



## Newslines

### Main Gate closure

The Main Gate is closed Saturday for painting. The Visitor Center will remain open and the Polifka Gate will be open.

### Hours of operation

In memory of former president Ronald Reagan, today's hours are:

Commissary	Closed
BX	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Food court	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Burger King	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Housing shoppette	Closed
Shoppette/AutoPride/Class 6	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Military Clothing	Closed
Fitness Center	7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Shaw Lanes	5 - 11 p.m.
20th Medical Group	Closed
BX Pharmacy	Closed
Friendship Chapel	open 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. for prayer remembrance

### Change of command

Lt. Col. Franklin Ladson will turn over command of the 20th Services Squadron to Maj. Gilbert Eddy at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Conference Center.

Lt. Col. John Ducharme will relinquish command of the 20th Comptroller Squadron to Lt. Col. Bruce F. Gunn at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Conference Center.

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## Weekend Weather

Saturday



PM t-storms  
High: 92  
Low: 72

Courtesy of the 20th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

Sunday



Mostly cloudy  
High: 83  
Low: 70

# AEF cycle increases to 120 days

By Staff Sgt. Alicia Prakash  
Editor

Air and space expeditionary force deployments are expanding from 90 to 120 days, announced Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper June 4.

According to officials, this change will become effective in AEF cycle 5 in September and those who deploy as part of AEF 1 and 2 should prepare for a 120-day deployment.

Airmen currently deployed as part of AEF 7 and 8 and AEF 9 and 10 are expected to remain on the 90-day deployment schedule.

The reason for the change is the requirement for deployable forces is not expected to decrease in the fore-

seeable future, Gen. Jumper said. To help extend tour lengths to 120 days, the entire AEF cycle was adjusted. The new cycle, now 20 months in length, allows for a four-month eligibility window and a 16-month training window.

"I think it's good," said Senior Airman Idella Maddox, 20th Fighter Wing command chief assistant. "I would rather deploy every 20 months, than every 15."

She falls into the September deployment and said it would be a strain on her family, but she is optimistic.

"I know what I have to do," she said. "That is what I am here for."

Airman Maddox, along with other deployable personnel, must not only be ready mentally, but also meet

training requirements.

"Personnel should be trained and ready to go," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Thomson, 20th Fighter Wing staff agency unit deployment manager.

He said he ensures mobility training records are current.

"It is not only the supervisor, but also the member's responsibility to know what training is needed," he said.

Col. Sam Angelella, 20th Fighter Wing commander, said being fit to fight--professionally, physically and mentally--is necessary for a successful deployment as Airmen prepare to meet the new standards.

"Everyone contributes to the mission," said Col. Angelella. "Each Airman can expect to support it, whether at home or abroad."



## Heavy load

20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron members offload a MJ-2A, hydraulic test stand, Wednesday. It was displayed in Myrtle Beach, S.C., in support of an air show June 3-6. The MJ-2A tests hydraulics on aircraft wings and landing gear.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Alicia Prakash

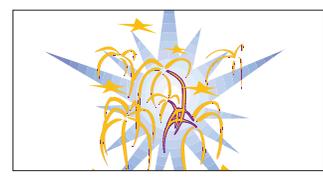


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Gen. Jumper gives insight to new AEFs.

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Juneteenth: a celebration of freedom.



## Newslines II

### 20th CPTS closure

The 20th Comptroller Squadron is set to close Thursday at noon and will reopen at 3 p.m.

### College visit

Morris College counselors are set to visit the Education Center auditorium from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday to discuss educational programs offered.

For more information, call the Education Center at **895-4716**.

### Housing information

The Yard of the Month competition in base housing for June has begun. One winner will be chosen from Shaw Heights, Shaw Manor and Palmetto Heights.

Recreational vehicles are prohibited in housing areas unless parked in individual driveways or carports.

# U.S. Citizenship soon free to military

By Staff Sgt. Alicia Prakash  
Editor

Beginning this fall, all fees will be waived for military applicants gaining citizenship.

Military members currently pay \$385 to obtain U.S. citizenship, but as of October 1, it will be free.

Mr. Richard Downs, 20th Mission Support Squadron customer service team leader, said he thinks it is a good thing to do for service members.

"It's a nice token of appreciation to them for serving our country," he said.

