



Newslines

Promotion ceremony

Congratulate the newly promoted members of Team Shaw at the monthly wing promotion ceremony today at 3 p.m. at Club Shaw.

Appreciation Day

Junior Enlisted Appreciation Day for E6-E1 is set for Aug. 6 at 1 p.m. at Lake Wateree. For more information, call Master Sgt. Brian Morgan at 895-2746.

Commander's Calls

The 20th Fighter Wing commander's calls are set for the following dates and times at the Base Theater. Attendance is mandatory.

Aug 19	Aug 20
E6 -E1	Senior NCOs - 1 p.m.
8 a.m.	Officers - 4 p.m.
1 p.m.	
6 p.m.	

Your vote counts

Members are encouraged to give feedback on the Air Force's proposed utility uniform by logging onto <http://www.uniforms.hq.af.mil/>.

The questions range from overall appearance to specific components for the uniform.

Disposition of effects

Any persons having claims against the estate of Tech. Sgt. Steve W. Vereen should contact 1st Lt. Peter Cusack at 895-9601.

Weekend Weather

Saturday



Showers
High: 92
Low: 71

Sunday



T-storms
High: 94
Low: 73

Courtesy of the 20th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

Hard-copy LESs may soon be history

By Staff Sgt. Alicia Prakash
Editor

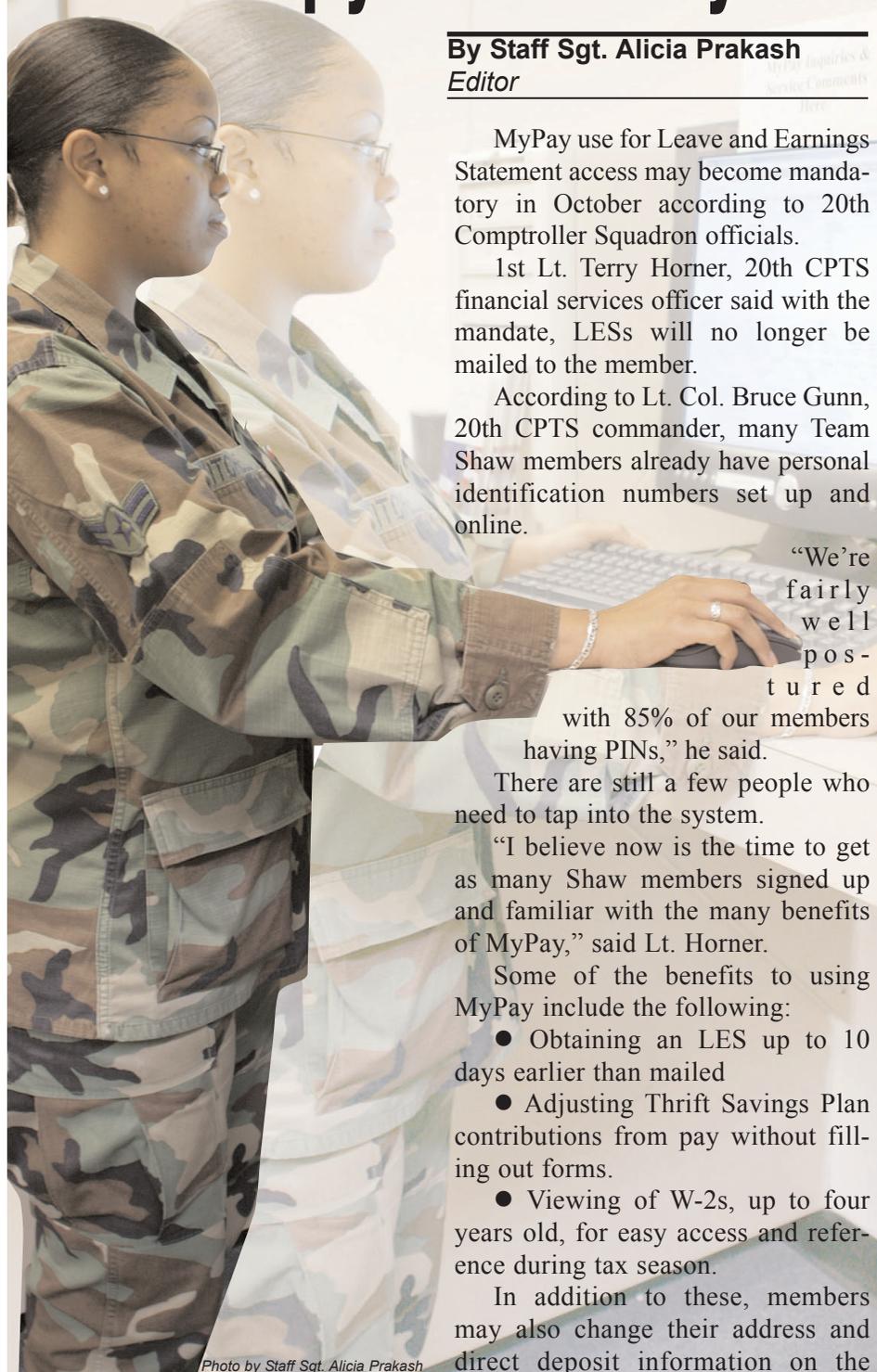


Photo by Staff Sgt. Alicia Prakash

MyPay use for Leave and Earnings Statement access may become mandatory in October according to 20th Comptroller Squadron officials.

1st Lt. Terry Horner, 20th CPTS financial services officer said with the mandate, LESs will no longer be mailed to the member.

According to Lt. Col. Bruce Gunn, 20th CPTS commander, many Team Shaw members already have personal identification numbers set up and online.

"We're fairly well positioned with 85% of our members having PINs," he said.

There are still a few people who need to tap into the system.

"I believe now is the time to get as many Shaw members signed up and familiar with the many benefits of MyPay," said Lt. Horner.

Some of the benefits to using MyPay include the following:

- Obtaining an LES up to 10 days earlier than mailed
- Adjusting Thrift Savings Plan contributions from pay without filling out forms.
- Viewing of W-2s, up to four years old, for easy access and reference during tax season.

