



Newslines

Wing Holiday Party

The 20th Fighter Wing Holiday Party is set for Saturday from 7-11 p.m. at the Conference Center. Free for E-6/below -- see a first sergeant.

North Gate construction

Due to bollard and tiger-teeth construction, reconfiguration of the North Gate is set for Monday. The gate will remain open, but members should be alert for new traffic patterns. Construction is scheduled to last until Feb. 2.

AFSA meeting

Shaw's Air Force Sergeants Association chapter is set to meet Wednesday at Club Shaw at 11:30 a.m. All enlisted ranks are invited.

Closures

The Traffic Management Office will close Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a flight function. For emergencies, contact the Command Post at **895-5850**.

The 20th Medical Group is set to close Dec. 19 in observance of November's UTE Day. Acute care is still available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call **895-CARE** after 7:30 a.m. to schedule an appointment. The clinic pharmacy, BX pharmacy, lab and radiology department will also close Dec. 19.

Christian luncheon

The next Christian Fellowship luncheon is set for Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Center. The cost is \$3. Reservations must be made by noon Tuesday. For more information, call **895-1408** or **895-1106**.

Disposition of effects

Any persons having claims for or against the estate of Staff Sgt. Ricky Robinson, 20th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, call **895-2454** or **895-2534**.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Susan Penning

Trauma Drama

Capt. Vince Feller (right), 20th Medical Operations Squadron, and other MDOS members prepare medical supplies during a scheduled major accident response exercise on base Thursday. Shaw and local emergency management officials worked together in the training scenario to sharpen their crisis-response skills and procedures.

Housing questions answered

(The following information is provided by the base Housing Office.)

Housing privatization at Shaw continues to move forward. Step One, the selection of possible building contractors, has been completed. Those successful developers have been invited to participate in Step Two. Project proposals are due to the government by Dec. 29. A Spring 2004 award date is projected.

The following answers are in response to questions submitted over the past few weeks from Shaw members:

Q: I'm deploying and may not be back until April/May 2004. Will housing privatization take effect before I return? What will my spouse need if it does?

A: The housing privatization contract is scheduled to close at the end of March. Therefore, this will most likely take effect before you get back. If you do not plan to be back before the end of February, before you deploy, visit the base Legal Office and make arrangements to create a special power of attorney so your spouse can do the follow-

ing three things: Sign a lease with the Successful Offeror, sign a form to start your basic allowance for housing and sign a form to start an allotment to pay rent to the SO.

Q: I've been told when housing is privatized I'll have to move out. Is this true?

A: No. When housing is privatized, each resident will be given an opportunity to elect to stay in privatized housing or move. Either way, a temporary lease will need to be signed along with the BAH and allotment start forms. If you elect to move out, the government will pay to move you. If you elect to stay in privatized housing, the SO will convert your temporary lease to a one-year lease, similar to off-base rental properties. After a year, the lease is month to month.

Q: If I elect to move, how long will I have before I need to leave base housing?

A: The selected SO will establish this. The number of days and exact date the clock starts is set by the SO, as he will own housing. Tenants electing to move out of privatized housing should not plan on

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Weekend weather

Friday



Clear
High: 61
Low: 34

Saturday



Cloudy
High: 53
Low: 34

Sunday



Cloudy/Rainy
High: 54
Low: 40

Courtesy of the 20th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

Inside: Page 10: Tips to prepare your vehicle for cold weather.
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Marijuana, underage drinking lead to Articles 15

The following are Article 15 actions processed by the 20th Fighter Wing Legal Office during the month of October.

Punishments are dependent upon the severity of the crime and are given at the commander's discretion based upon the individual receiving them.

■ For using a government travel card for personal use, an airman 1st class received a suspended reduction in rank to airman, 14 days extra

duty and a reprimand. ■ An airman 1st class received a reduction in rank to airman, 14 days extra duty, 14 days restriction to base and a reprimand for failure to go, disrespecting an NCO and failing to obey a lawful order.

■ An airman 1st class damaged non-military property and received a suspended forfeiture of \$120 per month for two months, 21 days extra duty and a reprimand.

■ An airman 1st class received a

suspended reduction in rank to airman, 21 days extra duty and a reprimand for failure to go.

■ A senior airman missed a movement and received a forfeiture of \$388, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

■ For underage drinking, an airman 1st class received a suspended reduction in rank to airman, 30 days extra duty and a forfeiture of \$150 per month for two months.

■ An airman 1st class was caught drunk driving and received a reduction in rank to airman, a suspended 30 days extra duty and a forfeiture of \$150 per month for two months.

■ A senior airman was absent without leave and issued a false official statement. The airman received a reprimand.

