



## Newslines

### Promotion ceremony

A promotion ceremony is set for today at 2:30 p.m. at Club Shaw. For more information, call 895-9573.

### 9th Air Force banquet

A banquet recognizing 9th Air Force's 12 outstanding airmen and first sergeant of the year is set for Thursday at the Conference Center. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and the awards banquet at 7 p.m. Cost is \$18 for members, \$20 for nonmembers. Call 895-2873 for more information.

### Closure

The 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Munitions storage area is set to close March 8 - 12 for 100% stockpile inventory. For more information, call 895-0238 or 895-0239.

### Voting deadlines

Presidential primary voting for California, Connecticut, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont and Washington is set for Tuesday. Voting for Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi is set for March 9, and for Illinois on March 16. For more information, members should see a unit voting representative, or call 895-1200.

## Weekend Weather

Saturday



Partly cloudy  
High: 56  
Low: 33

Sunday



Clear  
High: 67  
Low: 30

Courtesy of the 20th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

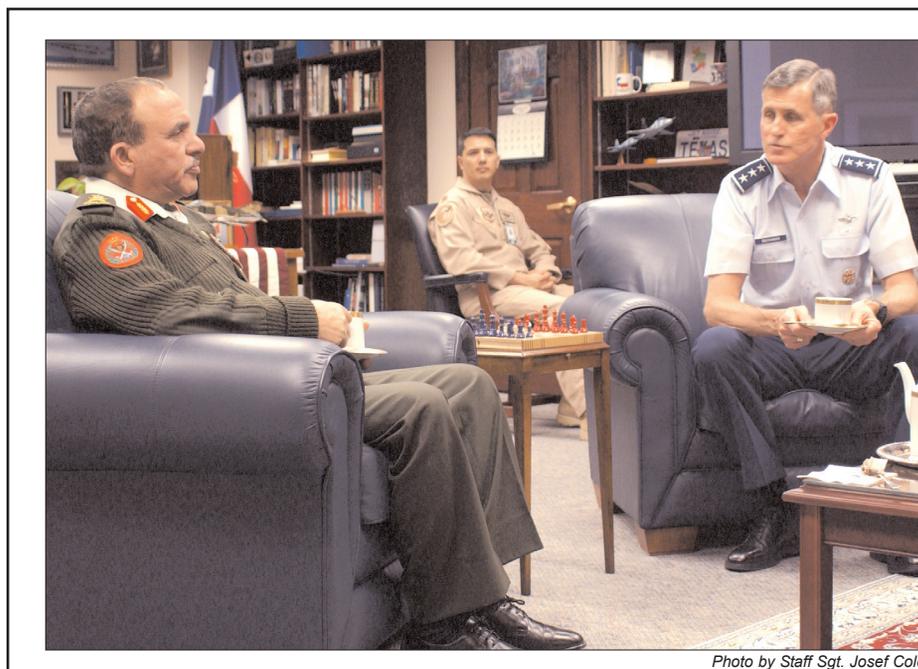


Photo by Staff Sgt. Josef Cole

## Jordanian CJCS visits Shaw

Gen. Khalid Sarayreh, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, Jordanian Armed Forces (left), met with Lt. Gen. Walter Buchanan III, 9th Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces commander, during a visit to Shaw Monday. Gen. Sarayreh was here participating in the CJCS Counterpart Exchange Program.

## New simulator aids readiness

By Staff Sgt. Lee Watts  
Internal Information chief

On the morning of Feb. 18, a Shaw air traffic controller looked to his left and saw Air Force One on approach in formation with a pair of C-130s. Less than 10 minutes later, there were F-22s and MiGs also wanting to land.

People who work on the flightline may have no recollection of these aircraft on the runway that day. That's because they only existed in cyber space in Shaw's new air traffic control tower simulator.

The half-million-dollar simulator, located on the first floor of Shaw's air traffic control tower, officially opened Feb. 18.

"It's realism and capability is very impressive," said Capt. John Schutte, 20th Operations Support

Squadron airfield operations flight commander. "This should decrease our training time by at least 25%."