Interested military members complete an application at the military personnel flight customer service office and take a quiz about America. After successful completion, the applicant continues on to Charleston, S.C., to complete the citizenship process.

U.S. citizenship affects voting

privileges and may affect running for public office. Other benefits to military members becoming U.S. citizens include eligibility:

- For reenlistment
- For receiving selective reenlistment bonuses
- For promotion opportunities
- For overseas assignments
- To gain security clearance
- To apply for commissioning programs, Palace Chase and Palace Front

Mr. Downs said though members applying for citizenship prior to October will not receive reimbursement, they should not wait to apply just for the waiver.

"If you want a particular overseas assignment, don't wait until October," he said. "There may be a longer wait for processing then."

Mr. Downs said four to six months is the average time it takes to complete the citizenship process.

"The timing was very adequate," said Senior Airman Junior Almonte, 55th Aircraft Maintenance Unit.

He said he thought it was relatively quick compared to the five years he thought it would take in the civilian sector.

Airman Almonte was a citizen of Dominican Republic before recently gaining citizenship here. He could not put a dollar value on the cost of U.S. citizenship.

"It's priceless," he said. "The sense of freedom and the opportunity to vote is priceless."

Airman Almonte said being a U.S. citizen will also allow him to advance in his career.

"It will give me the sense I can excel without any barrier," he said. "My family is thrilled to know at least one of the family members has achieved something significant."

For more information on citizenship, call Mr. Downs at **895-1598**.

## 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.)*

■ Two Airmen were charged with Under-Age Drinking.

■ An Airman was charged with Theft of Government property and failure to obey a lawful order.

■ Two family member dependents were charged with shoplifting from the BX.

■ An NCO and his wife were involved in a verbal

altercation at their base housing residence.

■ Security Forces responded to three incidents regarding damage to private property.

■ Security Forces responded to five vehicle accidents and five vehicle lockouts.

■ There were 40 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

The 20th Security Forces Squadron responded to several vehicle accidents recently. Listed below are techniques to prevent backing accidents:

- Get to know your vehicle blind spots
- Remember every backing situation is different
- Conduct a walkaround prior to getting in your vehicle
- Take an extra second to look over your shoulder prior to moving your vehicle

## Question Corner

**Question:** On May 30, 1916, which president officially established Flag Day and what day is National Flag Day currently observed?

**Answer to last week's question:** General Curtis LeMay, appointed to the position in 1961, was the fifth chief of staff of the Air Force.

**Last week's winner:** Airman 1st Class Ann V. Seng, 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.



## DUI/DWI Statistics

**Last incident:** 15 days

**Last unit:** 20th AMXS

**2004 total:** 24

**2003 total:** 28

*(As of Wednesday)*

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

**AIRMEN 24/7**

**AADD**  
Past week's saves: 35

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

## Security forces get civilian boots on the ground

By Master Sgt. Randy L. Mitchell  
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — Security forces Airmen will see 495 new civilians added to their ranks between July and October.

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche directed the positions be added at the squadron level to free up more Airmen for duties at home station and on deployments.

Members of the 20th Security Forces Squadron are looking forward to having civilians as members of their unit.

“It’s a great opportunity for retirees and other civilians to get civil service positions,” said Staff Sgt. Edwin Zapata, 20th SFS unit trainer. “It will be excellent to have them here in permanent positions after Army personnel complete their support duties at Shaw.”

Officials expect many of the new positions will

be filled by separating or retiring security forces Airmen, but said they will be accepting other qualified applicants as well.

“Security forces commanders would prefer to keep experienced Airmen working with the Air Force instead of losing them to the private industry,” said Michael Allen, chief of the security civilian career program at the Air Force Personnel Center.

People interested in applying for any Air Force position can visit the civilian employment Web page at <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afjobs/>, and use the Air Force Job Kit to prepare and submit a resume. They will then need to monitor the employment page or the USAJOBS Office of Personnel Management Web site at [www.usajobs.opm.gov/](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/), where they will be able to apply online for the positions.

Vacancies exist in related career fields like security-forces administration; information, personnel

and industrial security; security-forces investigations; training; resource advisor; resource protection; standardization and evaluation; plans; and wing and squadron anti-terrorism force protection.

According to Capt. Gregory Woosley, 20th Security Forces Squadron operations officer, 14 positions will be available at Shaw. Some of the sections where positions will be are reports and analysis; pass and registration; information security; and training and scheduling.

