful the Sumter community provides opportunities, not only for me, but for everyone at Shaw," said Sgt. DeVault.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shirley Henderson

Master Sgt. Gary DeVault (right) is recognized as the Military Citizen of the Year by Mr. John Jones in a surprise presentation Jan. 9.

## Service Member's Civil Relief Act signed into law

By Capt. Joseph Esparza  
20th Fighter Wing Legal Office

The president recently signed into law the Service Member's Civil Relief Act. This new law is a restatement and improvement over the old Soldier's and Sailor's Civil Relief Act of 1940. The new SCRA strengthens and clarifies the rights and protections it provides to military members. Some significant changes concerning Shaw members include the following:

**Automatic stay of proceedings** - The SCRA provides an automatic stay in civil proceedings upon a service member's application. This application is not an appearance. An appearance makes the member a party to the lawsuit. To obtain the automatic stay, the member must demonstrate a material effect and provide the court a date when he or she will be available. The service member must also submit a letter from their commander stating duty prevents him from appearing in court and military leave is not authorized. Additional stays are permitted, but these are within the court's discretion to grant or deny. If an additional stay is subsequently requested but denied, the court will be required to appoint an attorney to protect the service member's rights while he or she remains on active duty. Under the old SSCRA, all stays were discretionary; the new act grants one stay as long

as the above requirements are met. The civil protections under this law will now also be applied to administrative proceedings, such as licensing and zoning matters, which are much more common today.

**6% interest cap** - The cap for obligations and liabilities incurred *before military service began* could result in a reduction in monthly payments. Any interest in excess of 6% is forgiven. This is consistent with the objective of the SCRA to reduce monthly obligations for mobilized National Guard or Reserve members who may have a reduced income. To obtain this benefit, the member's creditor has to be notified in writing of the member's status and the member must request the lower interest rate. The new language clarifies the 6% cap as mandatory.

**Protection against eviction** - A member who enters a lease for \$2,400 or less a month cannot be evicted without a court order. Upon application by a landlord for an eviction, the court shall, if a request is made by or on behalf of a service member whose ability to pay the rent is materially affected by their service, stay the proceedings for 90 days. Unless, in the court's opinion, justice requires a longer or shorter period of time. Under the old act, \$1,200 was the maximum rent for any eviction protection.

**Right to terminate residential leases** - Active

-duty service members who have received PCS orders or who are being deployed for no less than 90 days may terminate a housing lease with 30 days written notice to the landlord. Previously, the member could be obligated to pay rent for housing they were unable to occupy because of a government-required move.

**Right to terminate auto leases** - Active-duty service members who have received PCS orders or are being deployed for no less than 180 days may terminate an automobile lease without having to pay any early termination penalties. The member must provide written notice to the leasing company and return the vehicle within 15 days of the written notice. Under the old act, this right did not exist at all.

**Installment contract protection** - Motor vehicles fall within the umbrella of this protection. If a member falls behind on car payments, the finance company must obtain a court order before repossession of the car may occur. Under the old act, no court order was required; the company could simply repossess the vehicle.

In addition, the act provides protections regarding life insurance and income taxes. These protections, while significant, still require member participation and action. If you have questions on SCRA matters, call Shaw's Legal Office at 895-1560.

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### Promotion ceremony

The next promotion ceremony is set for 3 p.m. Jan. 30 at Club Shaw.

### Base competition

Shaw's food service team is set to compete for the Air Force-level Hennessy Award Jan. 31 - Feb. 4. Team Shaw is hosting a free ice breaker for the inspection team Feb. 2 at 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Center. All members are welcome to attend.

### CMSgt. ceremony

The annual Chief Master Sergeant Induction Ceremony is set for Feb. 7 at the Conference Center. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. For more information or to RSVP, call 895-1058 or email [horner.kim@shaw.af.mil](mailto:horner.kim@shaw.af.mil) by Jan. 30.

### PHA reminder

Members are reminded to now wear their duty uniform to physical health assessments, since fitness evaluations are no longer performed on the same day.

## Volunteers needed for career days

By Airman 1st Class Susan Penning  
Editor

Volunteer opportunities are available for Shaw members to visit and speak at local elementary and middle schools during their career days.

According to Thelma Reed, local career fair and volunteer coordinator, military members who wish to participate have the opportunity to visit classrooms and speak with students about their specific career in the Air Force. They also get to answer questions about military life.

Career days are part of a school to work program, headed by the

Academic and Career Achievement Partnership organization, and South Carolina's Department of Education.

The program helps children gain an understanding of various career fields through observation, so they can make an informed decision when the time comes for them to enter the work force, said Ms. Reed.

