



Sunburst



Briefly

Award winners

Congratulations to the first quarter award winners.

The winners are: **Senior Airman Cesar Valverde**, 49th Medical Group; **Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Weir**, 49th MDG; **Master Sgt. Michael Perna**, 49th MDG; **2nd Lt. William Ball**, 49th MDG; **GS-07 civilian Diana Coolidge**, 49th MDG; **GS-08 civilian Casell Davis**, 49th Maintenance Group.

New parking lot opens

The 49th Civil Engineer Squadron installed entrance and exit signs at the newly-paved parking lot, which opened Monday, near the Primary and Intermediate Schools. Drivers enter at the south side on Arnold Avenue and exit at the west side. The Committee of Fifty partnered with base leadership have made this renovation possible from the generous donations from local merchants.

MPF minimal-manned

The Military Personnel Flight is minimal-manned from 1 to 4:30 p.m., today for a flight function.

For more information, call the customer service section at 572-7277.

New hours

Pass and Registration begins new hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday. The Visitor Center hours remains 6 a.m. to midnight.

For more information, call the Visitor Center at 572-5920.

Retirement ceremony

The 49th Mission Support Group chief enlisted manager, Chief Master Sgt. Alvis Roberson's retirement ceremony is 3 p.m., today at the Oasis Enlisted Club.

Commissary

A commissary supplier filed bankruptcy recently, but a new supplier will begin May 3. Because of the change, some items can't be stocked.

Two F-117A pilots receive flying cross

Two F-117A Nighthawk pilots were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross recently for extraordinary achievement while flying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

On the opening day of the air campaign Lt. Col. David Toomey and Maj. Mark Hoehn flew the very first strike mission which targeted a senior Iraqi leadership compound in Baghdad where intelligence sources believed Saddam Hussein and other top regime leaders were staying. President George W. Bush approved the target.

The president told the nation in a televised statement that on his orders coalition forces had begun striking selected targets of military importance to undermine Saddam Hussein's ability to wage war.

The next day Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld told a full press-room at the Pentagon that the mission was the first strike of the war to liberate Iraq. This mission opened the air war by striking at the very heart of the Iraqi regime and began a continuous stream of what now numbers more than 42,000 sorties.

The pilots launched the strike less than two hours after being notified of the mission, with minimal planning material available. They met up with aerial

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Hugs and kisses

Airman 1st Class Krystal Castro, 8th Fighter Squadron support troop, kisses her son, 14-month-old Angelo, April 17. She is one of 300 Team Holloman members to return this month after supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

MPF to issue new Common Access Cards

by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Starting May 9, the Military Personnel Flight will have a mass issue of Common Access Cards.

"All active duty members, DoD civilian employees, selected reservists and eligible contractor personnel can expect to receive their cards sometime this year," said Staff Sgt. Sarah Spry,

Customr Service, NCOIC. "Right now, we have points of contact from all the squadrons to determine who should get their common access cards first."

The selected members will have a 15-minute appointment designated by their squadron allowing the MPF to issue new cards to about 32 people in a day.

"The cards will perform more functions than the old identification cards because you can log onto your com-

puter, encrypt or encode your e-mail and electronically sign documents," Spry said. "The possibilities of this card are next to endless."

Each card has a color photo and service seal of the holder, required visible personal data, a magnetic strip, linear and two-dimensional barcodes and a 32-kilobyte computer chip.

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Paul Coupaud

Happy hunting

Master Sgt. Jose Gonzalez and his 5-year-old daughter Marissa count Easter eggs Saturday at Heritage Park. More than 50 children hunted 250 Easter eggs at the Chapel-sponsored annual event.

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refueling and electronic warfare aircraft on their way to Baghdad and coordinated the many details of the mission elements they needed in the air to support the attack formation.

Maj. Hoehn faced another challenge when his aircraft developed a malfunction during the flight and had degraded communications ability. He was able to handle the aircraft through superior airmanship and was still able to achieve complete surprise in the heavily defended target area.

Lt. Col. Toomey also had to overcome a weapons system malfunction as daylight approached in the target area and the two aircraft entered into the heart of an Iraqi Integrated Air Defense System with more than fifty strategic surface-to-air missile systems and more than two hundred anti-aircraft artillery sites defending it.

Despite the malfunctions, both pilots penetrated the defenses and placed enhanced precision munitions exactly on target within one second of the planned time over target.

"Their performance in carrying out the mission was in the finest traditions of our Air Force," said Lt. Gen. T. Michael "Buzz" Moseley, Combined Forces Air Component Commander, on presenting the medals. "They made us all very proud."