“Opening up positions to civilians will allow security forces at Shaw and Air Force-wide to offset manning stress now and in the future,” said Capt. Woosley. “The positions they will be filling will make the military members available for other duties such as deploying.”

Information is also available at the Air Force Contact Center at **(800) 616-3775** or at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil). (Ms. Adriene M. Dicks contributed to this article.)

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# Active-duty Airmen will test for HIV every two years

By G.W. Pomeroy

*Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs*

**BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C.** — Beginning June 1, all active-duty Airmen will be required to complete routine human immunodeficiency virus testing every two years. This is a Defense Department policy change geared toward standardizing testing across the services, officials said.

The policy, recommended by members of the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, will also require Reserve and Guard Airmen called to active duty for 30 or more days to have a current HIV test within two years of the date called.

Since the Defense Department began testing in the mid-1980s, each military service has had its own HIV-testing program. Testing intervals varied by service — from one to five years — and procedures were inconsistent, board officials said.

According to 1st Lt. Cynthia Daniels, 20th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron public health chief, members at Shaw were tested based on various factors.

“It used to depend whether a member was PSCing or if their mobility slot was approaching,” she said.

The two-year interval provides the best protection from the hazards associated with military service for HIV-infected service members, board officials said.

“It will make testing more efficient,” said Lt. Daniels. “This will also cut costs.”

She said the cost in resources, time and energy can be decreased with the implementation of the two-year standard.

HIV testing identifies as early as possible service members who are infected so military health-care providers can treat them to reduce transmission. The screenings also preclude deployment overseas and other risks that may be associated with military service for those infected.

Within the Air Force, screenings preferably

will occur during an Airman’s preventive health assessment, said Maj. (Dr.) Mylene Huynh, a preventive medicine officer at Air Force Medical Service headquarters.

Routine interval testing does not preclude HIV screening for reasons such as testing before drug or alcohol treatment, incarceration, occupational exposure clinical indications or at an Airman’s request, Dr. Huynh said.

She also said HIV testing will remain available for all service members upon request without inquiring as to the reason for the test.

Under the policy, active-duty Airmen are no longer required to undergo an HIV test before moving overseas or within 12 months of a consecutive overseas tour, Dr. Huynh said.

Members at Shaw are encouraged to take care of their health and can receive confidential counseling from 20th Medical Group personnel.

For more information on HIV testing and prevention, call Shaw’s Public Health Office at **895-6193**.

*(Staff. Sgt. Alicia Prakash contributed to this article.)*



# Absentee voter registration under way

By Army Sgt. Stephanie Carldriene  
17th Public Affairs Detachment

**BAGRAM AIR BASE, AFGHANISTAN** -- In just five months, voters nationwide will take advantage of their Constitutional rights as they help decide who will win the 2004 general election. With many service members and civilian employees deployed overseas, voting by absentee ballot is just as important to the election as the votes of those still in the United States.

"Voting is just one of the rights we're here for," said Marine Maj. Bryan Carter, Coalition Joint Task Force-76 senior voting assistance officer. "Voting is how our democracy works. Really, it's how we speak to our government."

By registering to vote on a Standard Form 76, *Federal Post Card Application*, U.S. citizens overseas can vote in all elections held at their home

of record for a period of one year. The only requirements to be eligible to vote are that you are a U.S. citizen who will be 18 years old on the date of the election.

"Once you fill out a SF-76, you send it back to the [United] States, where it gets approved by your local voting official," Maj. Carter said. He said it is important to make sure all your data on the card is correct, otherwise, it may affect the district a person is able to vote in.

District registration gives voters a voice regarding different laws being considered in their voting district, and it allows them to vote in elections at every level.

An alternative to the standard form

is the online version of the Federal Voting Assistance Program. The online version can be filled out on the FVAP's official Web site at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov), printed out and mailed to local voting officials.

After a local voting official approves the registration form, the voter will receive ballots in the mail for every election held in the next year, Maj. Carter said.

The major said he anticipates ballots for the presidential election to arrive sometime in September.

