



## 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 **33** days to go. Make it happen!

### Med Group closure

The 20th Medical Group will close for training today at 2 p.m.

For medical emergencies, call **911** or seek care at the nearest emergency room. For non-emergencies call **895-2273**.

### CFL

The Christian Fellowship Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Center.

The guest speaker is Lt. Col. Kevin Kilpatrick, 20th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander.

Reservations should be made by Tuesday at noon. Tickets are \$3. For more information, call Ms. Judy Huntley at **895-1408** or the Base Chapel at **895-1106**.

### CFC standings

Shaw's goal for the Combined Federal Campaign is \$125,000. We have reached 86% of the goal.

For more CFC information, call 1st Lt. Tracy Andersen at **895-6752**.

### Awards luncheon

The quarterly awards luncheon is set for Oct. 27 at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Center.

For tickets, contact a member of the Top Three.

# OIF planner receives AFA honors

By Staff Sgt. Alicia Prakash  
Editor

During the Air Force Association's Air and Space Conference in September in Washington, D.C., a member of Team Shaw was the recipient of a national aerospace award.

Maj. Anthony Roberson, 20th Operations Support Squadron weapons and training flight commander, received the Citation of Honor award for his achievements during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

This award recognizes the most outstanding contribution by an individual or organization to the development of aerospace power for the betterment of mankind.

As a deputy chief of the 9th Aerospace Expeditionary Task Force master air attack planning team, the major designed operational plans for OIF. His planning helped lead to air dominance, counter land dominance and a regime collapse.

According to Maj. Roberson, his mission for OIF began with a phone call.

"We could use a little help," said the voice on the other end of the major's phone.

It was Lt. Col. Mark Cline, currently the 34th Fighter Squadron at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. Col. Cline flew F-

16s with Maj. Roberson previously and now they were preparing to plunge into another venture together.

"He was not descriptive [about the pending operation]," said the major. "He just asked for me."

At the time of the phone call from Col. Cline, Maj. Roberson was the 32nd Air Operations Group combat plans chief in Ramstein, Germany. His specialty was master air attack planning. Due to the nature of the job, he was familiar with temporary duty assignments. The difference in this assignment ... this time he had no idea what his mission would be.

After a classified briefing and a trip to Shaw, the pace was set and Maj. Roberson stepped up to the challenge.

He was working for the 32nd AOG and with the 9th AETF simultaneously; the major said he was honored to work with Central Air Force.

"CENTAF leadership gave me the opportunity to show what I had to offer," said Maj. Roberson.

Maj. Roberson received a Bronze Star for his work in OIF.

"He is dedicated to the Air Force and he is trying to make things better," said Mrs. Sheila Roberson, his wife. "Thankfully, he is recognized."

"I think everyone should



Photo by Mr. Chris Cross

**Maj. Roberson (left) received the Citation of Honor Award from Mr. John J. Politi, Air Force Association chairman, during the Air and Space Conference in Washington, D.C in September.**

be recognized for what they contribute," the major said. "My opportunity was probably more luck than anything else.

"We have so many talented Airmen and civilians on our service team. I was fortunate enough to have commanders who believed in my abilities as an experienced weapons officer and a well-trained operational planner. I am grateful for their trust and thankful for their confidence in my abilities," he said.

With this award and his many Air Force accolades and military accomplishments, Maj. Roberson, according to his wife, is still

humble and committed.

The major's other accomplishments include being named Officer of the Year four times at wing level and twice at Major Command level. He led the development of two highly classified plans in support of the global war on terror which were briefed to the vice president of the United States, the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman and the secretary of defense.

Maj. Roberson also received the Commander United States Air Force Europe's Award of Excellence for his leadership role in planning the 2002 North Atlantic Treaty Organization summit.



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Team Shaw shows appreciation for JWOD employees.

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Local Tuskegee Airman speaks about service, equality.



## Flu shot delay

The annual influenza vaccine has been delayed due to a nationwide shortage of the vaccine. The Department of Defense is currently working on further guidance to address the situation.

Once the 20th Medical Group immunization clinic begins receiving the vaccine, the volume of each shipment will determine which prioritization groups will begin to receive the vaccination.

Individuals at high risk and don't feel comfortable waiting for the vaccine may take advantage of the vaccine available now in the local community clinics and doctor's offices. This is not a reimbursable item under the TRICARE guidelines and policies.

In addition to being vaccinated, people can significantly reduce the risk of cold and flu by hand washing frequently before eating or touching their eyes, noses or mouths.

Those who are ill, may reduce the risk of transmitting illnesses by covering coughs and sneezes and by frequent hand washing.

Once enough units of vaccine are received, the 20th MDG will notify all base units of the vaccination schedule.

