



Newslines

In memory

The men and women of Team Shaw express their condolences for the loss of Staff Sgt. Ricky Robinson, 20th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

“Sgt. Robinson was one of our finest,” said Lt. Col. Kevin Kilpatrick, 20th AMXS commander. “We will greatly miss our coworker and friend.”

A memorial service is set for Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Palmetto Chapel.



Robinson

Airmen’s Cookie Drive

The Airmen’s Cookie Drive is scheduled for today at the Community Center. Cookies can be dropped off from 7-10 a.m. For more information or to volunteer for setup, making cookie trays or cleanup, call 499-3553.

Base tree lighting

The base tree lighting ceremony is set for tonight at 5:30 p.m. at Memorial Lake. Shaw’s Praise Band will perform music of the season. For more information, call 895-1106.

Base Library hours

The Base Library will remain closed for renovation until Sunday. A grand-reopening, with refreshments, is set for Monday at 10 a.m.

Housing questions

For answers to housing privatization questions, call 895-2424 ext. 225 or 233.

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Photo by Dean Johnson

Shaw’s 20th Civil Engineer Squadron responds to the scene of a chlorine leak on base Nov. 25.

Shaw quick to chlorine cleanup

By Airman 1st Class Susan Penning
Editor

Members from Shaw’s 20th Civil Engineer Squadron, 20th Medical Group and 20th Security Forces Squadron responded to a chlorine leak at building 513 on base Nov. 25.

At approximately 2:45 p.m., an operator who was troubleshooting Well One’s chlorine injection system inadvertently struck and unseated the system’s regulator, causing 11 pounds of chlorine gas to escape. The operator immediately vacated the facility, informed nearby personnel of a gas release and radioed the fire department, said 1st Lt. Kristy Youngpeter, 20th CES officer in charge of readiness.

“Chlorine gas can be toxic to the respiratory system,” said Senior Master Sgt. Edward Rouvet, 20th CES deputy fire chief. The quick response and team effort allowed a potentially hazardous situa-

tion to be resolved efficiently and eliminate any risk to Shaw’s air or water.

SFS members blocked off an area of 3,000 feet downwind and 1,000 upwind of the leak to prevent any exposure to Shaw members, Youngpeter added.

Response teams shut off valves to the chlorine tank, which sealed the leak, said Rouvet. The air was continuously tested by bioenvironmental technicians until no chlorine was detected and the Fire Department allowed reentry into the previously contaminated area at approximately 6 p.m. Nov. 25.

Seven CE personnel were working in the immediate vicinity at the time of the leak. All were treated and monitored by medical personnel. Five were transported to Tuomey Regional Medical Center for further evaluation. One was kept overnight for observation and then released, Youngpeter said.

Chlorine is used to purify Shaw’s drinking water. The base currently uses six wells for its water production.

Weekend weather

Friday



Cloudy
High: 52
Low: 37

Saturday



Cloudy/windy
High: 48
Low: 38

Sunday



Cloudy
High: 52
Low: 32

Courtesy of the 20th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

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Base taxi service

For official business only, there is a base taxi service available to members. Call **895-5016** or **895-5017**.

Lost pets

A list of animals found loose on base will be posted outside the Base Exchange on the pet notice board. If you have lost an animal or are looking to adopt, check the board. Animals are kept inside the Stray Animal Facility on base for a minimum of three days before they are eligible for adoption. For more information call **895-3669**.

Stop! Don't send those cards
Regulations for using government funds

Appropriated and other government funds cannot be used to send seasonal greeting cards.

Air Force Instruction 65-601, *Budget Guidance and Procedures*, states seasonal greeting cards are a personal expense to be borne by the persons who ordered and sent them; do not charge their cost to public funds.

In addition, Department of Defense directive 4525.8-M, *DoD Official Mail Manual*, states appropriated-fund postage may not be used to mail holiday greetings.

However, there is one exception. According to the manual, appropriated fund postage may be used for holiday greetings when international

diplomacy dictates.

Also, official representation funds may not be used for seasonal greetings and calling cards, according to AFI 65-603, *Official Representation Funds Guidance and Procedures*, and DoD Directive 7250.13, *Official Representation Funds*.

Nonappropriated funds may not be used either for printed personal or organizational greeting cards, business cards, holiday cards or stamps to mail such cards according to AFI 34-201, *Use of Nonappropriated Funds*. In addition, nonappropriated special morale and welfare funds may not be

used for holiday greeting cards.

Executive Branch employees may not direct or request their subordinates to use official time for activities other than those required in the performance of official duties or authorized by law or regulation. Accordingly, employees may not tell or ask their secretaries or other subordinates to use official time to address and prepare for mailing seasonal greeting cards they will send in their personal capacities.

(Information courtesy of Air Combat Command staff judge advocate.)



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 a television stolen from the first floor day room in Dorm 428.

■ Security Forces responded to three incidents regarding accidents and damages to POVs and GOVs.

■ A civilian was detained at the North Gate for



Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

■ An airman was apprehended off base for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

■ An airman and his spouse were involved in a domestic assault at their base housing residence.