Some of the features of the simulator include: a 270-degree view, voice recognition programming, real-time scenario progression, and the ability to change weather conditions.

"We can program in fog, rain, snow, ice, hurricane-strength winds or almost any weather condition there is," said Tech. Sgt. Corwaloreese Holloman, 20th OSS air traffic controller who conducts training at the simulator.

In addition to controlling the weather, the simulator can change day into night or reproduce any amount of light in between.

Not only does the simulator recreate the image of aircraft, it also recreates their flight characteristics,

including speed and engine sounds at the corresponding volume the tower would hear.

"When it was installed, they wanted to run a test scenario," said Staff Sgt. Scott Bolster, 20th OSS air traffic controller. "When I sat down, I was immediately immersed. It was just like I was at work. It's so easy to think you are in the tower."

Other controllers share Sgt. Bolster's impression of the simulator's realism.

"It is right on target as far as voice recognition and aircraft characteristics," said Staff Sgt. Steven Bellue, 20th OSS air traffic controller.

According to Senior Airman Justin DeArment, 20th OSS air traffic controller, the voice recognition-program forces you to use the correct

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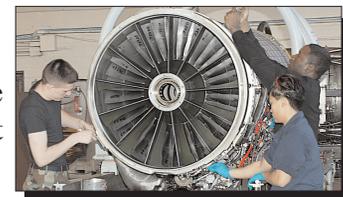


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A deployed chaplain from Shaw offers spiritual support to service members.

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20th Component Maintenance Squadron propulsion flight makes facility improvements.



# Housing privatization questions answered

Shaw continues to move forward in preparation for housing privatization. Proposals from developers have been received and are currently in the review process.

Last month, each base housing resident was sent a housing survey designed to create a tenant satisfaction baseline in preparation for privatization. Part of this survey was an opportunity for residents to request to be contacted to discuss specific questions concerning privatization. The following are several of the most common questions resulting from these calls:

**Q: When will privatization start?**

A: As the government reviews each proposal and the developer responds to questions asked, there may be delays to allow developers to revise proposals or the government to take additional time in their review. Currently, the projected start date for privatization is May/June 2004, but this may be extended if more time is required.

**Q: My spouse is on a remote assignment and returning to Shaw in September. What do I need to do in preparation for privatization?**

A: Housing privatization will most likely take place before September, so you need to have a Special Power of Attorney to sign a lease, a Basic Allowance for Housing start form and an allotment start form.

For more information on obtaining powers of attorney, contact Shaw's Legal Office at 895-1560 or 895-1561.

**Q: Will I have to pay for my own utilities right away?**

A: No. Until new housing is constructed, rent will be equal to BAH and will include electric, gas, water, sewer and refuse collection. New housing units will have electric and gas meters.

It will be at least one year before any new homes are ready to move into. When you move into a new housing unit, your rent will be reduced by 110% of the average gas and electric utility cost for the type of unit you are renting. Using this utility allowance, you will pay your gas and electric bill directly to the utility provider. The Successful Offerer (developer) will continue to pay for water, sewer and refuse collection as part of your rent. The goal remains for customers to have no out-of-pocket expenses for living on base in privatized housing.

**Q: When will my BAH start and what will happen to it?**

A: Your BAH allowance will start the day the SO takes possession of base housing. On that day, you must have an allotment made out to the SO for the same BAH amount to cover rent. You should see no change in your net pay, as the SO will provide the same services/amenities the government provides when you live on base.

**Q: When can I move off base and have the government pay for my move?**

A: Prior to the SO taking possession of the housing units, you will be given an opportunity to either stay in privatized housing or move off base. This opportunity will come around the same time the contract is awarded (see question 1). If you choose to move off base, the government will pay for your move. Also, during the construction of the new housing, if the developer needs to relocate you, you will be given a choice to move to another privatized unit if available, or off base. In either case, the government will pay for the move.

