



## Newslines

### Awards luncheon

Shaw's Quarterly Awards Luncheon is set for Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Center. See a top-three representative for tickets.

### In memory

The men and women of Team Shaw express their condolences to the family and friends of Tech. Sgt. Steve W. Vereen, 20th



Civil Engineer Squadron, who died July 14. Lt. Col Mark Bednar, 20th CE commander, said, "He was a dedicated leader and highly respected with enormous potential. He will be dearly missed and his death has given us reason to reflect."

### CFL

The Christian Fellowship Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Center. Reservations should be made by Tuesday at noon. Tickets are \$3.

The guest speaker is Chaplain (Col.) Joe Johnston, 20th Fighter Wing chaplain. For more information, call Ms. Judy Huntley at 895-1408 or the Base Chapel at 895-1106.

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## Weekend Weather

### Saturday



PM t-storms  
High: 91  
Low: 72

### Sunday



Showers  
High: 88  
Low: 72

Courtesy of the 20th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

# Motorcycle safety paramount

By Staff Sgt. Alicia Prakash  
Editor

Col. Philip Ruhlman, 20th Fighter Wing commander, is urging all motorcycle riders to put safety first.

The following are statistics from fiscal year 2004:

- The Air Force has lost 11 members to motorcycle fatalities.

- Air Combat Command alone has had 51 motorcycle mishaps. Three of them were fatalities, two of them were from Shaw.

Col. Ruhlman emphasized the fact that all three fatalities were preventable.

Some common contributing factors were speed, alcohol and lack of safety equipment.

Staff Sgt. Scott McCartney, 372 Training Squadron, Detachment 2 said, "Riders need to change their mindset before they begin to ride."

After performing a safety inspection of your bike, continue to make a conscious effort to remain safe," said "Keep your eyes open and wear protective gear."

He said he has been riding motorcycles for 10 years and riders should be vigilant when it comes to safe riding.

Along with being cautious and wearing protective gear, Shaw and Air Force standards require riding and safety training for members. One way to promote safety at Shaw is to become an active member of the Motorcycle Mentorship Program.

The MMP began at Shaw in May where the group rode during Safety Day, May 21. The program is headed up by Lt. Col. Lee Taylor, 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron commander.

He said the vision of the the program is for experienced riders to

mentor younger or less-experienced riders.

"I am confident the program will get stronger," said Lt. Col. Taylor.

The efforts of this program, safety requirement and training critically important, according to Col. Ruhlman. To increase riders' awareness and decrease accidents he encourages Team Shaw riders to follow all safety requirements and applicable directions.

"We need to do whatever it takes to prevent motorcycle mishaps," he said.

Col. Ruhlman said he wants riders to enjoy their motorcycles, but not at the expense of injury or loss of life.

"Who you are makes a difference, not only to me, but also your fellow Airmen, the Air Force and more importantly your loved ones."



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shirley Henderson



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Leadership training for Airmen, community.

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Tips to control, relieve stress.



## Newslines II

### SNCO banquet

Chief Master Sgt. Bruce Voigt, 20th Maintenance Group, is the guest speaker at the Senior NCO Induction Banquet set for July 30 in the Conference Center. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. Attendants are to be in semi-formal/mess dress or civilian equivalent. Tickets are available through first sergeants.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Chris King at 895-6193 or Master Sgt. Geri Swanson at 895-0906.

### Promotion ceremony

The monthly wing promotion ceremony is set for July 30 at 3 p.m. at Club Shaw.

### Housing information

The Housing Office has vacant housing units on base. For more information, call 895-2424.

## TRICARE: New contract, improved service

TRICARE Management Activity is replacing its regional managed care support service contracts. The new TRICARE health care service will merge 11 stateside TRICARE regions into three; TRICARE West, TRICARE South, and TRICARE North.

Beginning Aug. 1, Shaw will be part of the TRICARE South region serviced by Humana Military Health Services as our Managed Care Support Contractor. Contract oversight will be performed by the TRICARE Regional Office South, San Antonio, Texas.

These TRICARE contracts consist of services to provide beneficiaries with the highest quality of care, a higher level of customer service and added value in all aspects of TRICARE benefits. A strong program will be made better by building on the best aspects of a system developed over the last 10 years, and providing a system of incentives for improvements in quality care, access and claims payments for the military's more than eight million TRICARE beneficiaries.

There will be no change in TRICARE benefits, costs and the enrollment process under the new regional contracts. Beneficiaries who are not currently enrolled in TRICARE Prime but who are eligible, will have the opportunity to enroll. If you are already enrolled in TRICARE Prime, you will remain enrolled and need to take no action. Additionally, new Prime enrollment cards should be received in the mail by Sept. 1.