However, those who want their vote counted should not wait until the last minute to mail

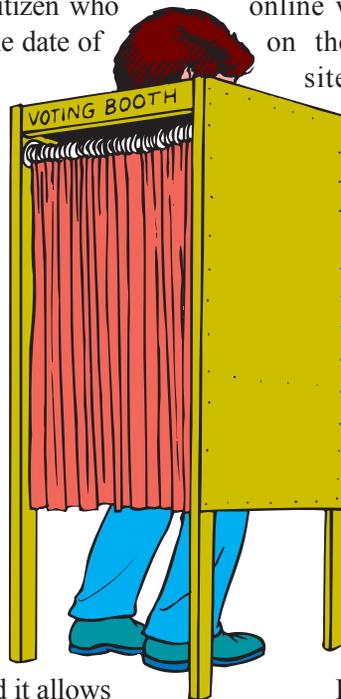
in their ballots.

This election year, a lot of attention is focused on absentee voters getting their paperwork in on time and participating in the elections.

"A big concern right now is there are so many service members (and civilians) deployed," Maj. Carter said. "That's why there's such an emphasis on voting."

"We want to make sure everyone knows individuals do count," he said. "And their votes will be counted for their future. Our elections aren't just about people; they're about taxes, bonds, referendums, schools, cities and counties. We're allowing the people we elect to work and perform different functions, and by voting, we get to approve or disapprove many of these functions."

For more information, see your Shaw unit voting representative or call **895-1200**.



## HazMart, CAP inspect shops

### New contractor assists with quality assurance, customer satisfaction

The Hazardous Materials Pharmacy and the Central Accumulation Point recently switched contractors.

Both base organizations will provide the same services, such as bar-coding and tracking hazardous material, picking up hazardous waste, etc. Also, the household and organizational free-issue program will be maintained.

There are, however, some changes coming as a result of the management shift.

First of all, HazMart Pharmacy personnel have begun shop compliance assistance visits. During these visits, pharmacy employees look for materials that have not been bar-coded, verify shop authorizations, and assist customers with any questions or problems they may have concerning their shop's handling of hazardous material.

The reports and findings collected from these visits will be forwarded to the

HazMart quality assurance monitor, Mr. Steve Hornaday, along with the shop's environmental coordinator if one is available.

In addition, customers will be required to submit pricing information on items they plan to purchase through local vendors or manufacturers.

CAP personnel will be required to perform inspections at hazardous waste pickup areas.

Customers will be asked to fill out questionnaires regarding services provided by the HazMart and CAP.

For more information, call the HazMart Pharmacy at **895-9933/9931**; or the CAP at **895-0120**. *(Information courtesy of the HazMart Pharmacy and CAP.)*



## EMSEC helps deter security leaks

To combat the problem of unintentionally leaking classified information, the Air Force established the Emission Security Program in 1992.

EMSEC is an information assurance discipline that includes all measures taken to deny unauthorized persons information derived from intercepting and analyzing unintentional signals that escape Air Force information systems.

Computers emit energy in various forms like a radio tower. They unintentionally leak the information they're processing along with that energy. This opens the door for an adversary to gain unauthorized access to classified information. Telecommunication devices such as cellular telephones, two-way pagers, radio frequency transmitters and Personal Digital Assistants also pose a serious threat.

"The Wing Information Assurance Office is committed to eliminating this vulnerability but can only do this if the entire Shaw team is on board," said Master Sgt. Anthony Sulton, 20th Fighter Wing IA Office superintendent. Everyone using a computer that processes classified information must verify an Emission Security Assessment has been accomplished on that machine and then must re-assess it annually thereafter.

"EMSEC is an important part of maintaining information security in today's Air Force environment," said Mr. James Cox, 20th FW IA Office chief.

For more information, contact your Information Systems Security Officer or call **895-1133**. *(Information courtesy of the 20th FW IA Office.)*

## ACC SERVICES FIELD GRADE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

LT. COL. FRANKLIN LADSON

Unit: 20th Services Squadron

Title: Commander

### Accomplishments

- Facilitated the disposal or transfer of 15,000 square feet of excess equipment valued at \$3 million
- Gained more than \$40,000 in commercial sponsorship
- Opened a \$5.8 million dining facility, which won the Air Combat Command Food Service Excellence Award for 2003

### Accolades

“(Col. Ladson) superbly leads the 20th SVS, which does an outstanding job of meeting the needs of the Shaw community. This includes food support, honor guard, Club Shaw and more. He’s a services genius and an exceptional role model.”-- Col. Bryan Kuhlmann, 20th Mission Support Group commander



“20th Services Squadron is full of hard-working people doing good things. This award is representative of the whole squadron.” Col. Ladson

### Grogan retirement

Master Sgt. Leila Grogan, 20th Operations Support Squadron, is retiring after 21 years of service. She and her husband, Maj. Michael Grogan, 609th Combat Plans Squadron, have been at Shaw three years.