The following schools are hosting career days in February:

- Bates Middle School - Feb. 3
- Chestnut Oaks Middle School - Feb. 5
- Alice Drive Middle School - Feb. 6
- F. J. Delaine Elementary - Feb. 10
- West Lee Elementary - Feb. 19

- High Hills Middle School - Feb. 24
- To volunteer, call 778-7813 or email [reedt@cctech.edu](mailto:reedt@cctech.edu).

Volunteering at schools can be a great way for Air Force members to inspire patriotism.



## 20th Fighter Wing Mission Statement

To provide, project and sustain combat-ready air forces



ANY CHALLENGE, ANYTIME, ANYWHERE

## 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 and his spouse were involved in a domestic disturbance at their base housing residence.

■ Security Forces responded to



four accidents involving POVs and GOVs.

■ There were 15 traffic tickets issued during the 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

If you are driving behind someone you suspect is impaired, maintain a greater following distance. Do not try to pass the vehicle.

If the driver is behind you, let him pass. If he is coming toward you, slow down and pull as far to the right as possible.

Once you get away from him, report to the nearest law enforcement agency.

Be prepared to provide a description of the vehicle, including the license plate number, location and direction of travel.

## Question Corner

**Question:** What do the acronyms UFPM and PTL stand for?

**Previous question:** A 29-year-old male must do 57 push-ups to get the maximum amount of points on the physical fitness evaluation.

**Previous winner:** Staff Sgt. John Delaney, 28th Operational Weather Squadron

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



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## 20th Operations Group annual award winners

The following is a list of the 20th Operations Group 2003 annual award winners:

**Fighter Squadron of the Year:** 77th Fighter Squadron

**Flight Commander of the Year:** Maj. Bryan Wolford, 55th FS

**Flightlead of the Year:** Capt. Drew Griffin, 79th FS

**Instructor Pilot of the Year:** Capt. Geoffrey Hickman, 77th FS

**Fighter Weapons Officer of the Year:** Capt. Jon Kalberer, 79th FS

**Wingman of the Year:** Capt. Matthew McDonough, 77th FS

**Company Grade Officer of the Year:** Capt. John Schutte, 20th Operations Support Squadron

**Intelligence Officer of the Year:** 1st Lt.

Chandler Atwood, 55th FS

**Support Officer of the Year:** 1st Lt. Cori Telzrow, 77th FS

**Senior NCO of the Year:** Master Sgt. Reginald Wyche, 20th OSS

**Commander's Support Staff Professional of the Year:** Tech. Sgt. Lisa Bryant, 20th Operations Group

**Air Traffic Trainer of the Year:** Tech. Sgt. Lisa Melton, 20th OSS

**NCO of the Year:** Tech. Sgt. Matthew Morehouse, 20th OSS

**Aviation Resource Manager of the Year:** Tech. Sgt. Michael Nicholson, 20th OSS

**Air Traffic Controller of the Year:** Staff Sgt. Scott Bolster, 20th OSS

**Weather Technician of the Year:** Staff Sgt.

James Brown, 20th OSS

**Base Operations Dispatcher of the Year:** Staff Sgt. Laribeth Matter, 20th OSS

**Intelligence Technician of the Year:** Senior Airman Bruce Clarkson, 55th FS

**Support Professional of the Year:** Airman 1st Class Josiah Brandt, 20th OSS

**Aircrew Protection Professional of the Year:** Airman 1st Class Christopher Kitts, 55th FS

**Airman of the Year:** Airman 1st Class Michelle Wise, 20th OSS

**Air Traffic Control Watch Supervisor of the Year:** Mr. Robert Frost, 20th OSS

**Civilian of the Year (GS-7 and above):** Mr. Peter Connolly, 20th OSS

**Civilian of the Year (GS-6 and below):** Mrs. Laura Sparrow, 20th OSS

## Team Shaw member wins second rescue award

By Ms. Adriene M. Dicks  
Correspondent

Many service members say the work they do for their country and the world is reward enough for them. But there are times when the work done has such an impact, those in leadership find it important to recognize those efforts.

Lt. Col. Keith Sullivan, U.S. Central Command Air Forces director of personnel recovery, was selected to receive the Richard T. Kight Award for Outstanding Achievement for the second time. According to the Air Force Rescue Association, he is the only person to ever receive the award twice. Lt. Col. Sullivan first received the award in 1993 for actions taken while in Iceland.

The award is presented annually by the ARA to the active-duty member or crew who has made outstanding contributions to the search and rescue mission of the Air Force.

This time, the award was presented to Lt. Col. Sullivan for actions taken Aug. 2002 – July 2003. During that time, he served as director of the U.S. Central Command Joint Search and

Rescue Center in Southwest Asia. There, he supervised and coordinated all U.S. Central Command personnel recovery operations for Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

According to Col. Robert Chapman, 609th Air Operations Group commander, Lt. Col. Sullivan is a visionary planner who has superb foresight.

