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Changes of Command

Lt. Col. Barbara Jorgensen will turn over command of the 20th Mission Support Squadron to Maj. Rex Vanderwood at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Conference Center.

Lt. Col. Courtney Ducharme will relinquish command of the 609th Air Intelligence Squadron to Lt. Col. Andrew Slawson at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Conference Center.

Maj. Kraig Hanson will turn over command of the 20th Communications Squadron to Maj. Dean Hullings at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Conference Center.

Closures

The 20th Medical Group is set to close Friday through Monday for the holiday weekend, with no Saturday clinic. For medical emergencies, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. For non-emergencies, call 895-CARE.

Holiday hours for other base facilities are listed on Page 4.

The following 20th Mission Support Squadron flights are set to close Tuesday from 9:30 - 11 a.m. for a change of command: the Education Center, Family Support Center and civilian and military personnel flights. The Customer Service section of the MPF will remain open.

The legal office is set to close July 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for an official function. For immediate assistance, call 983-1415.

Weekend Weather

Saturday



P.M. t-storms
High: 89
Low: 72

Sunday



P.M. t-storms
High: 90
Low: 73

Courtesy of the 20th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight



Photo by Staff Sgt. Josef Cole

Mind over metal

Senior Airman Christopher Menapace, 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron metals technician, mills a go-no-go gauge June 23 at the metal shop on base. The gauge is used to ensure bomb-rack firing pins are within proper tolerances.

Phase I tests 20th FW readiness

By Airman 1st Class Susan Penning
Staff writer

The 20th Fighter Wing wrapped up a Phase I exercise Thursday. The organization has been practicing its war-time skills with a series of Phase I and II exercises throughout the year. In the most recent readiness test, an additional goal was added.

"During this Phase I, new wing leaders have been immersed into Shaw's

readiness methods. We plan to use what they have to bring to the fight and merge it with the successes and knowledge we have gained from past exercises here at Shaw," said Lt. Col. Vic Hedgpeth, 20th FW chief of wing inspections.

For many senior leaders, this is their first Shaw readiness exercise.

"We will build on the tradition of excellence that's been established here, yet allow ourselves to transform to meet future mission challenges," said Col. Philip Ruhlman, 20th FW commander.

Continuing to practice readiness through exercises is a vital component to mission success.

"You can train people all you want, but aside from the real thing, an exercise is the best way to show how effective training is," said Lt. Col. Hedgpeth. "Everyone does their part at their specific shop on a daily basis. Exercises allow



Photo by Staff Sgt. Josef Cole

Airman 1st Class Gabriel Angel, 20th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, ensures aircraft readiness through proper servicing.

members to see the big picture; to watch all the pieces come together and see Team Shaw function as one machine."

According to the lieutenant colonel, inputs are still being gathered to evaluate improvements made during this Phase I.

Deployment goals for Phase I

	People	520
	Aircraft	20
	Cargo	350 short tons

Numbers are approximations. (Information courtesy of 20th FW Inspections.)



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Be safe while barbecuing this summer.

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Get tips on kicking the nicotine habit for good.



Holiday hours

Sunday's hours are:

Commissary	Closed
BX	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Food court	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Burger King	10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Housing shoppette	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Shoppette/Class 6	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Military Clothing	Closed Saturday/Sunday
Fitness Center	7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Shaw Lanes	Closed
Housing U-Fix-It	Closed Saturday/Sunday

Monday's hours are:

Commissary	Closed
BX	9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Food court	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Burger King	8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Housing shoppette	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Shoppette/Class 6	6 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Military Clothing	Closed
Fitness Center	7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Shaw Lanes	Closed
Housing U-Fix-It	Closed

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 reported items stolen from their dorm rooms.

■ An Airman and his spouse were involved in a domestic disturbance at their base housing residence. Both were charged with Underage Consumption of Alcohol and Child Neglect. The spouse was also charged with Assault.

■ Two Airmen and three civilians were apprehended for Underage Consumption of Alcohol, Possession of Alcohol by a Minor and Underage Persons in a Dorm. One Airman was apprehended for Contributing to a Minor.

■ Security Forces responded to 10 accidents involving POVs and GOVs.

■ There were 14 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

Only a state-issued handicapped license plate and Air Force Form 787, *Handicapped Person Vehicle Decal*, authorizes handicapped parking on base.

To be issued a permanent base handicapped-parking permit, an individual must bring valid registration to Security Forces Pass and Registration, with appropriate annotations showing state granting of handicapped parking privileges.

Question Corner ?

Question:
Can you identify the plane on the right?



Answer to last week's question: Col. Philip Ruhlman's previous assignment was Assistant Director of Air and Space Operations, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

Last week's winner: Airman Steven Hayes, 20th Equipment Maintenance 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: 10 days

Last unit: 609th AIS

2004 total: 26

2003 total: 28

(As of Wednesday)

Punishment: Military members who receive a DUI/DWI are subject to: reduction in rank, forfeiture of pay and driving privileges, extra duty, Article 15 actions and more.

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.

Iraqi delegation visits Balad Air Base

New Iraqi government applauds efforts of U.S. military members

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq -- Mr. Hoshiyar Zebari, Iraqi minister of foreign affairs, and other members of the Iraqi governing council, including Iraqi defense minister Mr. Hazim al-Shaalan, visited here June 27 on their way to Istanbul, Turkey, to the NATO summit. While here, Mr. Zebari thanked the United States for its assistance in helping form a new Iraqi government.