"The success of this mission was due to the outstanding teamwork displayed by our operations and maintenance folks," Toomey said. "Team Holloman has made yet another mark in history, and I am proud to have been able to serve with such a professional group of individuals." (AFP)

Holloman chief retires after 26 years of service

by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 49th Mission Support Group chief enlisted manager retires after 26 years, four months and eight days of service.

Chief Master Sgt. Alvis Roberson has been around the world in his Air Force career, but plans to retire where it all started ... in a small North Carolina town.

Williamston has a population of less than 6,000, but for one citizen the small hometown was the beginning to a big Air Force career that took him to Hawaii, Germany, South Carolina, Egypt, Honduras, England, North Carolina and Holloman.

"My interest in the military began because there were not many jobs in the town I grew up in," he said. "My cousin married an airman who was influential in my decision to join the Air Force."

After deciding he didn't want to drive a tank in the Army, be on a ship for six months in the Navy or be a Marine on the front lines, he enlisted in the Air Force, March 1977.

"The Air Force gave me the opportunity to have a steady job, a roof over my head, three square meals a day and provided me with clothes on my back," Roberson said. "Because of the Air Force, I was able to travel and see things I never would have seen if I would have stayed in my hometown. Ultimately, the Air Force has also given me the opportunity to advance and apply myself."

Roberson's decision to make a career of the Air Force was influenced by his experience at NCO leadership school RAF Weathersfield, England.

"NCO leadership school gave me the

tools to see the difference between a good supervisor and a bad supervisor, and it gave me the tools to be successful," he said. "My immediate supervisor was a good supervisor, but I saw where his hands were tied with a bad supervisor over him. The old saying is you learn by good examples and bad examples, and I strongly believe that."

Roberson was not only a good example to his troops, but also to his peers.

"Roberson is the epitome of what a chief master sergeant should be in today's Air Force," said 49th Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. James Callander. "If I was an up and coming airman, I would want to follow him. Our great Air Force will miss his integrity and dedication."

Although Roberson had many highlights throughout his career, he said the intangible accomplishments are the ones he most cherishes.

"Every assignment, promotion and team award was a highlight, but nothing could compare to a phone call I received from a retiring master sergeant telling me I was the best supervisor he ever worked for," Roberson said. "Those phone calls from the airmen I've trained, though simple, mean so much to me."

During his career he has believed that mentorship will help airmen become successful.

"If it wasn't for good supervisors or good examples of leaders that airmen could talk with and listen to, they wouldn't know what they need to do to be successful in the Air Force," he said. "I used to look at people and say I want to be like that person right there, so I would try to talk to that person to find out how they became successful. Then



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Chief Master Sgt. Alvis Roberson, 49th Mission Support Group chief enlisted manager, retires after more than 26 years of service. His retirement ceremony is at 3 p.m., today at the enlisted club.

I'd try to point myself in that direction."

Although Roberson considers his career to be successful, he admits he has one regret.

"I wish I would have finished my bachelor's degree before I retired, but because I didn't sign up for educational benefits as a young airman, I missed out on the Air Force's education benefits," he said.

During his retirement Roberson plans to return to his small hometown in Martin County, start a new career, build a house, spend more time with his family and continue to be a recruiter for the Air Force.

"The Air Force has given me back 10 fold what I've put into it," Roberson said. "I'll miss the camaraderie, the team work and the family. I'll still bleed blue until they put me in the grave."

CAC

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In order to utilize the CAC, a personal identification number must be established. If the PIN is entered incorrectly three consecutive times, the system will lock you out. If this occurs, go to the MPF to unlock the system.

"The waiting time for the new cards can take 15 to 20 minutes, if things go well," Spry said. "We have to load all of the information on each individual card, which takes longer than old IDs."

The MPF will have a contractor doing the CACs, which will only leave one terminal open for normal duty day operations.

"Customers should expect delays because only one computer will be open for normal operations when the mass issue begins," Spry said.

For more information on the CACs, log on to the following websites <https://afpki.laclang.af.mil/scheduler.htm> and <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/deers/CAC/cac.htm>.

People can also call the MPF Customer Service section at 572-7277 for more information.

Legal Office civilian attorney wins Air Combat Command-level award

by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A civilian from the 49th Fighter Wing Legal Office won an Air Combat Command award recently.

Emil Brupbacher, an Attorney Advisor, won ACC's 2002 Attorney of the Year.

"After serving in the Air Force for 24 years, I've worked with many civilians I think highly of," Emil Brupbacher said. "I was flattered and humbled to win the Attorney of the Year award."

Brupbacher's work concerns all legal issues involving the German air force operations.