**Q: What happens if I sign a one-year lease and have to PCS?**

A: All leases will contain a military clause that releases you from it if you are issued orders. You should ensure this clause is included in any lease you sign, regardless of whether it is for privatized housing or housing you rent in the local community.

**Q: Will I be required to move out of housing when it is privatized?**

A: No. The SO will take over the existing housing as is. You will not be required to move unless you need to be relocated due to the developer's demolition and construction plans. At this time, we do not know the exact location where the SO will start demolishing homes to rebuild new ones.

If you have additional questions, contact Chief Master Sgt. Allen Fennigkoh, housing privatization chief, at 895-2424, extension 233, or Mr. Andy Bigelow, Shaw's contract project manager, at 895-2424, extension 225. You are also invited to attend one of the Housing Privatization Town Hall meetings scheduled for the second week of March at the Base Theater. See dates and times below.

*(Information courtesy of Shaw's Base Housing Office.)*

## Housing Privatization meetings scheduled at Base Theater

Shaw's Housing Privatization Office has scheduled a series of Town Hall meetings at the Base Theater the second week of March to answer questions. To avoid theater overcrowding, housing residents should try and attend the meeting scheduled for their neighborhood. Housing staff will present a short briefing and respond to audience questions.

### Neighborhood

Shaw Heights 1 through 300 area  
Officer Housing (Shaw Manor 4,000 and Palmetto Heights 5,000 area)  
Open to anyone  
Shaw Heights 400 through 500 area  
Open to anyone  
Shaw Manor 4,000 area  
Palmetto Heights 5,000 area  
Open to anyone

### Date

March 8  
March 9  
  
March 9  
March 10  
March 10  
March 11  
March 12  
March 13

### Time

1 - 3 p.m.  
9 - 11 a.m.  
  
7 - 9 p.m.  
9 - 11 a.m.  
7 - 9 p.m.  
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phrases.

In air traffic control, precise and clear instructions are necessary for safety reasons.

"The simulator forces you to do things by the book and tracks everything in real time so you have to do things the way you really would," Airman DeArment said.

"This simulator is dynamite," said Col. Sam Angelella, 20th Fighter Wing commander. "It's a world-class facility that will increase our capability."

One of the ways the simulator will increase capability is it can be programmed to not only recreate the view from Shaw's tower, but also the view from any tower in the world.

Sgt. Holloman explained how the new simula-

tor will aid readiness at Shaw.

"The programming helps training because it includes every aircraft in the Air Force's inventory and has some aircraft of other nations," he said.

"If someone is deploying or PCSing, we can program the simulator for their new location so they can train and be familiar with its conditions the moment they arrive," he added.

The simulator can aid readiness in other ways, too.

Airman DeArment said experienced controllers can use the simulator to stay proficient on situations that don't frequently happen at Shaw.

The simulator uses on-scene photographs, satellite imagery and site surveys to create simulations that are as real as possible.

"This simulator has brought training into the

21st century," said Col. Angelella.

Before the new digital equipment was installed, Shaw controllers would train with a static display board.

"I went to self help, got some wood and carved it out to represent some of the key buildings," said Sgt. Bolster.

"We bought some small models to simulate the aircraft and would move them by hand to set up different training situations for the new controllers," he said.

Airman DeArment said, "With the static display, it was hard to get the timing correct."

With more realistic training equipment, Shaw's air traffic controllers can now train more like they fight and are better prepared for the challenges of the future.

# 20th Fighter Wing honorary commanders

By Airman 1st Class Susan Penning  
Editor

A ceremony recognizing Shaw's 2004 honorary commanders is set for today at 4 p.m. in the Conference Center.

The ceremony is part of Shaw's Honorary Commander Program. This program is the wing commander's tool for fostering good relationships between Shaw and the Sumter community, and allows Shaw members to gain knowledge of the local area.

According to Col. Sam Angelella, 20th Fighter Wing commander, embedding squadrons with honorary civilian commanders promotes a better understanding of Shaw's mission, and

invites the community to get a bird's eye view of the sacrifices Shaw members make on a daily basis.

