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Briefly



Promotion increment

The following promotion increment unumbers are effective Sept. 1:

- Colonel: 1 to 37
- Lieutenant colonel: 581 to 696
- Major : 481 to 640

Call the military personnel flight officer promotions at 572-3850 for more information.

Quarterly winners

Team Holloman winners for the second quarter are:

Airman: Senior Airman Alejandro Torres, 49th Operations Group
 NCO: Staff Sgt. Kevin Thomas, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron
 Senior NCO: Senior Master Sgt. Brad Truver, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron
 Company Grade Officer: Capt. Danny Maheux, 49th Maintenance Squadron
 Civilian (GS-7 or below): Sheri Thomas, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron
 Civilian (GS-8 or above): Robert Cahill, 49th Maintenance Squadron

Correction

Officials from the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron have revised the information for Arnold Avenue: it will remain a two-way street until further notice.



Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Airman 1st Class Jonathan Besko (left) and Senior Airman Brandi Wyatt, both with the 11th Communications Squadron at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., try out the Air Force test utility uniform in a computer server room. The blue, gray and green tiger-stripe camouflage uniforms will undergo wear-testing beginning in January.

Air Force to wear test new utility uniform

by Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski
Air Force Print News

Air Force officials announced plans Aug. 6 for the wear test of a new utility uniform that could replace the current battle dress uniform.

The blue, gray and green tiger-stripe camouflage ensemble is a departure from the current woodland-pattern uniform and includes many new features that are intended to increase functionality and provide a distinctive look for airmen of the 21st century, officials said.

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New fitness program begins soon

Airmen will begin hitting the track soon as the Air Force begins a new physical fitness program, the service's senior leader announced in his July 30 "Fit to Fight" Sight Picture.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper directed that airmen will now test their fitness levels by performing sit-ups, push-ups and running 1.5 miles.

The change is being made because "we are a much different Air Force today," according to Jumper.

Jumper cited the physical requirements demanded by recent deployments around world as the impetus for the change.

"The amount of energy we devote to our fitness programs is not consistent with the growing demands of our warrior culture," he said. "It's time to change that."

Details will be released soon that will get airmen back to the basics of running, sit-ups and push-ups, Jumper said. The cycle ergometry test, in use for the past 10 years, will continue for those who, for legitimate reasons, are not able to run.

Other changes include issued workout clothes and a renewed focus on the commander's ownership of airman physical fitness.

"We are planning to ... put responsibility for (physical training)

in the chain of command, not with the medical community or the commander's support staff," Jumper said

"I expect this effort to be led from the top, starting with commanders and senior (noncommissioned officers)," he said. "I expect those who have trouble meeting the standards to be helped by others in their unit until they do meet the standard."

The program will begin Jan. 1. Jumper said he plans to lead National Capitol Region Air Force general officers in a fitness test during the

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Weather forecast provided by the 49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight

New process promotes 816 lieutenants to captain

More than 800 Air Force first lieutenants have been selected for promotion to captain by the CY03A quarterly captain selection process — the first through a new decentralized procedure.

Board officials considered 823 lieutenants for promotion in the line, judge advocate general, chaplain, medical service corps, biomedical sciences corps and nurse corps fields. A total of 816 were selected for an overall 99.1 percent select rate.

The last board under the former central selection process last year had a 99.6 percent select rate. The entire list is available on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

Based on a policy change allowed by the 2002 National Defense Authorization Act,

HAFB selectees

49th Aeromedical-Dental Sq.

Paul Becker

Amy Crow

49th Materiel Maintenance Grp.

Christopher Eyle

promotion decisions to captain are now made at the major command or equivalent level. The intent is to place the decision point for promotion closer to those who know the officers best while saving the Air Force time and money, said officials.

While the opportunity for promotion to captain is 100 percent, those eligible still need to be “fully qualified” before they can be promoted, said officials. First lieutenants must meet the time-in-grade requirement. (AFPC News)

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FITNESS

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first week of January. Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray will lead area command chiefs later in the week.

“I think all of us can agree that we were disappointed with the fitness standards we found when we came into the operational Air Force,” Jumper said. “Let’s not disappoint ourselves any longer. The message is simple: If you are out of shape, fix it. If you have people in your squadron who need help, help them.