The national healthcare information line will not be available under the new regional TRICARE contracts. However, Humana Military has developed the following self-service tools available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Through the Web site, [www.humana-military.com](http://www.humana-military.com), users may select providers, pay TRICARE Prime enrollment fees, obtain program brochures, find health and wellness tips, print claim forms and more.

In addition to online tools, Humana also offers 24-hour assistance at (800) 444-5445. This interactive voice

response service enables beneficiaries to confirm eligibility, obtain deductible, cost share, co-payment information, obtain claim status, and verify PCM assignment.

The mission of the TRICARE program is to provide high quality health care and service. Importantly, the military physicians and staff of the 20th Medical Group will remain at the core of delivering on that promise. Contact the 20th MDG TRICARE Office at 895-2273. Other tools available include access to healthcare information through TRICARE Online at [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com) or access to benefit information through TRICARE website at [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil).

The structure of the TRICARE program has been reorganized; your health benefits have not changed. It is our mission to make the transition into the next generation of military health care as smooth as possible for Team Shaw.

(Information courtesy of the 20th MDG.)

## 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 his car stereo stolen from his vehicle in the vicinity of the base dormitories.

■ A juvenile family member was detained and cited for driving without a license. The registered owner was cited for allowing the non-licensed driver to operate it.

■ Two Airmen were apprehended in the same incident. The first Airman was apprehended for Underage Consumption of Alcohol and the second Airman was

apprehended for Providing Alcohol to a Minor.

■ Two Airmen were arrested off base in the same incident. The first Airman was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and the second Airman was arrested for Public Disorderly Conduct.

■ Security Forces responded to five incidents/accidents involving POVs and GOVs.

■ Sixteen traffic tickets were issued during the week.

■ For emergencies, call 911. Direct routine questions and non-emergency concerns to the 20th SFS at 895-3670. If you have information about any crime, call the 20th Security Forces Investigations section at 895-3600.

## Traffic Tips

All military members operating motorcycles must successfully complete and possess proof of completion for U.S. Air Force Traffic Safety Course IVA, Riding Street Skills, or IVB, Experienced Rider Course, in accordance with Air Force Instruction 91-207, *USAF Traffic Safety Program*.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation Certification/Completion Card will suffice as proof of completion.

## Question Corner

**Question:** According to this week's *The Shaw Spirit*, for what variant is the F-35 being built in the Air Force?

**Answer to last week's question:** The Geneva Convention of 1949 consists of four treaties.

**Last week's winner:** Senior Airman Rachel Marshall, 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 and receive two free tickets to the Air Force Birthday Ball set for Sept. 18.



## DUI/DWI Statistics

**Last incident:** 3 days

**Last unit:** 20th AMXS

**2004 total:** 29

**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: 18

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

## Logistics captain wins Air Force-level award

By Ms. Adriene M. Dicks  
Correspondent

Team Shaw has another name to add to its list of Air Force level award winners. Capt. Erin Cluff, 20th Logistics Readiness Squadron Vehicle Management Flight commander, has been named the U.S. Air Force Logistics Readiness Company Grade Officer of the Year for 2003.

Capt. Cluff has been with the 20th LRS since Dec. 2001. In her position, she is responsible for managing the base's fleet of vehicles. Some of her duties include managing the drivers who support tractor trailer and airport runs, serving as support for distinguished visitors, and overseeing the ferrying of people and equipment to locations through the Southeast.

"My position is important to Shaw's mission because I and the people I work with make sure the necessary vehicles are available to Team Shaw to help them get their jobs done," said Capt. Cluff. "We make sure the vehicles are safe, serviceable and in good working condition."

In nominating Capt. Cluff for the award, Lt. Col. Michael McDaniel, 20th LRS commander, described her as a proven combat leader who gives courageous and selfless service.

"From day one, Capt. Cluff has been a results-oriented leader who is brilliant in everything she does. Her superb leadership has molded a cohesive team," said Lt. Col. McDaniel. "She has done outstanding work at home station and while deployed. She provides sound leadership, mentorship and hon-

est feedback to her peers, superiors and subordinates."

The award period was Jan. 1 - Dec. 31 2003. Some of Capt. Cluff's accomplishments during that time include: maintaining 597 vehicles valued at more than \$33 million; instituting a program that ensures all vehicle problems are identified and corrected before leaving the shop; and coordinating the expeditionary force build-up and beddown of more than 80,000 coalition personnel and more than 199,000 short tons of cargo while deployed to Southwest Asia.