■ A senior airman was AWOL, failed to go and issued a false official statement. The airman received a suspended reduction in rank to airman 1st class, 30 days extra duty and a forfeiture of \$100 per month for two months.

■ A senior master sergeant violated a general order or regulation and was charged with two cases of maltreatment. The sergeant received 45 days extra duty and 15 additional suspended days extra duty, a forfeiture of \$700 per month for two months with an additional suspended \$200 per month for two months and a reprimand.

■ An airman received a suspended forfeiture of \$150 per month for two months and 21 days extra duty for altering a military ID.

■ A senior airman received a reduction in rank to airman 1st class for dereliction of duty.

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■ An airman 1st class received a suspended reduction in rank to airman and 30 days base restriction for dereliction of duty.

■ A senior airman received a suspended reduction in rank to airman 1st class and 14 days extra duty for failing to pay debt.

■ An airman received a reduction in rank to airman basic and a reprimand for underage drinking, drunk and disorderly conduct and issuing a

false official statement.

■ An airman 1st class issued two false official statements and received a suspended reduction in rank to airman, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

■ An airman 1st class used marijuana and received a reduction in rank to airman, forfeiture of \$645 and a reprimand.

■ An airman used marijuana and received a reduction in rank to airman basic and forfeiture of \$575.

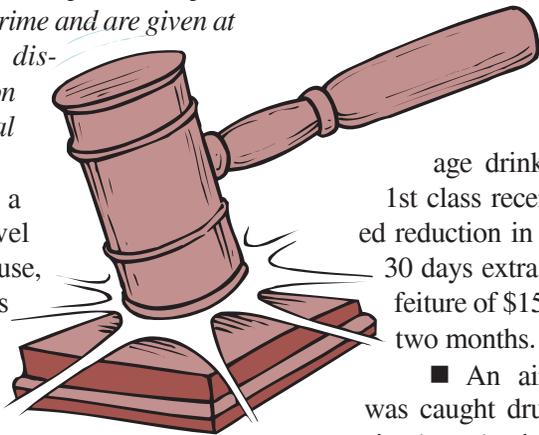
■ An airman 1st class used marijuana and received a reduction in rank to airman and forfeiture of \$645.

■ An airman 1st class distributed marijuana and received a reduction in rank to airman basic, forfeiture of \$575 per month for two months and a reprimand.

■ An airman 1st class received a reduction in rank to airman basic for absence without leave, failing to go twice, failing to obey a lawful order and issuing two false official statements.

■ An airman received a reduction in rank to airman basic for failing to go.

■ An airman received a reduction in rank to airman basic for failing to go and incapacitation for duty following an original Article 15 in July 2003.



RED HORSE constructs warehouse for ACOMS

By 1st Lt. Pete Gulbranson
819th RED HORSE, project engineer

Members of the 819th RED HORSE Squadron from Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., recently finished construction of a new warehouse facility at Shaw for 9th Air Force's 609th Air Communications Squadron.

"It's been a challenging project," said Master Sgt. Dennis Deforest, RED HORSE project manager. "The airmen out here have worked hard to bring everything together, and have gotten some excellent training in the process."

According to officials, the Shaw project was a short-notice budget insert for fiscal year 2003. The 9th Air Force requested assistance from the 819th in May 2003.

In mid-October, 27 RED HORSE members left their home in the northern Rockies to come to Shaw. The team included structural, utilities, electrical and pavements craftsmen, site developers and RED HORSE Supply and Services members.

The 819th is one of three RED HORSE units based in the continental United States. RED HORSE members provide the Air Force with a mobile civil engineering response force to support contingency and special operations worldwide. They are self-sufficient mobile squadrons capable of rapid response and independent operations in remote, high-threat environments worldwide. They

provide heavy repair capability and construction support when requirements exceed normal base civil engineer capabilities and where Army engineer support is not readily available. They possess weapons, vehicles, heavy equipment and vehicle maintenance, food service, supply and medical equipment. When they are not deployed, RED HORSE members work on training projects at state-side bases.

"The 609th ACOMS plans to use the new facility as warehouse and workshop space for the Central Command Air Forces Network Operations Security Center," said Maj. Ken Perry, 609th ACOMS. They are tasked to install and support all network communication security equipment for all Air Force bases in Southwest Asia. They purchase, store and prepare millions of dollars worth of communications equipment for deployment overseas. Despite workshop and storage space requirements, the unit had no permanent storage areas assigned to it. Much of the equipment was stored and assembled in large shipping containers, with no climate control system. Some was stored in Virginia, several hours away from the operation at Shaw. The new building, located on the far eastern edge of the base, will provide them with the space needed to accomplish their mission.

