



Newslines

Zero DUI goal

Col. Philip Ruhlman, 20th Fighter Wing commander, challenges all 20th FW personnel to take care of our own.

When the 20th FW reaches 60 days without a DUI the commander will grant a wing down day.

We have 54 days to go. Make it happen!

Demolition

Beginning Monday, the guard shack on Rhodes Ave. near the Child Development Center will be removed.

During the demolition, drivers will still be able to access the area. Drivers are encouraged to use necessary safety and caution when proceeding through the area.

Safety Day agenda

The following meetings are scheduled for Safety Day Tuesday:

8-10 a.m. - Suicide Prevention

Mandatory for all commanders, staff agency directors, chiefs and 1st sergeants, a Yellow Ribbon suicide prevention training will be held in the conference center.

11 a.m.-noon - Flight Safety

Mandatory for all 20th FW pilots, a Flight Safety meeting will be held in the conference center.

Noon-12:30 p.m. - Pilot meeting

Mandatory for all 20th FW pilots, a Wing Pilot Meeting will be held in the conference center.

Promotion Ceremony

Congratulate Team Shaw's newly promoted members at the monthly wing promotion ceremony scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday at Club Shaw.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Josef Cole

Members of the band, *The Blue Aces*, entertain guests with various musical numbers during the Air Force Birthday Ball at the Community Center Sept. 18.

Team Shaw celebrates AF birthday

By Airman 1st Class Susan Penning
Staff writer

Shaw celebrated 57 years of excellence in air power Saturday during the Air Force Birthday Ball, held at the Conference Center here. The evening's events included a tribute to POWs/MIAs, a cake-cutting ceremony, dinner, entertainment by *The Blue Aces*, remarks from Col. Philip Ruhlman, 20th Fighter Wing commander, and an overview of Air Force history by guest speaker, retired Maj. Gen. L.D. Johnston.

Gen. Johnston was born the same year as the Air Force. One of his assignments during his 31 years of service included vice commander of the 363rd Fighter Wing at Shaw. The general recalls his time in South Carolina fondly. "My wife and I made life-long friends while stationed here," he said.

During his speech, Gen. Johnston spoke about the transformation of

the Air Force throughout the years, but said the resolve of military members has remained steadfast and unchanged.

"It's the Airman, not the general, that this country owes its full faith and allegiance to," he said. "People talk about how technology in the Air Force has advanced throughout the years. The truth behind the success of our nation in war is not technology. It is the heart of the very youngest Airman."

Among the military personnel and their families attending the ball were local community members, invited to share in the festivities. "Shaw has always been at the tip of the spear when it comes to community relations," Gen. Johnston observed.

Those attending the event received a complimentary Shaw Air Force Ball coin, designed by Staff Sgt. Chris Kennerly, 20th Fighter Wing command section.



The eagle on the coin represents the ongoing strength and pride of the U.S. The pink star represents the Women's Air Force, and the black star, the Tuskegee Airmen. The nine stars on the left stand for all the enlisted ranks, and the 10 on the right for all officer ranks, with the winged star being O-10. The blue background represents the Air Force blue; the silver "Salute" pays respect to the country and the U.S. flag. Finally, the "57" stands for the age of the Air Force.



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A lesson in Shaw's history.

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Pediatric mission: keep children healthy.



Shaw to change airspace

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and the President's Council on Environmental Quality, the United States Air Force will prepare an Environmental Assessment to analyze the potential consequences of a proposed Airspace Training Initiative. The Airspace Training Initiative consists of the following elements: creation and modification of training airspace, development of several one-acre training transmitter sites under and near current military airspace, and the use of chaff and flares in the new and modified airspace.

The initiative is intended to provide effective and realistic training airspace for Shaw AFB 20th Fighter Wing and McEntire Air National Guard pilots. This proposal would permit pilots to practice current tactics and train in their local training area, using a full range of maneuvers that would enable aircrew to "train as they fight." Training under realistic conditions will increase pilot survivability and mission success, specifically during the challenges of the Global War on Terror.

The EA will evaluate the potential environmental consequences associated with the proposed action and alternatives, including a no-action alternative.

The Air Force will hold four community

outreach meetings to provide the public an opportunity to learn about the proposal and provide input to help define the proposed action and alternatives. During the meetings, the Air Force will present the proposed action and alternatives, describe the National Environmental Policy Act process, and outline opportunities for public involvement throughout the process. Meeting locations, dates and times are provided below. You are encouraged to attend and provide input.

■ Monday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Manning High School, Manning, S.C.

■ Tuesday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Kingstree Senior High School, Kingstree, S.C.

■ Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at JB Beck Middle School, Georgetown, S.C.

■ Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., City of Millen Community House, Millen, Ga.

Comments will be accepted throughout the analysis process and will be used to help shape and refine the proposal. All public input should be received by Oct. 15, to ensure consideration in preparation of the Draft Environmental Assessment. For more information, call 1st Lt. Suzanne Ovel, 20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office at (803) 895-2019.

(Information courtesy of 20th Public Affairs office.)