■ There were 18 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

Driving can be hazardous in winter weather. When the temperature drops, moisture on bridges can quickly freeze. It is common in South Carolina to be driving along on wet pavement while bridges are covered in a sheet of ice. When the roadway is clear, icy bridges can surprise unaware drivers and cause an accident. Also, slowing or changing lanes on ice can cause a driver to lose control. If your car starts to skid on ice, let off of the gas and steer into the skid. Leaving a safe distance between you and the vehicle in front of you increases reaction time.

OPSEC reminder

To protect your identity from theft, never send your social security number via email.

Trivia contest

Question: What is step one in unexploded ordnance reporting?

Last week's question: The first jet used in combat by the U.S. military was the P-80.

Last week's winner: Airman 1st Class William Doerrler, 28th Operational Weather 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.

SHAW AFB DUI/DWI STATISTICS

LAST YEAR	THIS YEAR
33	21
20 AMXS	WAS THE LAST UNIT TO RECEIVE A DUI/DWI
IT HAS BEEN 15	+ DAYS SINCE THE LAST INCIDENT

(As of Thursday)

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Blecke retirement

Senior Master Sgt. Denise Blecke, 20th Fighter Wing plans office, is retiring after 24 years of service. She and her family have been at Shaw five years.

After retirement, the Green Bay, Wis., native and her husband, retired Chief Master Sgt. Les Lawson, will relocate to northern South Carolina. Blecke plans to complete a degree program, teach college part time and write books.

The retirement ceremony is scheduled for Dec. 12 at 1 p.m. in the Conference Center.

Gladden retirement

Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Gladden, 609th Air Communications Squadron, is retiring after 28 years of service. He and his family have been at Shaw 12 years.

The Salisbury, N.C., native and his wife, Janet, have three children, Sheina, Catrina and Thomas Jr. After retirement, Gladden will remain in the Sumter area.

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

Diamond Excellence Award winners

The following Shaw members were presented the Diamond Excellence Award by Shaw's Diamond Council of first sergeants. The award recognizes service members who display exceptional professionalism, appearance, attitude and esprit de corps.



Tech. Sgt. John Kennedy
20th Mission Support Squadron



Airman 1st Class Jebbeh Lansanah
20th Mission Support Squadron

New schools, centers of excellence created

By Staff Sgt. Jeff Capenos

421st Combat Training Squadron

FORT DIX, N.J. -- Two new centers of excellence and two Air Force schools have been created, Air Mobility Warfare Center officials here announced Nov. 25.

The warfare center now will be home to the centers for agile-combat support and for air mobility, as well as the U.S. Air Force Mobility Operations School and the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Operations School. These schools join the existing U.S. Air Force Mobility Weapons School, Air Force Mobility Battlelab and Resources Directorate under the warfare center. The reorganization officially took effect Monday.

"This reorganization became necessary (because of) significant changes and growth to our mission," said Maj. Gen. Christopher Kelly, the warfare center commander. "Our future lies in meeting the needs of Air Force mobility warfighters."

The new centers bring together subject-matter experts focused on improving Air Force capabilities by developing or improving doctrine, training, organization, materiel, leadership, people and facilities.

The Air Mobility Center of Excellence is a combination of the U.S. Air Force Mobility Weapons School, the U.S. Air Force Mobility Operations School and the U.S. Air Force Air Mobility Battlelab.

■ The U.S. Air Force Mobility Weapons School, formerly known as the U.S. Air Force Combat Aerial Delivery School, has facilities here, and at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.; Little Rock AFB, Ark.; and Fairchild AFB, Wash. It conducts weapons instructor courses for C-130 Hercules, KC-135 Stratotanker and C-17 Globemaster III aircrews. School instructors also provide mobility tactics development and evaluation, combat aircrew tactics training, a senior officer tacticians course, an intelligence formal training unit course and hold the air mobility tactics/adversary studies element course.

■ The U.S. Air Force Mobility Operations School features courses in operations, aircraft maintenance, air transportation, and command and control. Also here are the center's registrar, instructor/course development courses and Community College of the Air Force programs, and it is the center's focal point for distance learning. Within the operations school is the 34th Combat Training Squadron, formerly with the weapons

school, which provides air mobility support at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Ft. Polk, La., and Red Flag at Nellis AFB, Nev.

■ The U.S. Air Force Air Mobility Battlelab is the seventh and newest Air Force battlelab. The battlelab provides innovation support to both centers of excellence, developing capabilities for the warfighter through improved tools, tactics, technology, concepts and requirements.

The Agile Combat Support Center of Excellence is a combination of the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Operations School and the air mobility battlelab.

■ The U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Operations School conducts the chief of staff of the Air Force's Eagle Flag exercise, considered the "Red Flag" of expeditionary combat support. The school is also a security forces regional training center and provides a number of ESC-related courses for the Air Force. In addition, the school conducts the Department of Defense anti-terrorism level II course, the Phoenix Raven Course and will begin developing ECS tactics, techniques and procedures in fiscal 2005. Also, within the school is the redesignated 421st Combat Training Squadron, formerly the 421st Training Squadron. *(Courtesy of Air Mobility Command News Service)*