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the building took place Dec. 4. Although the building is complete, the NOSC will not be able to move in until a certified

fire suppression system contractor can install sprinklers and fire water lines in early January.



Courtesy photo

RED HORSE members construct a 609th Air Communications Squadron warehouse on base, which officially opened Dec. 4.

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an extended period of time before they are required to vacate.

Q: Is there a security deposit or fees associated with privatized housing living?

A: No. The contract does not allow for any fees to be charged to referred tenants, which are members currently eligible to live in military housing.

Q: Do I have to pay my rent by allotment? I'd prefer to pay cash or by check.

A: The law requires rent in privatized housing be paid by allotment.

Q: I've heard the SO will be able to rent to civilians. Is this true?

A: This is complicated. There is a seven-layer tier of non-referred tenants the contractor may rent to on one-year leases if the occupancy falls below 95% for three consecutive months. The first six layers are Department of Defense affiliated. The SO can only rent to non-referred persons for one year at a time, only if the occupancy rate is below 95% and charge rent comparable to that in town for a similar unit. The SO can also charge security, pet and other deposits to non-referred tenants. However, the SO cannot rent to the general public until after advertis-

ing for persons falling under categories one through six for 60 days and failing to bring the occupancy rate above 95%. Once the occupancy rate is above 95%, the SO can no longer rent to non-referred tenants.

Q: We are a dual-military married family. How will privatized housing work for us?

A: You both draw single BAH, but you will be charged rent based on BAH with dependents, and on the rank of the senior member.

Q: If I sign a one-year lease and then get PCS orders, what happens?

A: The lease will have the standard military clause required in all leases which allows it to be broken if the service member receives orders to a new duty station during the lease period.

Q: I live on base and heard a rumor the contractor will be starting construction in my area. Will I have to move?

A: The location where the SO plans to start demolition and construction will not be known until after proposal evaluations have finished and a selection has been made. Neighborhood development and construction plan approval will take several months after the contract has been awarded. If you live in an

area scheduled for demolition and construction, you will be notified in advance of the need to relocate and asked if you wish to move into another privatized housing unit or off base. Either way, the government will pay for the move. The goal of both the government and SO is to keep the number of moves an individual family will be required to make to a minimum during this transition period.

Q: If I elect to move off base, will I be able to move into one of the privatized housing units when it is complete?

A: Until all the construction is completed, most likely not. The SO will need to move those living in old privatized housing units into the new to make room for the next phase of demolition and construction.

Q: What prevents the SO from renting to those that receive a higher BAH?

A: There is a set demographic distribution by grade the SO must maintain.

For more information on housing privatization, visit the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence site at www.afcee.brooks.af.mil. For Shaw specific information, call 895-2424 extensions 225 or 233, or visit www.eypsc.com.

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 50-inch television from the first-floor day room in Dorm 409 was damaged.

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

■ An Army soldier and his

girlfriend were involved in a domestic dispute at his base quarters.

■ There were 22 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

Crashes in construction work zones continue to be a source of many critical injuries and deaths. Speed limits are lowered in construction zones to increase safety. Slowing down allows drivers more time to react to hazards in these areas. At this time, there are numerous construction projects at Shaw. Work crews are milling many old roads and constructing new buildings. Drivers need to be aware of potential hazards. In addition, parking in these zones is prohibited.

OPSEC reminder

If you see anyone outside Shaw's fence taking pictures of the flightline, call the 20th Security Forces Squadron at 895-3669.

Trivia contest

Question: What do the ABCs stand for in self aid and buddy care?

Last week's question: Step one in unexploded ordnance reporting is: Call the Unit Control Center or Survival Recovery Center to report the UXO.

Last week's winner: There were no correct answers submitted for last week's trivia question.

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 10	+ DAYS SINCE THE LAST INCIDENT

(As of Thursday)

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Team Shaw members stay in the blue

The following Team Shaw personnel re-enlisted during November:

Master sergeants

Nigel Beckford, 338th Training Squadron; Leila Grogan, 20th Operations Support Squadron; Randolph Hardy, 609th Air Communications Squadron; Kevin Hitt, 609th Air Support Squadron; Toby Kruse, 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron; Michael Lewis, 20th Logistics Readiness Squadron; Brian Miller, 337th Recruiting Squadron; Mark Todd, 337th RCS

Technical sergeants

Glenn Booker Jr., 609th ACOMS; Keith Burns, 20th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Darrell Clements, 20th Fighter Wing; Jerry Dire Jr., 20th

Communications Squadron; Robert Frost, 609th ACOMS; Mark Howard, 337th RCS; Randy Reitan, 20th Logistics Readiness Squadron; Bennie Solberg, 28th Operational Weather Squadron; Christopher Tate, 609th ASUS; Eldridge White, 31st Intelligence Squadron; Melvin Wilson, 20th AMXS; Michael Wilson, 20th FW