According to Capt. Cluff, she is able to succeed in her job because of the support she gets from the talented group she works with. She feels lucky to be their commander because they know the importance of teamwork.

"My flight works very hard. It doesn't matter what time of day or night they are called on, they do whatever is necessary to get the job done," said the captain.

"I have a strong group of senior NCOs and NCOs whose support I need to succeed and they are always supportive. They are consistent in meeting the mission needs from day to day."

In 2002, Capt. Cluff was named the Air Combat Command Logistics Planner of the Year. She is a member of the Logistics Officer Association and the Military Officers Association of America.

Capt. Cluff is married to Maj. James Cluff, 609th Air Operations Group executive officer, and they have three children. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her family, doing home improve-

ments, camping and other outdoor activities.

According to Lt. Col. McDaniel, continued success is what can be expected of Capt. Cluff's Air Force career.

"Capt. Cluff is an exceptional Air Force officer who sets the pace and standard others should emulate," said Lt. Col. McDaniel. "Her future is limitless. She is capable of excelling at any task and in any position."

### Horton retirement

Tech. Sgt. Daniel Horton, 20th Maintenance Operations Squadron, is retiring after five years in the U.S. Air Force Reserves and more than 22 years in the Air Force. He and his family have been at Shaw two years.

The Roseville, Mich., native has three daughters, Glenda, Melissa and Jessica; one son, Bryan; and two grandsons, Christopher and Aaron. After retirement, he plans to continue his aircraft maintenance career in the civilian sector and pursue an advanced degree. Team Shaw, the Air Force and the country thank Sgt. Horton for all his years of service.

The retirement ceremony is scheduled for July 30 at 2 p.m. in the Conference Center.

*The Shaw Spirit* runs announcements for sporting event winners, adult and youth sporting leagues, retirements, award winners and graduates. For more information, call 895-2018 or send an e-mail to [spirit.editor@shaw.af.mil](mailto:spirit.editor@shaw.af.mil).

## Force Development goes civilian

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** -- Career civilian employees will soon have more focused career guidance and expanded opportunities thanks to a new initiative taking place this summer.

Civilian Career Field Management is a part of Force Development that will align civilian and military career fields in order to develop future leaders.

"This is a big change in Air Force civilian career management," said Mr. Gregory Den Herder, executive director of the personnel center. "We've realigned civilian management to provide a systematic approach to developing and sustaining the civilian workforce.

"The foundations of CFM were already in place within our Civilian Career Program Directorate. Now we've tied development, analysis and employment together."

Under CFM, all civilian positions have been assigned to a specific career field similar to military specialty codes. Each career field will have a career path

that helps employees determine where to go or what to do to advance in their careers.

Similar to the officer corps, civilian career fields have development teams located at the personnel center. The 24 development teams will fill positions and manage specific career fields.

CFM will enhance current opportunities for civilian professional education, advanced academic degrees, broader assignment experiences and upward mobility. It will also identify cross-functional paths to expose civilians to a broader scope of operational activities in preparation for senior leadership positions.

"The main goal of CFM is to ensure the right employee gets to the right job with the right skills," said Mr. Den Herder. For more information on civilian careers in the Air Force, call Shaw's Civilian Personnel Flight at **895-1801**. *(Information courtesy of the Air Force Personnel Center.)*

## DOD may expand captivity training

**By Donna Miles**  
*American Forces Press Service*

**WASHINGTON** -- Defense Department officials are taking a hard look at the way they train service members to avoid capture and, if they do fall into enemy hands, how to handle themselves.

A new "core captivity curriculum," expected to be completed this summer, is designed to update training currently being provided to service members whose jobs put them at the highest risk of being captured, said Col. Mark Bracich, director of policy, doctrine and training for the Joint Personnel Recovery Agency at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Col. Bracich said the curriculum is being developed for incorporation into training offered at survival schools. If validated, key concepts of the new curriculum are expected to be intro-

duced into training for all service members beginning with their initial military training.

The new curriculum is designed to address the "asymmetric" modern-day battlefield -- one without clear-cut front lines or clear distinctions between friend and foe. It also considers peacekeeping, humanitarian and other noncombat missions today's military carries out. In these situations, Col. Bracich said, service members are as likely to be taken hostage by a splinter group as they are by an enemy army.

Many service members receive no training in what to expect or how to behave in a prisoner-of-war situation. The only training currently provided to the vast majority of service members is limited to a briefing on the Code of Conduct during basic training.

# Anthrax, smallpox immunization programs expand

Military services were recently directed to amend their anthrax and smallpox vaccination programs to ensure vigilance against the threat of biological attack, according to Department of Defense officials.