In that regard he juggles legal principles of the NATO Status of Forces Agreement with various federal and state agencies. Brupbacher is also a legal assistant for Team Holloman active duty and retired military and stands in as a back-up contract attorney.

He also helped deploying Team Holloman mem-

bers with wills and other personal legal issues.

"If you want to win an award, you have to do your best to receive the recognition you desire," Brupbacher said. "I think awards and nominations are important because it makes you feel appreciated. A nomination in itself is an award."

Although he is busy at work he manages to find time to volunteer off duty at Grace Methodist Church, Alamogordo Astronomy Club, and participates as an active member of the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce Impact Committee.

"Mr. Brupbacher is an incredible asset to have in the legal office," said Lt. Col. Gary Spencer, Staff judge advocate. "He uses his prior active duty experience as a judge advocate to contribute to all areas of the mission. His knowledge of international agreements is vital to the great working relationship we have with the GAF. His significant contributions in the last year earned him this ACC award."



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from April 15 to 21.

Tickets

Security forces issued a total of 16 citations this week: Three for speeding 11 to 15 mph over the posted speed limit, eight for speeding one to 10 mph over the posted speed limit, one for expired registration, one for inoperable headlights, one for driving while license is suspended or revoked, one for expired registration plus abandonment, and one for failure to provide registration.

Theft or damage to government and private property

- April 15: A civilian reported damage to her private-owned vehicle caused by a maintenance ladder that blew over.

- April 15: An NCO reported his government-issued plane tickets lost after they blew away due to winds.

- April 15: An airman reported damage to his POV. Damage was caused by an object hitting the POV as a result of winds.

- April 17: A senior NCO reported damage to his POV.
- April 17: A civilian reported someone had stolen a trailer hitch from a government-owned vehicle.
- April 18: An airman reported damage to his POV.
- April 18: An airman reported her husband violated a restraining order against him when he removed property and damaged her home. He was contacted and stated he didn't receive the restraining order until after he had retrieved his property.
- April 18: An NCO reported his household tools had been taken from his quarters while he was deployed. A civilian who had access to the home is a suspect.
- April 18: A family member reported damage to her husband's car.

Inmate Confinement

- April 17: An airman was convicted under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for Article 120, Carnal Knowledge and Article 125, Sodomy. He entered confinement by order of the Staff Judge Advocate and will be confined for 14 months.

Civil arrest

- April 18: Alamogordo Department of Public Safety arrested an airman for driving while intoxicated after he failed a field sobriety test. He was given the Intoxilizer 5000 and passed. He consented to a blood test and was released on his own recognizance.

- April 19: ADPS arrested an airman for breaking and entering a home and vehicle, and theft of a credit card. The airman broke into another airman's car and took a military ID card, credit card and driver's license. He was confined at the Otero County Detention Facility and held on \$15,000 bond.

Patrol Response

- April 15: A family member reported an individual has been harassing her at her work and at the gym.
- April 18: An airman reported another airman threatened to kill her. The airman who made the threat was taken into custody and advised of his rights in accordance with Article 31 of the UCMJ for Article 134, communicating a threat. The airman acknowledged his rights, elected legal counsel and was released to his first sergeant.

Malicious Mischief

April 19: An NCO reported an unknown individual has been shutting off the gas to houses on Catron Loop on four separate occasions.

Missing ID cards, vehicle decals and restricted area badges

There were five reports of missing identification cards this week. Two were active duty IDs, one family member ID, one civilian and one restricted area badge.

These incidents can become breaches of security. If personnel have a military issued ID card stolen or lost, or a DD Form 2220 stolen from a vehicle or missing from the squadron's inventory, report it to security forces immediately.

Security forces can be alerted to look for the missing item, given the information and serial numbers placed on each accountable item.

If you know of or have any information concerning any of these incidents, please contact security forces at 572-7171 or your first sergeant. For the Crime Stop Help Line, please contact security forces at 572-1100 or dial "911".

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49th CS airman captures command-level award

by Lorna Schuster
Sunburst staff writer

An Airman from the 49th Communications Squadron Support Flight's Visual Information section won an Air Combat Command-level award recently.

Senior Airman Jenifer Reese, Visual Information videographer, received the 2002 Communications and Information Individual Award.

"I opened an e-mail one morning from someone congratulating me on an award well deserved and wishing me good luck at the Air Force level," she said. "I honestly thought she sent it in error. Right after I deleted the message, my commander came in and told me I won the award. I was in shock. I still am."

As a member of the Visual Information team, Reese documents retirements and changes of command, creates training and orientation videos and records video footage for special investigations.