Staff sergeants

Lakeisha Blakeney, 20th Maintenance Group; Michael Carino, 20th OSS; Angela Clear, 20th Security Forces Squadron; Jamie Fielden, 20th Component Maintenance Squadron; Craig Foust, 20th AMXS; Davina Hardin, 20th Comptroller Squadron; Jacob Messina, 20th ACOMS; Jerry Poth, 15th Air Support Operations Squadron;

Kimberly Reeder, 20th OSS; Richard Strand, 20th AMXS; Nathaniel Swab, 609th ACOMS; Roosevelt Terry, 20th CMS

Senior airmen

Jeremy Burczyk, 31st IS; Jessica Dizon, 31st IS; Jason Gartland, 20th CS; Jennifer Heath, 20th Mission Support Squadron; Jamal Jeffcoat, 609th ACOMS; Jeffrey Miller, 609th ACOMS; Howard Morgan, 20th CS; Patrick Pierce, 20th CS; Jason Pudelski, 20th Civil Engineer Squadron; Joerikus Starks Jr., 20th LRS; Jose Trevino, 609th Air Intelligence Squadron; Sophie Washington, 20th SFS; Kevin Winn, 20th CES

Airman 1st class

Steven Lowry, 20th AMXS

Stork Sorties

Nov. 18 - Miriam Keilana to Jason and Deanna Gartland

If you would like your child's birth announced in the Stork Sorties section of The Shaw Spirit, send the date of birth, baby's full name and the first and last name of the parent(s) to spirit.editor@shaw.af.mil. Announcements are run once a month and should be received by the first Friday of each month.



Vets' Christmas Charity Ride

The Vets' Christmas Charity Ride is scheduled for Sunday at 2 p.m. The entry fee is one gift to be given to a veteran. Participants will gather at 1 p.m. and ride from Carolina Honda at 3620 River Dr. to Dorn V.A. Medical Center in Columbia. But you don't have to ride to participate. Gifts can be taken today to Carolina Honda, any Fort Jackson Credit Union location or the Career Assistance Advisor's office in the 20th Support Center. For more information, call (803) 252-3381, Senior Master Sgt. Raymond Butler at 895-7830 or log on to www.gwrrasc.com.



Officials emphasize flu virus protection

By Lt. Col. Donnalee Sykes

20th Medical Operations Squadron commander

Winter is the height of the flu season, with peak months between December and March, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Influenza (the flu)

What is Influenza? Influenza is a highly contagious disease caused by the influenza virus. The flu is spread when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or speaks, sending the virus into the air where other people can inhale it. Symptoms begin one to three days after inhalation. Other viruses can cause similar symptoms, but influenza can lead to very serious, even life-threatening complications in elderly, very young, or immune-compromised people.

The Flu vs. the Common Cold

The flu comes on suddenly and may include any or all typical "flu-like" symptoms: high fever, intense headache, muscle aches, tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, and nasal congestion. Most people feel better in a few of days, but the tiredness and cough can last for two weeks or longer.

On the other hand, colds usually begin slowly, produce less-intense symptoms, and normally last a week or less. Colds may cause a mild cough and/or

mild fever, but usually don't have a fever at all.

Who Should Get a Flu Shot

According to the CDC, a yearly flu shot is recommended for the following groups of people who are at increased risk for serious influenza complications:

- Children aged 6-23 months;
- Children and teenagers on long-term aspirin therapy;
- Children and adults with chronic heart or lung conditions (like asthma), metabolic diseases (like diabetes), kidney disease, or weakened immune systems like AIDS;
- Persons aged 50 and older;
- Women who will be more than 14 weeks pregnant during the flu season.
- Active Duty and Guard/Reserve personnel on active status.

Who Should Not Get a Flu Shot

The CDC further recommends the following groups should not get a flu shot before speaking with their health-care provider:

- People who have a severe allergy to eggs; and
- People who have had a severe reaction to a flu shot in the past.

Recent media attention has significantly increased the demand for the flu vaccine. To ensure

coverage for Shaw's primary at-risk population, the 20th Medical Group has prioritized the vaccine for those individuals listed in the above "who should get a flu shot" category.

All other eligible beneficiaries of medical care at the 20th Medical Group will be immunized on a supply-available basis only. Individuals not eligible for medical care on base can get flu shots through the local health department or their civilian physician.

The Immunization Clinic will vaccinate individuals aged 4 years and older. Children younger than this will receive the flu vaccine in the Pediatric Clinic. The hours of operation for both clinics are Mondays thru Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