In addition to these, members may also change their address and direct deposit information on the

Web site.

"No more wasting time with trips to the personnel support center and fighting for parking spots," said Lt. Horner.

He expects members will soon be able to start, stop and change bond purchases and allotments from the convenience of their home computers.

The convenience of MyPay saves time out of every member's day," said Lt. Horner. "That is a huge benefit for supervisors and commanders."

MyPay may be accessed by logging on to <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>. Those without personal identification numbers should click on "new PIN" and follow the instructions. If members are unable to get a PIN, Finance Customer Service will issue a temporary one.

By going to the Web site and turning off hard-copy LESs, it will save the Air Force millions in supplies, time and labor associated with mailing the statements from DFAS all the way to commander support staffs, said the lieutenant.

According to Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff and Dr. James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force, "Today's expeditionary Air Force requires this kind of financial capability and 'freedom' to directly address pay issues whenever and wherever they arise."

For more information on MyPay, visit the Web site or call Finance Customer Service at 895-1529.

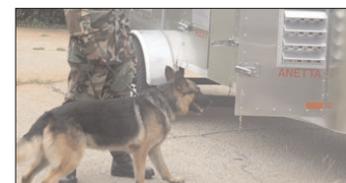


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Voting for elections outside the voter's box.

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Pet owners be aware: take caution with animals in heat.



20th CMS has aircraft engines to spare

By Staff Sgt. Alicia Prakash
Editor

The 20th Component Maintenance Squadron has what may be considered a surplus of spare engines.

To date, they have 29 spare TF-34 engines ready for A-10 aircraft.

Currently, Shaw flies F-16s, so why are A-10 engines here?

Well, Shaw used to fly A-10s, but July 1996 the A-10s were shipped to Pope Air Force Base, N.C. The 20th CMS continues to build, test and repair the engines here.

