



Newslines

Daylight-savings time

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night.

Fundraising news

CFC

Any human health and welfare organization desiring to be included in the 2004 Shaw/Sumter/Lee/Clarendon Counties Combined Federal Campaign should contact Shaw's CFC Officer, 1st Lt. Sarah Bragg, at **895-3628**, for application information. Applications must be submitted no later than April 30.

AFAF

The annual Air Force Assistance Fund charity campaign began Monday and will end May 7. The AFAF provides services including: emergency relief, interest-free loans, scholarships and housing for widows. If you are active-duty, your squadron representative will contact you regarding this campaign. If you are retired and would like to make a donation, call **895-6140**.

Awards luncheon

The next Quarterly Awards Luncheon is set for April 28 at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Center. See your unit Top Three representative for tickets. Duty uniform is required.

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Weekend Weather

Saturday



Sunny
High: 68
Low: 40

Sunday



Sunny
High: 70
Low: 42

Courtesy of the 20th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight



Photo by Master Sgt. Paul Holcomb

Pulling for readiness

Airman First Class Shaun Benton, 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron armament specialist, pulls equipment into place Monday during the Phase I portion of Shaw's Operational Readiness Exercise Sea Lion 04-08.

BRAC rumors faster than jets

Rumors, speculation and lists that claim virtually every base in the Department of Defense is closing are circulating with the current Base Realignment and Closure process.

"Three things are impor-

tant to note," said Maj. Lisa Caldwell, 20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs chief. "First, Shaw is not on a list, because there is no list yet. Second, Shaw members need to know the guidelines concerning the military's role in the process: remain

neutral. Third, beware of the rumor mill. Rumors can degrade morale and are rarely accurate. Official channels are the best place for reliable information about BRAC," she said.

To many, the BRAC process is a mystery.

Understanding how the decisions are reached can be helpful.

Beginning in 1988, Congress authorized and the DoD carried out four rounds of BRAC in 1988, 1991,

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Key to understanding Shaw's SEAD and DEAD missions.

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The Chapel brings Christ's passion to life.



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Heritage events

May is recognized as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month. A committee planning various commemorative events seeks volunteers to help. A meeting is set for Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Building 712, Room 26. For more information, call 895-3738 or 895-5086.

Lost pets

A list of animals found loose on base will be posted outside the Base Exchange on the pet notice board. If you have lost an animal or are looking to adopt, check the board. Animals are kept inside the Stray Animal Facility on base for a minimum of three days before they are eligible for adoption. For more information, call 895-3669.

Parking space

Members exercising near Outdoor Recreation on base should park at the ball fields, not in Outdoor Recreation's parking lot.

ROTC instructor duty now includes NCOs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. -- Air Force ROTC officials have just expanded instructor duty opportunities to include enlisted Airmen from diverse career fields.



The secretary of the Air Force has approved a test program designed to incorporate enlisted perspectives into the curriculum.

The addition of enlisted instructional staff, known as instructor leaders, is an effort to highlight the dynamic and complementary relationship that exists between officers and enlisted Airmen.

Technical sergeants and master sergeants will mentor cadets and facilitate a newly developed course. It is designed to provide insight into areas such as officer and enlisted professional relationships, enlisted professional development, and military customs and courtesies.

"These new instructors will enrich the cadet's educational experience and better prepare them for Air Force leadership positions," said Col. Alan Thompson, commander of Air Force ROTC. "The NCOs will complement the officer cadre and conduct classroom instruction at colleges, universities, field-training encampments and other profes-

sional development locations throughout the year."

Air Force officials will test the program for three years at 10 detachments, but they said they expect to implement the program at each of the 145 detachments nationwide by 2007. The initial locations may include Arizona, California, Florida, Iowa, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon and the District of Columbia.

"NCOs in most Air Force specialty codes will be considered, but those with recent experience in an operational or support unit are highly desired to fill this role," Col. Thompson said.

People interested in this opportunity have until April 10 to apply and should review the specific qualifications and application procedures on the Air Force Personnel Center's assignment management system Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

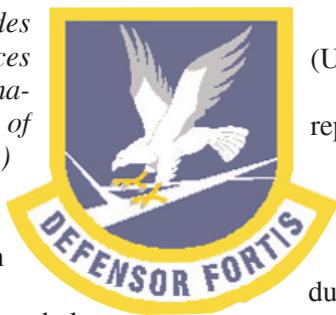
Air Force ROTC is the largest and oldest source of commissioned officers for the Air Force. The program commissions about 2,500 second lieutenants annually. (Courtesy of Air Education Training Command News Service)



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.)

- A civilian was charged with Assault
- An airman was charged with Assault
- Two airmen were involved in verbal altercations with their wives
- Two civilians were charged with Failure to Control Pet
- A civilian was charged with Shoplifting and Criminal Trespassing



- Two airmen reported Theft of Personal (Unsecured) Property
- Damage to Government Property was reported in dormitories 900 and 906
- Security Forces responded to four incidents regarding accidents and damages to POVs
- There were 45 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

With the arrival of warmer weather, many people may travel back and forth to the beach or make other day trips. Remember to drive defensively and keep aware of other drivers who may not be as cautious.