For more information, call Public Health at **895-6193** or the immunization clinic at **895-6492**.  
*(Information courtesy of the 20th MDG.)*

## Maximize TRICARE benefits

TRICARE is a Department of Defense medical insurance company. As with many insurance programs, attention to details is necessary when handling the paperwork.

To maximize TRICARE medical benefit and minimize medical claims and bill issues, individuals are encouraged to do the following:

- Know your enrollment status and respective requirements/restrictions for each - TRICARE offers Prime, Extra and Standard. Refer to your TRICARE Beneficiary Handbook for details on each.

- Make sure your DEERS information is current to include contact information for sponsor and all dependents. DEERS information is updated at the Military Personnel Flight.

- Establish a relationship with your Primary Care Manager. The PCM is the key for consultations, referrals, and follow-ups.

- Always get a referral from your PCM before going to a specialist.

- Check before going to a specialist that the referral is current and authorized-That information should be received in the mail, but if not, call **(800) 444-5445** and request information on the referral.

- When visiting a specialist, ask if he is a TRICARE participating provider, if not, a claim may need to be filed and submitted using a Department of Defense Form 2642, *Patient's Request for Medical Payment*. Forms are available at the TRICARE Service Center.

- Pay attention to your mail - An Explanation of Benefits statement should be posted in the mail. This is not a bill, but may be your first indication that something is not right.

- Know your rights - You are not responsible to pay the difference between what was billed and what TRICARE paid, as long as you have a valid referral and authorization. No balance billing.

- Do not ignore notices - Act early and often if something seems to be out-of-order. The earlier an issue is raised the sooner the problem can be solved. The time to raise the flag is not when something has been deferred to a bill collector.

- Educate yourself - The best consumer is an educated one. Read your beneficiary handbook and go online to **www.humana-military.com** and register for online beneficiary services.

- If , visit the TRICARE Service Center, Bldg 1054 or call Humana at **(800) 444-5445**.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Retirement/separations

Retiring or separating individuals should schedule an out-processing briefing with the 20th Comptroller Squadron 30 days prior to the start of terminal or permissive leave.

Retirement briefings are scheduled Tuesdays at 2 p.m. and separation briefings are set for Thursdays at 2 p.m. Both are held in Bldg 1118, Room 1109, and individuals are asked to check-in at the Finance Customer Service counter.

To schedule an out-processing briefing, call Staff Sgt. Ivan Prakash at **895-1864** or Senior Airman Gail Trombley at **895-4901**.

### Mold prevention

Mold and mildew are common in humid climates and require periodic cleaning. The following tips may assist in prevention:

- Ensure thermostat is set between 68 and 79 degrees.

- Close bathroom door and turn the fan on when showering.

- Do not restrict air flow near the bathroom vent or air conditioner.

- Clean vents and change filters monthly or as required.

- Clean mold/mildew with a bleach product.

For more information, call the 20th Civil Engineer Squadron at **895-9657** or **895-9658**.

### Traffic tip

For active duty military personnel, non- South Carolina residents, a driver's license is considered valid if issued from a state other than South Carolina, and that state has a military exception clause. Some states also extend this exception to a spouse and/or dependents of an active duty military member.

Proof of current vehicle insurance is also required while operating a motor vehicle on base. It is not a bill from an insurance company, but must be an insurance identification card reflecting the inclusive dates of coverage.

## 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's house was broken into on base.

- An Airman assaulted another Airman at the track on base.

- An Airman and a civilian were apprehended for domestic assault at their base housing residence.

- Three juveniles were apprehended for shoplifting at the BX.

- Security forces responded to three incidents involving POVs and GOVs.

- There were 36 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*, the 20th Operations Support Squadron falls under what level of weather support? **T**

**P** **Answer to last week's question:** The focus of the test, measurement and diagnostic equipment flight is to test diagnostic equipment and ensure proper performance. **r**

**r** **Last week's winner:** Airman 1st Class Matthew Ciampa, 28th Operational Weather 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**

## DUI/DWI Statistics

**Last unit: 20th EMS**

**2004 total: 33**

**2003 total: 28**

## New uniform design undergoing changes

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski  
*Air Force Print News*

WASHINGTON -- Based on feedback from the six-month wear test, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper decided to expand the current test program to include a pixilated tiger-striped pattern in a new color scheme on the proposed utility uniform.

The expansion does not involve a full test; instead, there will be a limited production to test pattern and color, said Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Dean, the uniform board superintendent.

"The color scheme is only one of many improvements we are testing," Sergeant Dean said.

A small, select group of testers will wear the newest pattern. The solid tiger-striped pattern with its dominant blue overtones is gone. The latest pixilated test pattern has a more subdued color scheme and is not nearly as distinctive as the one unveiled at the start in August 2003; yet it provides the distinctiveness Airmen have requested, officials said.