“Through leadership, determination and hard work, (Lt. Col. Sullivan) made the biggest impact on rescue in years,” said Col. Chapman. “He is now the most influential rescue leader in the entire Department of Defense.”

His planning and organization helped facilitate the liberation of Army Private 1st Class Jessica Lynch, the first successful liberation of a U.S. prisoner of war since World War II, and aided in the recovery of eight POWs. Other accomplishments during the award period include directing a team responsible for saving more than 90 lives during combat March 19 – May 1, 2003, and being the first in the Air Force to create a framework to effectively establish two separate Joint Search and Rescue Centers in one area.



Photo by Ms. Adriene M. Dicks

**Lt. Col. Sullivan stands with the Kight Award, which displays the name of every person or crew to ever win the award. His name is the only one that appears twice.**

Lt. Col. Sullivan said he was both surprised and humbled when he learned he won the award a second time.

“I don’t think I am special. I was trained and prepared. I don’t consider myself unique,” said Lt. Col. Sullivan. “There are others who would do the same things I did if put in the same sit-

uations. But I work with a great team of professionals. Every rescue mission is ultimately a joint effort. I believe what I do is God’s work. I believe it’s honorable and just. I tell my team the same thing. If you believe that, it enables you to push, to work harder and endure what seemed insurmountable.”



## Demographics report available

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** -- Air Force Personnel Center officials recently published the quarterly demographics report offering a snapshot of the service's active-duty and civilian force as of Dec. 31.

The report outlines information regarding the Air Force's 372,305 active-duty airmen and 139,083 civilian employees, by age, sex, race and education level.

The complete list of demographics can be found on the Web at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pu>

[baffairs/release/2004/01/Jan04demo-graphics.htm](#). (Courtesy of Air Force Print News.)

## AEF to return to steady state

**MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D.** -- The Air Force expects to return to its regular steady state deployment schedule under the Air and Space Expeditionary Force plan within the next several weeks, said the man who's responsible for running the system.

Speaking to military members and local community leaders during a visit here Jan. 9, Brig. Gen Anthony Przybyslawski, Air and Space Expeditionary Force Center commander, said the Air Force expects to keep less than 10% of its total force on extended deployment tours lasting more than the planned 90-day rotation dictated under the AEF plan.

"Those folks who are on extended tours are in critical career fields, including security forces members,

air traffic controllers and civil engineer specialty services," the general said.

If another major conflict breaks out, the Air Force is ready to make a smooth transition from the steady AEF rhythm to support the high operations tempo that comes with preparing for conflict, the general said.

"The current environment in the world, as well as the global war on terror, requires the presence of the Air Force," said Gen. Przybyslawski. "As long as the war continues, the Air Force is committed to providing anything and everything it can to win this war."

The AEF battle rhythm helps people in uniform live a normal day-to-day life, but it allows them to quickly respond in an emergency he said.

Contrary to what people have said, Operation Iraqi Freedom didn't "break" the AEF system, the general said. Instead, it proved it works.

When AEF Silver ends in mid-March, the AEF system will return to

the normal 90-day schedule starting with AEFs 7 and 8. (Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service.)

## AF logo authorized on jacket

**WASHINGTON** -- Air Force Uniform Board members have introduced a new addition to the lightweight blue jacket.

"The Air Force chief of staff approved adding the Air Force logo to the existing lightweight blue jacket," said Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Dean of the Air Force Uniform Board.

Three hundred jackets will be distributed Air Force-wide for wear testing, Sgt. Dean said. Board members are targeting Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., as a distribution point because of its high number of temporary duty officers and enlisted airmen.

Airmen receiving the jackets will wear test them and give feedback to the uniform board about fraying or other problems with the embroidery, Sgt. Dean said. (Courtesy of AFPN.)

# Guard civil support teams set to increase

By Mr. Gerry J. Gilmore  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON – The Defense Department plans to stand up more National Guard-staffed civil support teams trained to assist local authorities in the event of a weapons of mass destruction attack on the American homeland, a senior DoD official said Jan. 16.

There are currently 32 WMD civil support teams with the skills and equipment to detect chemical, biological, nuclear and explosive agents in support of emergency first responders in event of an attack, noted Mr. Paul McHale, assistant secretary of defense for homeland defense and a Marine Reserve colonel who volunteered for active duty during the 1991 Gulf War.

Mr. McHale said Congress recently approved \$88 million to field 11 more teams, as part of ongoing evaluations of the role of the Guard in homeland defense. DoD will field a total of 55 WMD civil support teams, he continued, each of which comprises 22 Army and Air National Guard members.