"I'm like a director, producer and editor all in one," she said. "Some of the technical training videos are full of information I don't entirely understand, but the script usually leads me to where I'm supposed to be. I'm up for any challenge – within reason. I'm not Steven Spielberg."

In October 2002, Reese was chosen to provide video coverage of President Bush's visit to Alamogordo. She also captured footage of Air Force pilots training in Holloman's centrifuge. The footage was featured in the series "American Fighter Pilot" which aired nationally on CBS.

And in May 2002, Reese was at hand to record the Tornado aircraft crash investigation on video. The imagery furnished invaluable information to the overall investigation and shortened the inquiry process.

"When the Tornado crashed, I got the call around 11 p.m. and I was just falling asleep," Reese said. "It wasn't until I got there and saw the extent of the damage that I realized how incredible it was to play a part in something that huge."

Reese has recorded many big events at Holloman, including the most recent return of F-117As and support troops returning after supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

As some of the F-117s returned from their deployed locations last week, Reese was there to document the event.

"Some people don't realize all that happens on this base," Reese said. "The work we do in VI does more than boost morale or provide instruction material. Our work is evidence of Holloman's history."

Reese's work allowed her to maintain an "Outstanding" customer survey rating for 84 out of 84 work orders completed in 2002. According to Reese, an important ingredient in achieving her role in Holloman's mission is having an upbeat and focused attitude.

"I don't let my bad days show when I'm with customers," Reese said. "I try to help them with a smile. It's the kind of thing that doesn't necessarily show on paper, but it makes all the difference."

"This airman is a valuable asset to the 49th Communications Squadron,"



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sam Bendet

Senior Airman Jenifer Reese records footage at Holloman Air Force Base

said Lt. Col. Alford Cockfield, 49th CS commander. "Her positive attitude and constant professionalism defines the meaning of a spirited warrior and she ex-

emplifies the attributes of an ACC award winner. Not only does she strive for her best, she has proven she is the best in our command."

Oasis Enlisted Club continues camel drive program

Program uses a mathematical equation to calculate points for new members; the squadron with the most points wins cash prize

by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Oasis Enlisted Club is giving away \$1,000 worth of prizes to the three squadrons with the most new members during the membership camel drive through May 31.

"Our intent is to increase the number of members and membership programs for our troops," said Ed Fitzhenry, 49th Services Squadron business activities flight chief. "Membership is the basis for the club's success. Without membership support, programs can't survive. Increase in support will increase the quality of life and the morale of our airmen."

The camel drive is a new program designed to increase the number of members through competition and prizes.

Each squadron will receive points based on the number of new memberships to the enlisted club. The rank of the new members determines the amount of points a squadron will earn. An E-1 will earn their squadron nine points, while an E-9 will only earn the squadron one point. Civilians and retirees earn

squadrons three points. Running totals will be maintained at the club and displayed prominently.

The enlisted club will also factor in a proportional ratio so, no matter if the squadron is big or small, everyone has a fair chance.

With membership fees as low as a dollar a stripe, members can take advantage of discounts and events at the club.

The 49th Civil Engineer Squadron and 49th Maintenance Squadron currently lead the pack with 105 points each. According to Fitzhenry, there's a month to go, any squadron can win the cash prizes.

"We have many new and exciting programs available to all our members," Fitzhenry said. "Once you join you are entitled to discounts on events that non-members do not receive such as comedy shows and Pay-Per View events."

The enlisted club is bringing a first of its kind program to Holloman. They will be holding a Last Man Standing paintball shootout and barbeque dinner, May 31.

The enlisted club is also having an Ultimate Fighting Championship Pay-Per-View Event Sudden Im-

pact, along with a jousting tournament April 25.

Fitzhenry said, "Bottom line is, more membership, more revenue, more programs, more fun."

For more information on how to become a member call 572-3226.

Camel drive standings

The current squadron standings in the Oasis Enlisted Club's camel drive program are as follows:

- 49th Maintenance Squadron: 105 points
- 49th Civil Engineer Squadron: 105 points
- 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron: 92 points
- 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron: 86 points
- 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron: 70 points
- 49th Medical Support Squadron: 61 points
- 49th Contracting Squadron: 47 points
- 49th Security Forces Squadron: 38 points
- 49th Combat Readiness Squadron: 27 points
- 49th Mission Support Squadron: 22 points
- 49th Medical Operations Squadron: 19 points
- 49th Medical Squadron: 17 points
- 49th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron: 7 points
- 49th Services Squadron: 6 points
- 49th Communications Squadron: 0 points

FSC

The Family Support Center offers the following classes and events at the FSC, building 40:

Spouse Employment Workshop:
12:30 p.m., Monday

For more information, contact the FSC at 572-7754 or visit the website at wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc.