“January 2004 is the date,” he said. “Be ready.” (AFPJN)

Holloman Hotline

572-7500

The Hotline is your direct link to the 49th Fighter Wing commander. If you’ve tried to solve the problem yourself and haven’t been able to get results, call 572-7500 or e-mail [cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil](mailto:hotline@holloman.af.mil). Leave your name and phone number so the office of primary concern can contact you. Before submitting a Hotline, please give the appropriate agencies a chance to work out the problem. If you want to pass on praise for a job well done, please contact the supervisor or commander directly who can provide the appropriate recognition to the individual or group. The unit commanders and agency chiefs want to help. Let them try first.

Housing Office

572-3981

Housing Maintenance

572-7901

Finance

572-5107

Services

572-3528

Base Exchange

479-6164

Fraud, Waste and Abuse

572-3713

Medical Clinic

572-5991

Commissary

572-5127

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UNIFORM from Page 1

Three hundred uniforms will undergo wear testing from January to July at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; Hurlburt Field, Fla.; Langley AFB, Va.; Luke AFB, Ariz.; McChord AFB, Wash.; Ramstein Air Base, Germany; Robins AFB, Ga.; Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The test will generate feedback about fit, durability and functionality.

“Our intent is to create a uniform that will be distinctive, practical, easy to maintain, comfortable and, most important, a uniform you will be proud to wear,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper.

“We have become a more expeditionary force, with less time at home to spend caring for the uniform,” Jumper said. “In the last 20 years, material technology has improved greatly. As a result, we have designed one uniform that can satisfy our various climates and utility needs, while eliminating the need for professional ironing to provide a polished appearance.”

Jumper said the distinctive Air Force uniform is designed to fit well, look sharp and require much less maintenance than the current uniform.

“We (also) need to ensure our airmen have a uniform that fulfills our unique air and space missions,” he added.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray said great care is being taken to ensure the best possible uniform is created to meet future needs.

“I believe that one of the great strengths of our Air Force and its airmen is the ability to adapt to new missions, new technologies and an ever-changing world landscape,” he said. “This new utility uniform is another example of seeing a need for improvement and moving forward.”

A key step in bringing any new uniform item into service is feedback from airmen in the field, Murray said.

“I believe it’s a uniform fitting of the world’s greatest expeditionary Air Force and one that we will be proud to wear,” he said. “We want your



Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Capt. Rachel Sullivan (right) and Tech. Sgt. Thomas Stone, both with the 89th Maintenance Group at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., give the optional Henley-style T-shirt a try while putting the test utility uniform through its paces on the flightline here.

feedback as well – not shoot-from-the-hip feedback, but feedback that comes from seeing the uniform in action and thinking about how it will meet your needs based on your work environment.

“It’s important to remember that this is a wear test, and the decision about whether or not to adopt some, all or none of this uniform will be made after considering the results of the test and feedback about how it meets airmen’s needs,” Murray said.

According to officials, the wash and wear uniform will be easier to maintain and will not require professional laundering or starching. Officials estimate that home laundering can save up to \$240 in laundry costs over the course of a year.

Unlike the current BDU, the new version comes in men’s and women’s cuts. The separate women’s uniform reflects the growth in the number of women in the service. In the late 1980s women comprised less than 13 percent of the total force; today nearly one in five airmen are women.

Officials said other possible advantages to the uniform include:

— Using the same fabric identified by the Marines as the optimum material for wash and wear characteristics;

— A camouflage pattern that corresponds to the jobs airmen do in most situations that require a utility uniform,

— Recalling the “tiger stripe” camouflage pattern used

during the Vietnam War, but with the distinctive Air Force logo embedded into a color scheme that preliminary testing indicates may provide better camouflage.

Officials are also considering maintenance-free boots and alternative T-shirts.

The uniform patterns are being cut, with production to begin in November. Data collection and analysis, and any potential adjustments, will occur from August through October 2004. A final decision on the uniform is expected in December 2004. If approved, production could begin as soon as 2005, with a phase-in date to be determined. (AFP)

See page 14 for opinions and information from people who’ve worn the test uniforms.



Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Staff Sgt. Daryl Alford dons the test Air Force utility uniform in the Pentagon’s courtyard.