Mr. McHale said U.S. officials believe terrorist organizations like al Qaeda could very well attempt to use WMDs to attack the American populace, key infrastructure or defense industries. He said he envisions civilian law enforcement officials would work

closely with the National Guard in the event of an attack threat on U.S. defense industry “to provide a physical layer of protection to a defense industrial base or to a plant in order to ensure its continuing operation.”

In a worst-case scenario, Mr. McHale noted, a presidential order issued through the secretary of defense could deploy soldiers or Marines if civilian law enforcement agencies lacked the means to protect defense industries. But he emphasized the chances of such a scenario occurring are “extremely remote.”

The 1878 Posse Comitatus Act prohibits the active-duty military from conducting domestic law enforcement operations, Mr. McHale explained. However, since the Guard comes under the control of the state governors, he said it has more leeway to assist law enforcement officials during an attack or other emergency.

Mr. McHale said if active-duty troops are called in to protect the homeland, they wouldn’t be performing law enforcement duties. Those active troops, he emphasized, would be involved “in a domestic warfighting mission to defeat a terrorist attack.”

The National Guard, Mr. McHale asserted, has earned high marks following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States and the ensuing global war against terrorism. “The performance of

the National Guard in anticipating and training for homeland defense missions has been extraordinary,” he said.

Mr. McHale said homeland defense is a natural fit for the Guard. “The National Guard was created to protect us here at home [and later] became our strategic reserve for warfighting overseas,” explained Mr. McHale. “Now, we’re looping back to some of those earlier missions in terms of domestic protection.”

The Guard, like the active-duty military, is undergoing transformation to better meet the challenges of the 21st century. Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau, has begun a “historic” transformation effort as part of that effort, Mr. McHale said.

“While remaining fully committed to the warfighting functions of the National Guard, Lt. Gen. Blum has recognized some of the Guard’s most important contributions to the nation will be in homeland defense,” Mr. McHale explained.

Gen. Blum has begun a review of the National Guard’s force structure, he noted, “to identify capabilities deployed both overseas and at home, particularly with regard to WMD response.

“I think that kind of transformation effort will guarantee the Guard’s relevance and importance to the nation for the next 50 years,” said Mr. McHale.

# AFA, AFSA stand for military benefits

The purpose of the **Air Force Association** is to support the profession of Air Force members.

The AFA advocates aerospace power and a strong national defense, supports the U.S. Air Force and educates Americans about the importance of aerospace power to national defense. AFA's mission is to support Air Force members and their families.

Although only 20% of its members are active duty, AFA supports the entire active-duty population.

AFA does not charge chapter dues, but does have a national annual membership fee. Their national headquarters provides local chapters money based on membership (along with other administrative functions).

AFA is the only professional military organization open to all enlisted personnel, officers, Guardsmen, Reservists, active-duty members and civilians. Other organizations tend to focus on a certain segment of the general population, according to retired Air Force Col. Bush Hanson, president of the local AFA chapter.

The AFA was established by Gen. Henry H. Arnold, who hired Gen. James H. Doolittle to form the AFA and lobby for a separate Air Force. The Community College of the Air Force was an offshoot of an AFA program. The Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year program is hosted by AFA.

The local AFA chapter holds a dinner with a guest speaker each quarter. Those interested in joining can e-mail the local AFA chapter president at **BushNancyH@sc.rr.com**, or go online at **afa.org** to submit an application. Those who register online should mark the Swamp Fox chapter (#298) for their affiliation. *(Information courtesy of retired Air Force Col. Bush Hanson.)*

The **Air Force Sergeants Association** is an organization dedicated to the people behind the stripes.

Though the name says sergeants, the association is for enlisted members of all grades. There are multiple opportunities for airmen to excel and get involved.

AFSA's membership is comprised of Air Force enlistees, both active and retired of all grades, including the Air National Guard and Reserve. It also offers an auxiliary program for family members of Air Force people.

AFSA is an international organization dedicated to speaking out on behalf of enlisted Air Force members.

AFSA is one of the organizations leading the way on both Capitol Hill and the Pentagon and has earned the recognition and respect of Washington's leaders for its sustained role as the "Voice of the Enlisted."

Locally, AFSA supports enlisted awards programs, professional military education, awards to high schools, an essay contest for middle and junior high schools and the Shaw First Term Airman of the Year.

AFSA membership benefits include health and auto insurance plans, credit card availability, discounts on family eye wear and contact lenses, as well as opportunities for community service.

To maintain its status as the "Voice of the Enlisted" on Capitol Hill and support base activities locally, AFSA continues to seek new members.

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at Club Shaw.

For more information about AFSA, call **895-2015** or visit the international headquarters Web site at **www.afsahq.org**. *(Information courtesy of Staff Sgt. Lee Watts)*