Gus Macker Tournament

The Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Gus Macker three-on-three basketball tournament May 10 and 11. Registration begins May 9. Volunteers are needed to help with registration, special events and court monitoring.

For more information, call Pat Russell, Chamber of Commerce secretary, at 437-6120.

Air Force news

Team Holloman members who live on or off base can tune in to Air Force news at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., every day on channels one and 97.

Extended duty care

The Family Child Care Program announces the parent co-payment for the extended duty childcare program has been waived until Sept. 30. The extended duty child care program is designed to support active duty personnel who are occasionally required to work extra hours to provide mission support.

For more information, call 572-5848.

Honor Guard banquet

The 2003 Honor Guard Annual Awards banquet is at 6 p.m., May 3 at the enlisted club. Tickets are \$15 for members and \$17 for nonmembers. Contact a first sergeant for tickets.

ALS banquet

The Airman Leadership School Class 03-D graduation banquet begins with cocktails at 6 p.m., May 12 at the enlisted club. The dinner menu is baked chicken, \$14, or chef salad, \$11. Club members receive a \$2 discount. RSVP to a student by April 30.

For more information call 572-5860.

Optometry service

The 49th Medical Group Optometry Clinic will only provide service to active duty members beginning May 15. The reduction in normal service should



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Planting a seed

Evan Bracy and nine other Cub Scouts from Pack 124 planted four Chitalpa trees in celebration of Earth Day and Arbor Day. The scouts are taking part in a relandscaping project of Arizona and New Mexico.

last about 6 to 8 weeks, and normal service to all eligible beneficiaries will resume July 18.

TRICARE Prime patients and family members excluding active duty people can receive one routine optometric examination every year through a participating TriWest Network Provider. Retired military and their family covered under TRICARE Prime are eligible for one routine eye examination every two years. No referral is necessary and no co-payment is required for TRICARE Prime patients to see TriWest Network providers.

For a list of all Network providers, call the Holloman TriWest Service Center at 572-7700. The Optometry Clinic will provide acute care regardless of status.

Dollar Days change

The Dollar Days breakfast is changed to lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 16 at the enlisted club. Members can eat lunch for \$1.

For more information, call the enlisted club at 572-3226.

Entertainment venue change

The enlisted club offers entertainment Fridays and Saturdays. From 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., May 2 and 23, people can sing karaoke. People can hip-hop through the night May 9.

The Ultimate Fighting Championship plays today at the enlisted club. Tickets are available in advance for \$10 or \$5 for members or can be purchased at the door for \$12 or \$7 for members.

WWE wrestling pay-per-view Back-

lash plays Saturday at the enlisted club. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the event is free for members.

For more information, call the enlisted club at 572-3226.

Cosmic Bowling

Cosmic Bowling is from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., every Friday and Saturday at Desert Lanes Bowling Center. Cost is \$7 for up to four games and shoe rentals are 75 cents. Open bowling is 1 to 3 a.m., for \$1.75 per game.

Estate Claims

Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the estate of Tech. Sgt. Jeffery A. Hunt should contact 2nd Lt. David Barber, 49th Maintenance Squadron, Summary Court Officer, at 572-0045.

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Agent Cody Banks

7 p.m., today and Saturday

Tears of the Sun

10 p.m., today and Saturday

Willard

7 p.m., Sunday and Thursday

Movies are subject to change.

For more information, call 572-3286.



DWI Update

Days since last DWI	53	<u>Last six DWIs:</u>	572-RIDE works!
DWIs year to date	12	• 49 LRS* March 2	<i>Calls MADE are lives SAVED.</i>
DWIs this time last year	12	• 49 MMS March 1	Calls:
		• 49 CES* Jan. 17	Year to date: 213
		• 49 OSS Jan. 11	Last week: 6
		• 49 LRS Jan. 4	
		• 49 GAF Nov. 22	

*(The DWI update and 572-RIDE reflect FY 2003. The * denotes the DWI is a family member or civilian employee.)*

Holloman Chapel Services

- Weekday Masses** – 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.
 - Catholic Religious Education, 11 a.m.
- Sunday** – Catholic Mass, 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.
 - Protestant Contemporary Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.
 - Protestant Religious Education, 9:30 a.m.

Call 572-7214 for more information.

49th Fighter Wing Commander's Access Channel

The commander's access channel, cable channel 3, offers up-to-date information about current security conditions, closures on base, hours of various programs on base and community information about what programs and events are available at Holloman and in the local area. The commander's access channel also features the following videos today through Thursday:

- Air Force Television News: 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Return Reunion: noon, 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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