Along with her husband, the Columbus, Ohio, native calls every member of 20th OG her family. After retirement, Sgt. Grogan plans on learning to cook, attending squadron spouses’ functions and volunteering at the Montgomery School for the Deaf and Blind in Montgomery, Ala.

The ceremony is today at 3 p.m. in the Community Center.

### Alvin retirement

Senior Master Sgt. Michael Alvin, 337th Recruiting Squadron, is retiring after 26 years of service. The Savannah, Ga., native and his wife, Lenise, have been at Shaw three years.

After retirement, Sgt. Alvin plans to finish his degree in religious studies and move on to a pastoral ministry.

The ceremony is scheduled for June 18 at 11 a.m. at Lake Wateree, S.C.

## Team Shaw members stay in the blue

The following Shaw personnel re-enlisted during the month of May:

### Chief master sergeants

Kim Horner, 20th Operations Support Squadron; Robert Kennedy Jr., 609th Air Communications Squadron

### Senior master sergeants

Clarence Bellant, 20th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Richard Kaiser, 609th ACOMS; Peter Tetreault, 609th Air Support Squadron

### Master sergeants

Owen Angleton Jr., 31st Intelligence Squadron; Terry Brum, 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron; Steord Coleman, 20th EMS; Earl Durette, 20th Medical Operations Squadron;

William Stuhr, 20th EMS; Reginald Wyche, 20th OSS

### Technical sergeants

Cynthia Borton, 20th OSS; Donald Cornell, 20th EMS; Jeffery Dunigon, 20th Communications Squadron; Jeffrey Gardner, 20th Maintenance Group; Danny Goldston, 28th Operational Weather Squadron; Corwaloreese Holloman, 20th OSS; Patricia Logue, 20th EMS; Marlin Mahloch, 338th Training Squadron; Jackie Modlin Jr., 20th Civil Engineer Squadron; Timothy Newton, 20th AMXS; Gerald Perry, 20th EMS; Michael Poppler, 20th EMS; Jerry Sapp Jr., 20th Component Maintenance Squadron; Mark Smith, 9th Air Force; Grant Ulmer, 20th OSS; Terry Yeager, 20th AMXS

### Staff sergeants

Joseph Casey, 20th CES; Scott Ferrell, 20th CS; Vincent Gregory, 20th OSS; Charles Heffner III, 20th CMS; Brandon Jones, 31st IS; Cynthia Kraudy, 20th EMS; Whitney Levineabers, 31st IS; Robert Lewandowski Jr., 20th MXG; Ronnie Parker III, 20th MXG; Richard Pouliot, 20th EMS; Angela Pudder, 20th Maintenance Operations Squadron; James Rhodes, 609th ACOMS; James Wittkofske, 20th Logistics Readiness Squadron

### Senior airmen

Robert Cummings, 20th AMXS; Robert Doll, 28th OWS; Justin Lafler, 20th LRS; Samantha Messina, 20th Services Squadron; Deborah Otto, 20th CMS; Nicole Sacco, 20th LRS; Shannon Vital, 20th CS



## Hispanic Heritage Dance



The Hispanic Heritage Committee is scheduled to host a dance June 25 from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Club Shaw. The cost is \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. Music to be featured includes soca, salsa, merengue, Spanish Reggae, bachata, dance hall and more. Refreshments will be available. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Staff Sgt. Jose Maldonado at [jose.maldonado@shaw.af.mil](mailto:jose.maldonado@shaw.af.mil).



## Stork Sorties

March 4 -- Mathew Alexander to John Thomas and Liz Horton-Thomas

April 27 -- Anna Lucia to James and Sara Wiger

May 6 -- Katrina Catherine-Daley to Brian and Jasmine Larson

If you would like your child’s birth announced in the Stork Sorties section of *The Shaw Spirit*, send the date of birth, baby’s full name and the first and last name of the parent(s) to [spirit.editor@shaw.af.mil](mailto:spirit.editor@shaw.af.mil).