"Your mission was worth it," Mr. Zebari said of the U.S. military's effort in Iraq. "We're very proud of your sacrifices and deeply appreciate what you have done.

"Today as we flew here, we saw satellite dishes mounted on people's rooftops," said Mr. Zebari, an Iraqi-Kurd who fought in numerous rebellions against the former regime. "One and a half years ago, people would have gotten sentenced to death for having something like that. This is a new era for [Iraqis]."

He said since Operation Iraqi Freedom started,

Iraqis have experienced great leaps in personal freedoms, including freedom of the press and religion, unrestricted Internet access and other privileges of a democratic society.

Mr. Zebari also said many Iraqis have seen a significant rise in their income.

"Another great change has been the rise in salaries for civil servants, teachers and other government jobs," he said. "Some salaries have gone up 100 times higher in some sectors."

Mr. Zebari said the end result of pay raises has been the steady improvement in the quality of life for Iraqis.

"People are out buying all kinds of new gadgets," he said. "Before [Operation Iraqi Freedom] this would have been impossible. Most people never dreamed of this kind of freedom before."

But freedom has not come free. Mr. Zebari

said the challenges both American and Iraqi security forces are facing is the other side effect of having more freedoms.

"Every era of change has its complications," he said. "But I believe it's just a matter of time before the security situation improves."

Mr. Al-Shaalan planned to address some security concerns while attending the NATO summit.

He said the Iraqi military is still in the early stage of development and needs more equipment, training and facilities.

The defense minister also urged U.S. service members to not let negative media reports or poll results dissolve their resolve for accomplishing the mission.

"The media can be unfair at times," he said. "We think (Operation Iraqi Freedom) was the right decision. History will show that your actions were right."



Clothing policy revised for SWA deployments

By Staff Sgt. Todd C. Lopez
379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA -- All Airmen deploying to the Central Command area of responsibility must now ensure the clothing they pack is in step with a recent dress and appearance policy revision now in effect.

The most significant change requires Airmen to wear either desert camouflage uniforms or physical training gear while on an Air Force installation in Southwest Asia, said Lt. Gen. Buck Buchanan, U.S. Central Command Air Forces commander.

When the Air Force physical training uniform is made available, it and DCUs will be the only authorized clothing for Airmen assigned to units in theater, unless they are specifically authorized to wear something else, the general said.

Gen. Buchanan's new policy ensures the Airmen's attire portrays a positive military image and supports the area's force-protection posture.

"As a military community, we are increasingly taking on the role of U.S. ambassadors," Gen. Buchanan wrote in the policy letter. "We must also ensure protection of our forces. Accordingly, I have reviewed proper order and discipline requirements

and force-protection policies, with regards to dress and appearance, to ensure every possible step has been taken to portray a positive military image and to protect the personnel assigned to this command."

At Army installations in the region, the Army dress and appearance requirements, which parallel the new CENTAF policies, will be the standard for deployed Airmen.

Because the Air Force PT uniform is still in development, Airmen are authorized to wear civilian-style PT gear as long as it is conservative, professional and with only minimal and appropriate decoration. Shirts must have sleeves and be predominantly a solid color. Shorts must reach to the mid or lower thigh and can not be made of spandex, the general said.

For duty-related tasks requiring civilian clothing, for military travel in and out of the theater, and for locations where Airmen are authorized to leave the installation for cultural or recreational activities, they must wear conservative clothing. The policy defines conservative as sleeved shirts and dress pants or jeans, which fit properly and are a solid, dark color and in good repair. Shoes should also be conservative and sturdy. Well-maintained sneakers or hiking boots are recommended, while open-toed

shoes, sandals and "flip-flops" are prohibited.

The policy gives installation commanders the leeway to authorize people to wear civilian clothing for specific official duties or visits, special activities and specialized PT such as swimming, weight lifting, basketball and volleyball. The clothing authorized in these instances will be conservative as defined and posted by installation commanders.

A new policy letter specifically states Airmen deploying to the AOR should bring only a "minimum amount of civilian clothing," defined as no more than two dress outfits and/or two casual outfits, not including standard or specialized PT gear.

"How military members present themselves both on and off duty continues to be an important part of the effect our presence has at locations across the globe," Gen. Buchanan said. "This policy ensures our Airmen's dress and appearance give the same professional impression their tireless accomplishment of the mission does every day. And as importantly, the conservative, low profile it creates reinforces our force-protection goals and operations in the theater."

For more information on deploying or to get a copy of the policy letter, visit the 20th Support Center building or call **895-1596**.



Volunteer of the Month

Garnet Barnett

Mrs. Barnett, wife of Mr. Dennis Barnett, U.S. Air Force retired, volunteers at the military treatment facility's pharmacy. She normally works Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, but goes in whenever she's needed. "I like to help people," said Mrs. Barnett "The small part I play allows the pharmacy staff to perform their duties in a more efficient, timely manner." She says she volunteers because it gives her the satisfaction of knowing in some small way, she serves those who sacrifice so much to serve our country.

Words I live by: "Try to do your best and let God do the rest."

Birth announcements



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.

Jammin' July 4th

Team Shaw members and their guests are invited to Jammin' July 4th, Shaw's Independence Day celebration. The event is scheduled for Sunday from 5 to 10 p.m. in the area adjacent to the Community Center and Shaw Lanes. Included in the evening's entertainment and activities will be live music, a craft show, rides, games and the fireworks display. Food and beverages will also be sold. For more information, call the Community Center at **895-3382** or the Marketing Office at **895-4897**.