

Campus Faces: Campus Police Chief Frank Strickland

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There are many people around Meredith's campus who exist as nameless faces to us, such as members of the cafeteria, maintenance or campus police staffs. Although they dedicate much of their lives to us, we know nothing more than the color of their uniforms or the sound of their voices.

Until now.

This section is dedicated to discovering what lies within the people of Meredith College. And there's no better place to start than with those who protect us around the clock: our Meredith Campus Police, headed by Chief Frank Strickland.

Name: Frank E. Strickland

Rank: Chief of Police
Hometown: Laurinburg (Oxford), North Carolina

College: Hampton University (1974) - He also attended N.C. State, Alabama and Maryland because of his affiliation with the military.

Best advice from his parents: "To always treat people as you would like to be treated - to just be kind to others."

Family: Strickland has a wife and two daughters. His wife was once on staff here at Meredith in the Office of Institutional Advancement.

Favorite Book: The Bible

Favorite Music: Country

Favorite Food: Fried chicken, hands down, is Strickland's favorite food.

He recommended Belk Dining Hall's chicken.

Dream vacation:

"Anywhere warm and sunny with my wife"

Why he chose law enforcement:

Strickland said that since he was a boy, it has been his desire to be a police officer. When he was younger, he started off in the military because there were no job openings elsewhere.

Why he is at Meredith:

Strickland chose Meredith because of its nice environment and people. After working on campus as a night supervisor, Strickland eventually retired. Six months after his retirement, he accepted the offer from the vice president of business and finance to return to Meredith as the chief of police.

Favorite Shift: Daytime.

Strickland said that at this point in the game, it's too hard for him to catch up on sleep during the day and work at night.

Best part of the job:

Situations are fairly normal, nothing too big hits campus, and the biggest problems are usually between students or with parking tickets. Meredith is fortunate, and Strickland feels his job is that much more fun because of the safe environment.

Words to the students:

Strickland loves all the students and truly appreciates those who simply stick to the rules and do their share. He hopes that all of us know just how much personal care we get here - everyone comes together to help everyone else.

Strickland knows that you can't find that attention on just any campus.

Additional Information:

Strickland served in Vietnam for several years, and at age 30, he had earned the Air Medal with 27 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and the highly esteemed Distinguished Flying Cross. For his honorable and courageous service as a Huey helicopter pilot, Strickland was nominated for and received the Bronze Star.

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World News Brief

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Rumsfeld deployed 62,000 more troops to the Persian Gulf, including 7,000 Camp Lejeune Marines. The group had been scheduled to deploy sometime this summer but was sent out to help support the military in the Persian Gulf. There were many sad goodbyes as the troops headed out for what may be up to a year in the Gulf.

Chemical warheads not listed in Iraq's weapons reports were found in Iraq. The 11 chemical warheads that were found were all empty but were said to be in "excellent condition." While Iraqi officials said the warheads were outdated and had simply been forgotten, the U.S. has decided to look into the matter.

In a recent speech Saddam Hussein said Iraq was ready for war with America. The speech was given on the 12th anniversary of the Gulf War. Hussein said Iraq would not be defeated.

Palestinians have voiced their support for Iraq and Hussein. Thousands of Palestinians have joined in weeklong protests to show

their support for Iraq. Protesters' signs were said to read "No, no to attack," "Where is Arafat? He's sold us to the U.S.," and "We support Iraq." The demonstration may be associated with the help Iraq has shown to Palestine throughout the year, including giving financial help to families of suicide bombers.

Parents in Somalia are trying to smuggle their children into America so that they can escape the violence in their own country. Parents commonly send their children away because of the violence and lack of educational opportunities and medical facilities. The parents hope their children will be able to create a better life for themselves and send money back to the family.

Roh Moo-hyun, President-elect of South Korea, will officially take office next month. He said he is pleased with the way the U.S. is handling the nuclear weapons situation with North Korea. The U.S. has taken a diplomatic stand on talking to North Korea about nuclear weapons instead of taking a military approach.

El Nino warming in the Pacific will continue into the spring of 2003. El Nino, said to be in its "mature stage," has increased the temperature of the waters of the Pacific by 1-2 degrees Celsius. It has also affected the rain in Australia, America, southern Brazil, Uruguay and northern Argentina.

Demonstrators assembled in Washington, D.C. and other areas to protest against war with Iraq. This

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