"We build engines for Pope Air Force Base, N.C., Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany and Eglin AFB, Fla.," said Master Sgt. Deen Burgess, 20th CMS Engine Repair Center superintendent.

He said they usually have a couple of spare motors in the shop, but since they started reliability centered maintenance the engines last longer.

"We started RCM about six or seven years ago and it builds life into the engine to keep it in the aircraft longer," said Sgt. Burgess.

With the implementation of RCM the same engine which would normally return to Shaw for

repairs in 31 months, now returns in about 57 months.

Staff Sgt. James Ward, 20th CMS Engine Repair Center crew chief said there is more than one reason for that.

"We have a group of good mechanics," he said. "We train the Airmen so they know what they are doing and to make sure they have what they need to do the job."

In addition to the good training, Sgt. Ward credits the suppliers for the parts, as well.

"A combination of the two, make it easy to build the engines," he said.

When he arrived at Shaw in November 1998, 26 engines were awaiting repair. Now, there is zero.

Airman 1st Class Aaron Shuff, 20th CMS Engine Repair Center technician, said the leadership has a lot to do with it.

"We have great leadership," he said. "It trickles downhill."

Amn. Shuff said starting with the commander down to the crew chiefs, the leadership steer the newer Airmen in the right direction.

"They encourage us to pay attention to detail and to do it right the first time," he said.

Leadership recognizes the accomplishments of the engine mechanics.

"A lot of hard work and dedication went into achieving this noteworthy feat," said Maj. Michael Costello, 20th CMS commander.

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20th CMS commander

He said he is proud of the positive feedback they receive from customers.

"This is a testimony to their technical and professional abilities which are second to none," said the major.

Lt. Col. Jon Sutterfield, 20th Maintenance Group deputy commander, is also proud.

"This is a truly outstanding milestone to add to their already impressive achievements," he said. "They provide a vital service to combat fighter wings currently engaged in the global war on terrorism."

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 was charged with Assault when a family member reported they were in a physical altercation.

■ A family member reported his wallet stolen while at a swimming pool on base.

■ Security Forces responded to a Loud Noise Complaint in a base dormitory.

■ An Airman was charged with Drunken and Disorderly Conduct, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order,

Falsifying an Official Statement, Communicating a Threat and Provoking Speeches and Gestures when briefed by Security Forces personnel not to have visitors in the dormitories after visiting hours.

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

■ There were 21 traffic tickets 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

Drivers should operate their vehicles at Shaw in a careful and prudent manner, and at a rate of speed no greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions at the point of operation. They should take into account the amount of traffic, conditions of brakes, weight of vehicle, type and surface of roadway, freedom of obstruction to view ahead and present weather conditions.

Question Corner



Question: According to this week's *The Shaw Spirit*, what form allows members to request an absentee ballot for your state of residence?

Answer to last week's question: The the F-35 is being built as a conventional take-off and landing aircraft in the Air Force.

Last week's winner: Tech. Sgt. Richard Hood II, 20th Fighter Wing Command Post

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 and receive two free tickets to the Air Force Birthday Ball set for Sept. 18.



DUI/DWI Statistics

Last incident: 11 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: 28

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

Senior Master Sgt. David B. Reid Airman Leadership School graduates

Congratulations to the Senior Master Sgt. David B. Reid Airman Leadership School graduates and award winners of Class 04-F. The graduation was held July 23 at the Conference Center. The guest speaker was Chief Master Sgt. Sharon Turk, College of Enlisted Professional Military Education vice commandant, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. The graduates and award winners are:

77th Fighter Squadron

Senior Airman Lakeishea Williams

20th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Derek Albert, *recipient of John Levitow Award*; Staff Sgt. Robert Patterson, *recipient of the Leadership Award*; Senior Airman Christopher Batten; Senior Airman Arthur Cody; Senior Airman Joshua Frizzell, *recipient of the Academic Award*; Senior Airman Corey Hodges; Senior Airman Matthew Paxton