All branches must now expand their anthrax and smallpox vaccination programs to accomplish the following:

- Vaccinate uniformed DOD personnel assigned in or designated as early deployers to the Korean Peninsula for 15 or more consecutive days, to include the U.S. Pacific Command Forward Deployed Naval Forces, against both smallpox and anthrax.

- Implement personnel and readiness direction, to be issued following required consultation procedures, on vaccination of emergency-essential and equivalent civilian employees assigned to Korea against smallpox and anthrax.

- Vaccinate DOD-contracted personnel carrying out mission-essential

services and assigned to Korea against smallpox and anthrax. Vaccination for these personnel must be a requirement of the applicable contract.

- Offer anthrax and smallpox vaccinations to appropriate family members of DOD military personnel, other DOD civilian employees and their family members, and non-essential contracted personnel located in Korea. Vaccination of these personnel is voluntary.

- Expand anthrax and smallpox vaccinations to include all uniformed DOD personnel serving in the Central Command Area of Responsibility. Implement personnel and readiness direction on vaccination of emergency-essential and equivalent civilian employees, and establish and implement contract requirements for vaccination of DOD-contracted personnel carrying out mission-essential services.

The 20th Medical Group is prepared to enact all amendments to

anthrax and smallpox immunization programs, according to 1st Lt. Cynthia Daniels, 20th MDG public health flight chief.

All previous Executive Agency responsibilities, compliance with Food and Drug Administration requirements and clinical and administrative regulations for anthrax and smallpox vaccination programs still remain in effect, and the DOD continues to reserve a portion of the vaccine supply for contingency use by other federal agencies.

## Anthrax

Anthrax remains one of the top biological warfare threats to U.S. troops. Vaccination is the safest and most reliable way to protect U.S. forces from a potential threat, which can be highly-lethal even with early treatment. Since June 2002, the DOD has vaccinated more than 750,000 service members with more than 2.2 million doses of anthrax vaccine.

## Smallpox

Because it is highly contagious, smallpox is considered a top biological warfare threat. It can cause a severe rash covering the whole body that can leave permanent scars, high fever, severe headaches or backaches. Smallpox infection kills about three out of ten people infected. This disease, as a bio-weapon, can generate significant consequences and critically interrupt military operations. Since December 2002, DOD has vaccinated more than 625,000 service members.

The DOD continues to work with the Department of Health and Human Services, using a new federal committee and the Bioshield legislation to develop new and better vaccines.

For more information, call 20th MDG Immunizations at **895-6492**, or visit **[www.anthrax.mil](http://www.anthrax.mil)** or **[www.smallpox.mil](http://www.smallpox.mil)**. *(Information courtesy of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs.)*



*Photo by Senior Airman Anthony Bagent*



## Standing victorious

The 20th Fighter Wing Weapons and Standardization Flight sponsored the Load Crew of the Quarter competition July 12. The winners were from crew 79-4 -- (left to right) Staff Sgt. Ricardo Perez, Senior Airman Eric Lueras and Airman 1st Class Raul Sanchez. The crew scored 1,370 out of a possible 1,600 points. The load was one air intercept missile-9, one AIM-120 and two cluster bomb unit-103s. In addition to the load, the crew also completed a 20-question weapons knowledge test, a dress and appearance inspection and a tool box inspection.

## CGOs 'gear up' to help local youth

A large number of school children in Sumter School Districts Two and 17 begin school without the appropriate supplies.

United Ministries of Sumter County, working with the school districts, has developed the "Gear Up for Learning" program. Through the program, donations of **new** school supplies are distributed to students in need.

Shaw's Company Grade Officers' Council is sponsoring this project on base. The council is asking base personnel to purchase items when they buy back-to-school supplies and drop them off now through July 30 in "Gear Up for Learning" boxes at unit commander's support staff offices or the 20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office.

Items needed include: pencils, pens, loose-leaf paper, wire-bound composition books, scissors, rulers, crayons, glue, protractors, highlighters, erasers and back packs. For more information or to help with collection efforts, call **895-1852**. *(Information courtesy of the CGO Council.)*



*Photo by Airman 1st Class Susan Penning*

**Members can donate school supplies by dropping them off at the 20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office or unit commander's support staff offices.**

## Junior Enlisted Appreciation Day

Technical sergeants and below along with their families invited to this annual event sponsored by the Team Shaw Top 3 Association Aug. 6 beginning at 1 p.m. at Lake Wateree. There will be music, food, beverages and activities. Eight cabins will be available for overnight use and transportation will be provided. For more information, call Master Sgt. Brian Morgan at **895-2746**.