At the ceremony last year, honorary commanders were encouraged to get to know the men and women in their respective units. Also, military commanders were challenged to become familiar with their civilian counterparts and their work environment.

The following is a list of the 20th FW honorary commanders for 2004:

- Commander** -- The Honorable Joe McElveen, Mayor, City of Sumter
- Vice commander** -- Mr. Steve Creech
- Comptroller Squadron** -- Mr. Tony Wrobel
- Operations Group** -- Mr. Rick Hines

**Operations Support Squadron** -- Dr. Keith Rabon

**55th Fighter Squadron** -- Mr. John Jones

**77 FS** -- Mr. Cliff Goodwin

**79 FS** -- Mr. Kyle Osteen

**Maintenance Group** -- Mr. Grier Blackwelder

**Aircraft Maintenance Squadron** -- Mr. Roger Flowers

**Component Maintenance Squadron** -- Mr. Frank Edwards

**Equipment Maintenance Squadron** -- Mr. Dennis Turner

**Maintenance Operations Squadron** -- Mr. Mack Kolb

**Mission Support Squadron** -- Mr. Talmadge Tobias

**Civil Engineer Squadron** -- Mr.

Archie Chandler

**Mission Support Squadron** -- Dr. Zona Jefferson

**Communications Squadron** -- Mr. Harold Miller

**Security Forces Squadron** -- Police Chief Patty Patterson

**Services Squadron** -- Mr. Earl Wilson

**Contracting Squadron** -- Mr. Rob Galloway

**Logistics Readiness Squadron** -- Mr. Pete Flanagan

**Medical Group** -- Mr. Jay Cox

**Medical Operations Squadron** -- Dr. Ronnie Dennis

**Medical Support Squadron** -- Mr. Harold Nixon

**Aeromedical-Dental Squadron** -- Ms. Cheryl Baker.

## Are you using all your educational resources?

Shaw's Education Center has six accredited universities offering services to members. They include Central Carolina Technical College, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Saint Leo University, Troy State University, the University of South Carolina Sumter and Webster University. CCTC is planning an Open House at the Education Center March 8 from 5 to 8 p.m. In addition, Webster University is set to have its grand opening at the center Thursday at 2 p.m.

For more information on furthering your education, call 895-1835 or 895-1838.

Feed the dog

Call mom

Go back to school

## 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 damage to the second and third-floor dayroom windows of Dorm 409.

■ An airman and his wife were involved in a domestic assault.

■ An airman and his wife were involved in a verbal altercation.

■ An airman's wife requested assistance with her 9-year-old child who was having behavioral problems.

■ A civilian was caught crawling under the

perimeter fence and charged with Criminal Trespassing.

■ Two airmen reported theft of personal property in government quarters.

■ A soldier reported theft of government property at the Temporary Lodging Facility.

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

■ 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

All motorcycle/moped riders must wear a brightly colored or contrasting vest or jacket as an outer uppergarment during the day and reflective material at night. The garment must be clearly visible.

Duty uniforms and reflective belts do not meet these requirements.

Note: Jackets and vests made specifically to increase rider visibility are available through the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, or at most motorcycle dealerships.

## Question Corner

**Question:** How many squadrons make up the 20th Fighter Wing?

**Last week's question:** Retired Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Barnes was the first black Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force.

**Last week's winner:** Airman 1st Class Jacob Rillo, 28th Operational Weather Squadron

The first person to e-mail *The Shaw Spirit* at [spirit.editor@shaw.af.mil](mailto:spirit.editor@shaw.af.mil) with the correct answer will get their name in next week's paper.



## DUI/DWI Statistics

**Last incident:** 13 days

**Last unit:** 20th FW

**2004 total:** 8

**2003 total:** 28

(As of Thursday)

**Punishment:** During 2003, more than 13 stripes were lost at Shaw because of DUIs/DWIs.



**AADD**  
Past week's saves: 16

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

## 337th RCS member earns "Gold Badge"

By Senior Airman Beth Orlen  
337th Recruiting Squadron

An airman from the 337th Recruiting Squadron recently "Crossed into the Blue" with the members of the 77th Fighter Squadron when he received an incentive flight with the unit.