20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Charles Biddulph; Senior Airman Nathan DeGregory; Senior Airman Antonio Drayton; Senior Airman Jeremy Ford; Senior Airman Tony McKay

20th Civil Engineer Squadron

Senior Airman Jason Pudelski

20th Communications Squadron

Senior Airman Jason Gartland, *Distinguished Graduate*

20th Mission Support Squadron

Senior Airman Lisa Burgess; Senior Airman Elizabeth Horton-Thomas

20th Security Forces Squadron

Staff Sgt. Mason McBrayer; Senior Airman Ajai Gaines; Senior Airman Scott Heise, *Distinguished Graduate*; Senior Airman Thaedra Mason

20th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Senior Airman Raphael Parker

20th Medical Support Squadron

Senior Airman Natural Conyers

609th Air Intelligence Squadron

Senior Airman Victoria Underhill

28th Operational Weather Squadron

Senior Airman Timothy Brace

682nd Air Support Operations Squadron

Senior Airman Joseph Knight; Senior Airman Eugene Richmond

31st Intelligence Squadron

Senior Airman Gregory Alan; Senior Airman Lloyd Boyce; Senior Airman Jessica Ruppert

Mahoney retirement

Master Sgts. Karen, 609th Air Intelligence Squadron, and Randall Mahoney, 609th Air Intelligence Group, are retiring. Both have served 20 years in the Air Force and have been at Shaw two and a half years.

Karen is a native of Chardon, Ohio, and Randall is originally from Josephville, Mo. After retirement, the Mahoneys plan to remain in the local area until their children, Caitlin and Joshua graduate from high school.

“On behalf of Team Shaw, the Air Force and a grateful nation, I thank both of you for your many years of dedicated service,” said Col. Philip Ruhlman, 20th Fighter Wing commander.

The joint retirement ceremony is scheduled for Aug. 6 at 1 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.



Shaw Air Force Base
2004
Air Force Ball

57
Years Old

For more information or tickets, call 895-3522.

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VICTORY BY VALORS

The graphic features a large '57' with 'Years Old' written across it. Above the numbers is a formation of fighter jets flying in a V-shape. Below the numbers is a single fighter jet. At the bottom right are two military crests: one for the 9th Air Force and another with the motto 'Victory by Valors'.

Celebrating 57 years of excellence in air power

Date: Sept. 18

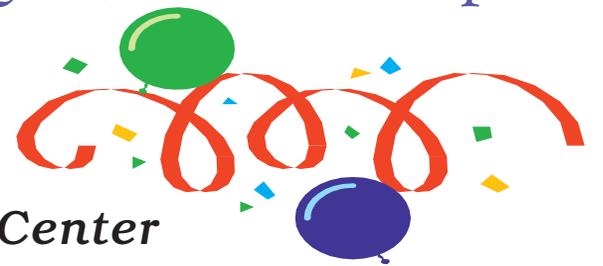
Social hour: 6 p.m.

Dinner: 7 p.m.

Location: Conference Center

Attire: Military -- mess dress/semi-formal

Civilian -- business suit



Coming event: A Commissary bagging fund-raiser is set for Aug. 7. For more information, call Capt. Michelle Griffith at **895-8881**.



Spirit Spotlight



Airman Teirah Brown



Organization: 609th Air Communications Squadron
Duty title: Maintenance control and analysis apprentice
Job duties: Managing the vehicle fleet
Hometown: Hampton, Va.
Time in service: One year
Family: Husband, Kevin
Off-duty interests: Shopping and doing volunteer work

Words I live by: "I only have one life to live, so I'm going to live it."

Airman Chayvon Jones



Organization: 20th Medical Support Squadron
Duty title: Health services management apprentice
Job duties: Assist members with leave, TDY orders and government travel cards
Hometown: Oklahoma City, Okla.
Time in service: One year
Off-duty interests: Spending time with friends

Words I live by: "Walk by faith, not by sight."