Photo by Airman 1st Class Amber McCarthy

Fence line

Mr. Reggie Dingle, a contractor, measures the rebar prior to pouring concrete for a wrought iron-fence being constructed around the flightline. The fence will provide an additional barrier to delineate the flightline from the rest of the base and enhance the control of flightline personnel and assets.

NEWS BRIEFS

Political guidance

Military members and civilians are reminded of rules regulating their involvement in political activities.

DoD Directive 1344.10 and the Hatch Act offer guidance to active-duty military and federal civilians to keep the military out of partisan politics and ensure the workplace is politically neutral.

Both groups may register to vote, urge others to vote, sign nominating petitions for candidates and express their personal opinions about candidates and issues only if they don't do so as representatives of the armed forces.

All DoD workers are prohibited from using their position to influence/benefit from elections and engaging in political activity on the job, in a government vehicle or while wearing an official uniform.

Beyond these general guidelines, the list of restrictions varies widely, depending on whether the employee is on active duty, is a rank-and-file civil servant, is a political appointee or is in the career senior executive service.

Car seat safety

All Shaw drivers with a passenger under the age of 6 must have the appropriate child passenger restraint system and must secure their child as follows:

■ A child from birth up to 1 year, weighing less than 20 pounds, must be properly secured in a rear-facing child safety seat.

■ A child between 1 and 6 years old, weighing between 20 and 40 pounds, must be secured in a forward-facing child safety seat.

■ A child between 1 and 6 years old, weighing between 40 and 80 pounds must be secured by a belt-positioning booster seat.

■ If a child is between 1 and 6 years old, weighing more than 80 pounds, the child may be restrained in an adult safety belt.

(Information courtesy of the 20th Security Forces Squadron.)

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 retiree was apprehended for Driving Under the Influence while attempting to enter the installation.

■ An Airman was arrested off base for Driving Under the Influence.

■ An Airman's mail was stolen from her mailbox on base.

■ Government property was reported stolen from the Conference Center.

■ An Airman's stereo was stolen from his vehicle on base.

■ An Airman was apprehended for Underage Drinking in his dormitory on base.

■ Security Forces responded to four incidents involving POVs and GOVs.

■ There were 14 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.

S Question: According to this week's *The Shaw Spirit*, what are the six essential nutrients for the body? **T**

P Answer to last week's question: Shaw's original mission, when the base opened in 1941 was operating a flying school. **r i**

r Last week's winner: Senior Airman Bobby Nooner, 20th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron. **v**

i The first person to e-mail the correct answer to *The Shaw Spirit* at spirit.editor@shaw.af.mil will receive a free smoothie from the Fitness Center. **i a**

DUI/DWI Statistics

Last incident: 4 days

Last unit: 20th EMS

2004 total: 33

2003 total: 28

As of Wednesday

Shaw recognizes POWs, those missing in action

Right, Senior Airman Deirdre Spight, Base Honor Guard member, prepares to lay the commemorative wreath during a POW/MIA recognition ceremony, held Sept. 17 at the Base Chapel. The event recognized POWs and those still missing in action. Below, 2nd Lt. Andi Andrews, 609th Air Communications Squadron, sang the National Anthem at the ceremony.



Photos by Master Sgt. Paul Holcomb



Above, community members and wives of POWs/MIAs pay tribute to loved ones during the ceremony. Left, Base Honor Guard members prepare to post the colors.

Senior airman below-the-zone

The following airmen first class from Shaw were chosen for airman below-the-zone promotion to senior airman:

20th Fighter Wing

Susan Penning

20th Maintenance Group

Samuel Casares

Jason Collings

David Gould

Mitchell Merchant

Jonathon Bowles

Jonathan Hollenbeck

John Fritz

Geoffrey Kaak

Matthew Penning

Sean Tuttle

20th Mission Support Group

Christopher Gantt

Amber Pfarr

Sergio Almaraz

Jamey Shuls

Jamie Williams

Enrique Placido

Jeannine Hattig

Bershara Taher-Watts

Jeffrey Bridges

Ajenna Johnson

Associate Units

Jordan Jesmer

9th Air Force

Gregory George

Philip Wingham

Diamond Excellence Award Winner



Airman 1st Class
Gregory George,
609th Air
Communications Squadron

*2004 National Hispanic Heritage Month observance
"Hispanic Americans: Enhancing the National tapestry"*

**Today from 11:30 a.m. to
1 p.m. in the Community
Center at Fort Jackson.
Tickets are \$8. For more
information, call 751-8110.**



Menu

*Baked chicken
Enchiladas
Fried plantain
Yellow rice
Puertorican beef stew
Red/black beans
Taco bar
Tossed salad
Assorted desserts
Tea and water*



Sumter-Shaw Community Concert Association
presents ...

USAF CONCERT BAND

AND

SINGING SERGEANTS

Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Patriot Hall in Sumter



For free tickets send a self addressed
stamped envelope to:

AF Band Tickets

P.O. Box 6641

Sumter, SC 29154