"We have sufficient input from Airmen throughout the Air Force to ensure that our uniform decisions are on target with regard to wear, ease of maintenance and fit," Sergeant Dean said. "We kept hearing throughout the test that Airmen loved the wash-and-wear feature and the fit. The design of the uniform will essentially stay the same, with minor modifications based [on] the wear-testers' recommendations."

General Jumper will announce the final decisions regarding the new utility uniform once the test data are analyzed and presented. Determination is expected within the next two months, officials said.

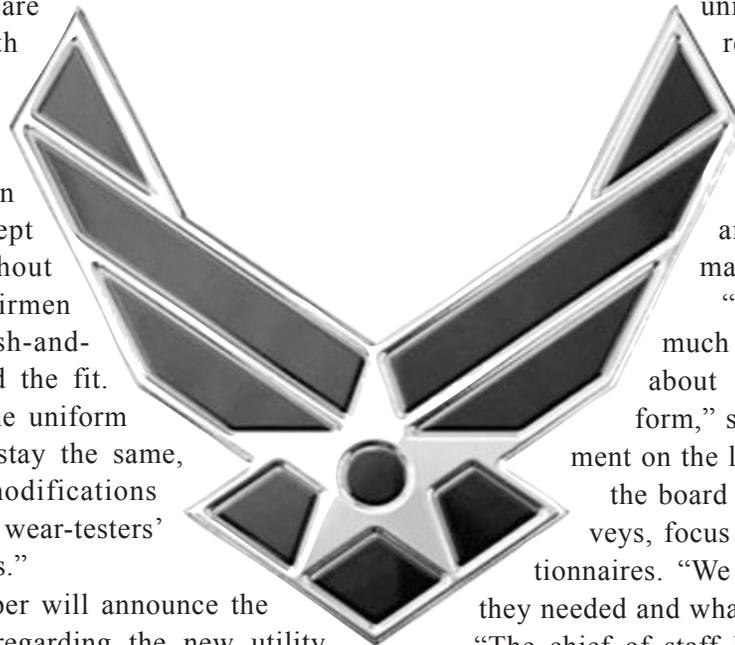
The new design represents a uniform that

could be universally worn in all environments, Sergeant Dean said. The unique fit and design will remain the same, as Air Force officials said they want a distinctive uniform for Airmen that fits better and is easier and less expensive to maintain.

"There really wasn't much that Airmen didn't like about the design of the uniform," she said, basing her comment on the large volume of feedback the board received via e-mail, surveys, focus groups and online questionnaires. "We really did capture what they needed and what they wanted."

"The chief of staff listened to the Airmen," Sergeant Dean said.

"We asked what they wanted in a uniform, what they needed in a uniform and, as a result, this is exactly what we're getting."



## Are you strong enough?

Six-person teams may compete Oct. 22 to pull an F-16CJ at the marshalling yard by Bldg. 1517.

The team who pulls it 50 yards with the quickest time wins!

The entry fee is \$100 per team, and it will be donated to the team's Combined Federal Campaign charity of choice.

Teams must register by Wednesday. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Tracy Andersen at 895-6752 or [tracy.andersen@shaw.af.mil](mailto:tracy.andersen@shaw.af.mil).



*Photo by Mrs. Tarsha Storey*

## Junior Achievement

Ms. Christy Myllykangas (left), Junior Achievement of South Carolina vice president, explains aspects of the program to Mrs. Judy Lewis, 20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs deputy chief, and other Team Shaw volunteers. The Junior Achievement program helps educate children on the benefits of staying in school. Volunteers visit a school classroom to discuss an economics-based lesson from provided materials. Visits are conducted with elementary or middle school students, five to eight times within a semester. For more information or to volunteer, call Mrs. Lewis at 895-2024 or e-mail [judy.lewis@shaw.af.mil](mailto:judy.lewis@shaw.af.mil).





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# Spirit Spotlight



## Staff Sgt. Belinda Tindal



**Organization:** 20th Communications Squadron  
**Duty title:** Visual information technician  
**Job duties:** Customer service and graphic design  
**Hometown:** Santee, S.C.  
**Time in service:** Seven years  
**Family:** Husband, Bacari, and sons, Dagan, Shomari and Quadyr  
**Off-duty interests:** Reading, shopping and skating

**Words I live by:** "If you fail to try, you fail to succeed."

## Senior Airman Angelique Scott



**Organization:** 20th Medical Support Squadron  
**Duty title:** Radiology technologist  
**Job duties:** Perform radiological exams  
**Hometown:** Aberdeen, Md.  
**Family:** Husband, Senior Airman Ricky, 20th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron  
**Time in service:** Four years  
**Off-duty interests:** Traveling, reading and writing poetry

**Words I live by:** "When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on."