Question Corner

Question: What career field's Air Force Specialty Code is 9C000?

Last week's question: In reference to chemical warfare agent antidotes, CANA stands for convulsion antidote nerve agent (Diazepam).

Last week's winner: Senior Airman Cecil Anderson, 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.



DUI/DWI Statistics

Last incident: 11 days **Punishment:** During 2003, more than 13 stripes were lost at Shaw because of DUIs/DWIs.

Last unit: 20th MDSS

2004 total: 16

2003 total: 28

(As of Thursday)



AADD
Past week's saves: 16

Shaw's Airmen Against Drunk Driving offer free, confidential rides back to base for members who are intoxicated. For a ride, call 983-9722.

Shepherd retirement

Tech. Sgt. Montique Shepherd, 20th Component Maintenance Squadron, is retiring after 20 years of service. He and his family have been at Shaw eight years.

The Philadelphia native and his wife, Vickie, have two children, Montique II and Monea'. After retirement, he plans to work as a Federal Aviation Administrator Safety Inspector in Tampa, Fla.

The retirement ceremony is scheduled for today at 3 p.m. in the Conference Center.

Battle retirement

Master Sgt. Trenton Battle, 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, is retiring after 24 years of service. He and his family have been at Shaw two years.

The Chicago native and his wife, Margaret, have two children, Trenton II and Camellia. After retirement, he plans to continue his studies and pursue a career in professional aeronautics.

The retirement ceremony is scheduled for Sunday at 1 p.m. in the munitions storage area conference room of Building 1813.

Senior Airman below-the-zone promotions

The following Shaw members were recently promoted below-the-zone to the rank of senior airman:

- Marcie Dickerson, 20th Communications Squadron
- Michele Gallina, 609th Combat Operations Squadron

■ Tommy Garcia, 20th Medical Operations Squadron

■ James Mattia, 609th Air Communications Squadron

■ Jonathan Miller, 609th Combat Plans Squadron



Volunteer of the Month

Carla Prestidge

Mrs. Prestidge, wife of Staff Sgt. Alexander Prestidge, 20th Maintenance Operations Squadron, volunteers with Shaw's American Red Cross office. She contributes more than 20 hours a week to gain experiences and meet new people. Mrs. Prestidge says she gets satisfaction from knowing the needs of others are being met through her efforts.

In her own words: "God only gives you what you can handle."

2003 Shaw Air Force Base Women of the Year

Field grade officer



Maj. Paulette Jordan,
609th Air Support
Squadron



GS-7 and above



Patsy Johnson,
20th MSS

Company grade officer



1st Lt. Charlotta Blalock,
9th Air Force



GS-6 and below



Carolyne Henderson,
20th Contracting
Squadron

Senior NCO



Senior Master Sgt. Betty
Abraham, 20th Mission
Support Squadron



(Due to TDY, photos are not available for Staff Sgt. Keli Benford, 9th AF, winner in the NCO category and Airman 1st Class Rozel Liwanag, 20th Medical Support Squadron, winner in the Airman category.)

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1993 and 1995.

These BRACs saved the DoD \$17 billion from 1988 through 2001 and \$7 billion each year after that by reducing redundant and overlapping capabilities. The DoD's position is that money currently being spent on bases could be used to modernize weapons, enhance quality of life and improve readiness.

All of these closures were reviewed by an independent commission and approved by the President and Congress in accordance with the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, which governs the process.

The current BRAC began in November of 2002 when the Department of Defense received congressional authorization for a base realignment and closure round. The DoD then established a BRAC policy and process framework. A list of guidelines for BRAC decisions was submitted to Congress in Feb. 2004, and in May 2005, the Secretary of Defense will submit his recommendations to the BRAC Commission. Then in

September 2005, the Commission will submit their report to the President and he will decide whether or not to accept the report. If he does not accept the report, revisions may take place until Nov. 7, 2005. On that date, BRAC will be finalized. A highly detailed timeline is at <http://www.defenselink.mil/brac/docs/time03.pdf>.

The military must consider all military installations equally in forming their recommendations to the BRAC committee. BRAC recommendations will be based on criteria that make military value the primary consideration. The criteria include:

- Current and future mission capabilities and the impact on operational readiness of DoD's total force, including the impact on joint warfighting, training and readiness.

- The availability and condition of land, facilities and associated airspace, including training areas suitable for maneuver by ground, naval or air forces throughout a diversity of climate and terrain areas and staging areas for the use of the armed forces in

homeland defense missions.

- The ability to accommodate contingency, mobilization and future requirements.

- The cost of operations and the manpower implications.

Other considerations include:

- The extent and timing of potential costs and savings.

- The economic impact on existing communities in the vicinity of military installations.