Senior Airman Clifton Fulkerson, a 337th Recruiting Squadron rookie recruiter, received the incentive flight for earning the annual "Gold Badge," or Master Recruiter Badge. The "Gold Badge" is presented to the top enlisted or officer accessions recruiter selected by the squadron commander.

"It was great," said Airman Fulkerson.

He beat out nearly 70 other recruiters to earn this award. The Charlotte-based recruiter ended the year with a 183.3% goal rate and one cancellation.

He focused on the Air Force's needs when it came to filling jobs, said Master Sgt. Anita Wall, "E" Flight flight chief. Airman Fulkerson was instrumental in recruiting one linguist, three pararescue/combat control and two Explosive Ordnance Disposal members this year, as well as providing 75% of his accessions to the mechanical and electronic career fields, she said.

Airman Fulkerson received his "Gold Badge" during the squadron's recent annual awards banquet. In the spirit of the celebration of 100 years of flight, the



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shirley Henderson

**Airman Fulkerson gives the thumbs up before his incentive flight takes off.**

badge was "flown in" and delivered by a pilot to Maj. Marc McWilliams, 337th RCS commander. Maj. McWilliams presented the recruiter his achievement in front of more than 150 people.

After a short speech, Airman Fulkerson was personally congratulated by former Air Force Recruiting Service commander Brig. Gen. Edward Rice, who attended the banquet as the guest speaker.

Fulkerson also garnered several other awards, to include the senior recruiter, or "Silver," badge; the Rookie of the Year award; the Top Enlisted Programs Flight award and the Top Enlisted Accessions Recruiter award.

### Ortiz retirement

Master Sgt. Frank Ortiz, 20th Security Forces Squadron, is retiring after more than 22 years of service. He and his family have been at Shaw more than five years.

The Manhattan, N.Y., native and his wife, Hermila, have two children, Sharon and Frank Jr., and one grandchild, Emmanuel. After retirement, Sgt. Ortiz will relocate to San Antonio.

The retirement ceremony is scheduled for today at 3 p.m. in the Conference Center.

### Via retirement

Tech. Sgt. John Via, 609th Air Support Squadron, is retiring after 20 years of service. He and his family have been at Shaw five years.

The Goldsboro, N.C., native and his wife, Suzanne, have six children, John Jr., Sarah, Amy, Josh, Jeremy and Jared. After retirement, Sgt. Via plans to relocate to San Antonio and work for the Air Education and Training Command as a nuclear, biological and chemical subject matter expert.

The retirement ceremony is scheduled for March 5 at 2:30 p.m. in the Conference Center.

## Bostic retirement

Master Sgt. Claudia Bostic, 20th Mission Support Squadron, is retiring after 21 years of service. She has been at Shaw four years.

The Barbados native has a 12-year-old daughter, Renee. After retirement, she plans to enjoy a few weeks relaxing before beginning work in the federal civilian sector.

The retirement ceremony is scheduled for March 5 at 10 a. m. in the Family Support Center.

## Paris retirement

Master Sgt. Gary Paris, 20th Logistics Readiness Squadron, is retiring after 21 years of service. He has been at Shaw seven months.

The Baltimore native and his wife, Pamela, have three sons, Andrew, Chris and Matthew. After retirement, he plans to relocate to Delaware and pursue employment as a State Trooper.

The retirement ceremony is scheduled for Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Conference Center's Saunders Room.



**Cost:**  
E-4 and below: \$1  
E-5 and above: \$4  
**When:** Tuesday

**Where:** Conference Center  
**Time:** 7:30 a.m.  
For more information, call  
the Chapel at **895-1106.**

**Guest Speaker:** Chaplain  
(Maj. Gen.) Lorraine Potter,  
chief, Air Force chaplain  
service