- The ability of both existing and potential receiving communities' infrastructure to support forces, missions and personnel.

- The environmental impact, including that of costs related to potential environmental restoration, waste management and environmental compliance.

Although comment from the general public on BRAC is encouraged, DoD guidance states DoD personnel may not participate in their official capacity in the activities of any organization with a purpose, directly or indirectly, to protect bases from realignment or closure.

Because of the potential impact,

BRAC can be a subject of high interest to those who may be involved. Unfortunately, hoaxes are in circulation. Last fall, an e-mail hoax was circulated which spoofed an Air Force Print News story. That e-mail took a legitimate story titled "Air Force releases 2004 realignment," published July 23, 2003, and added a false list of DoD installations for "closure or realignment." Air Force Print News published a story to dismiss that hoax as soon as it was brought to their attention.

Additionally, using any internet search engine will provide a multitude of web pages listing their owners' personal opinion and speculation.

"These are privately operated sites with no ties to or support from the DoD," said Col. Billy Uhle, 20th Fighter Wing vice commander. "The official list will not be out until next year. People should not listen to these rumors."

For more information, visit www.defenselink.mil/BRAC.

(Compiled from information at defenselink.mil and af.mil. Tech. Sgt. Marie Pintar contributed to this story.)

Catholic

Stations of the Cross-- Tonight at 5 p.m., followed by a community soup supper

Palm Sunday Services-- Saturday Vigil at 5 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.

Holy Thursday Mass-- 7 p.m. Thursday

Good Friday Service-- 7 p.m. April 9

Easter Vigil-- 8 p.m. April 10

Easter Mass-- 9 a.m. April 11

(All above events are at the Palmetto Chapel.)

Shaw Chapel Easter Events

Easter Sunday Services

Easter Sunrise Service-- 6 a.m. at Memorial Lake

Gospel Service-- 8 a.m. at Friendship Chapel

Liturgical Service-- 10 a.m. at Palmetto Chapel

Shared Faith Service-- 11 a.m. at Palmetto Chapel

Faith Factor Service-- 6 p.m. at Palmetto Chapel

Protestant

Palm Sunday Services-- 8 a.m. Sunday School
Dramatization Gospel Service at Friendship Chapel

Easter Cantata-- 11 a.m. Shared Faith
Service at the Palmetto Chapel

Good Friday Service-- 7 p.m. April 9 at the
Friendship Chapel

The Living Last Supper-- 7 p.m. Sunday at
Palmetto Chapel, 2 p.m. April 10 at the Base
Theater



Leaders discuss future of F/B 22

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper said before the House Armed Services Committee recently that a variant of the F/A-22 Raptor is one consideration for the next long-range strike aircraft.

"We're trying to define what piece of technology we need to take the big leap to be able to do long-range strike," Gen. Jumper said. "One of the candidates is a variation of the F/A-22, taking full advantage of the development work that's been done on that airplane."

Selecting the F/A-22 as the basis for the new bomber makes sense because it would be very efficient to build, the secretary said.

"It is a bomber variant of the F/A-22, which would give it dramatically greater range -- somewhat short of the B-2 Spirit -- but still it's able to fight and depart quickly," Secretary Roche said. "A problem with our very large bombers is they don't have the ability to fight on their own and, given where we're thinking of using very stealthy systems, the ability to escape a particular problem -- or to

shoot back and scoot out -- is very important."

The secretary admitted that the F/B-22 would not be able to carry as much ordnance as heavy bombers, but the use of precision-guided munitions would more than make up the difference. The F/B variant of the Raptor would also have larger wings than the F/A model.

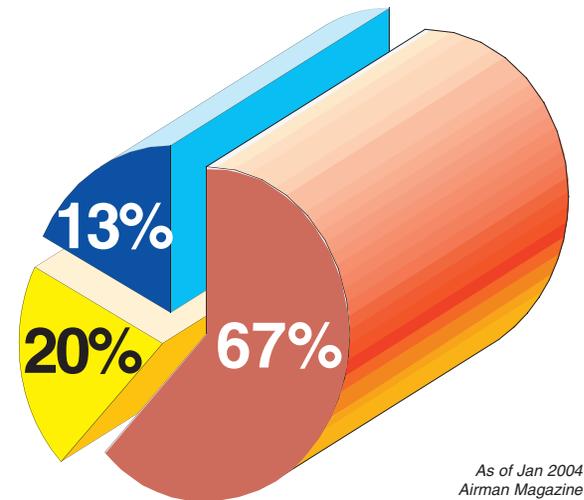
"We now have weapons that are so precise, instead of talking about how many aircraft do we need to attack a target, it's how many targets can we attack with one flight of the airplane," he said.

"In the case of the F/B-22, we are looking for something that can complement the F/A-22, which will be a deep-strike system," Secretary Roche said. *(Brief courtesy of Air Force Print News)*



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	Active Duty	370,473
	Air National Guard	108,286
	Reserves	74,219

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