2 column ad



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Maria Showalter brings 24 years of educational experience and a goal of continuous improvement for the students of Holloman Middle School.

New principal focuses on excellence in education

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

More than 250 Holloman Middle School students can expect a new smiling face and a new sense of falcon pride this upcoming year.

Maria Showalter plans to bring academic improvements and school spirit as the new principal of Holloman Middle school.

Showalter has been in education for 24 years. Her career began in Illinois, she then traveled to Fort Stockton, Texas, then to Roswell, N.M., and finally Alamogordo. Prior to coming to Holloman Middle School, Showalter was the assistant principal at Mountain View Middle School in Alamogordo for four years.

"I took this position because I wanted to improve myself," Showalter said. "One of my goals has always been to become a curriculum and academic leader and a servant of the school."

According to Showalter, one of her main goals for the school is to establish strong communication.

"We are a community and are in essence a big family," she said. "We have to work to achieve our goals. The key to any strong school is you have to have an es-

tablished vision and ours is an excellence in education."

Showalter plans to incorporate excellence in education to help students define their goals in life so they can make positive choices.

"I'm going to accomplish that goal, because I surround myself with excellent people," she said. "I have an incredible staff here. Everyone is on board and they are all excited about getting started. They are here to make sure this is a good situation for kids. Every child was created for a purpose and we are trying to help them figure out what that is and how they can contribute to this world in a positive way."

To improve the learning environment, Showalter is pushing toward academic improvement, incorporating technology and establishing good communications with parents.

"We need everyone here to help raise our kids," she said. "I'd like to see updates to make school more inviting. That's the impression I want to make on everyone. It's their school, it's open to them and we want them here."

According to Showalter, a strong mind makes a strong country. It's important for students to question, she said. "I believe in challenging people

academically so they can discern and make educated decisions based upon the information that they are getting. I want the students to understand that risk is life, and when they take risks, they grow," she said.

Along with improvements, Showalter plans to bring spirit to the entire school, not just in sports. She is going to incorporate spirit in academics also, by giving the kids as many opportunities as possible to explore as many things as possible. These include student council, spelling bees and a science olympiad.

"We are going to rock; we are going to have spirit," Showalter said. "I think it's important for schools to have spirit and smile when students walk through the doors. They need to feel like there's a bigger picture, but they are part of that bigger picture and that's what spirit is."

According to Showalter, the kids are the most important part of the school.

"The kids infuse me with my energy," she said. "The life and the character of the school are determined by the kids. This school is going to be about pride, dedication and determination. We are going to be about respecting ourselves and others, the contribution we can make to society and having fun!"

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Photo by Laura Pellegrino

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Private Brian Acosta, elite gate guard, checks identification at Holloman's main gate.

Elite gate guards bring new look to Holloman

by **Laura Pellegrino**
Sunburst staff writer

The most elite members of Holloman are now manning the front gate.

The elite gate guard team is made up of the best members of the 49th Security Forces Squadron and the Army National Guard from New Mexico and El Paso, Texas.

"We want to put a sharp image forward for the rest of the base," said Capt. Woody Boyd, 49th SFS operations officer. "The elite guards show that we have pride in our organization."

The guards are hand picked by flight leaders and commanders. Troops that have excelled in their duties and show potential are prime candidates, Boyd said.

"They're hand selected, so they are the best of the best," he said.

Once chosen, guards go through two weeks of training on the basic duties of a gate guard. They also learn about personal recognition.

Recognition becomes easier

because the same six guards work the gate for six months, Boyd said.

"Recognition is important for force protection," he said. "For instance, someone that looks similar to you could take your ID card and try to use it. That's why personal recognition is best."

The new look and personal recognition also gives a good impression when people are driving in, Boyd said.

"Security forces are the first people everyone sees," he said. "We want to make a good first impression."

Airman 1st Class Erica Lara, 49th SFS elite gate guard, just finished her two weeks of training. As an elite guard, she will now work six hour shifts with six days on and three days off.

"The elite gate guards are here to show professionalism," Lara said. "They improve the appearance of the base when people come through."

The elite gate guards will continue to man the front gate as long as the threat level stays at alpha or bravo, Boyd said.

DWI Update

Days since
last DWI
DWIs year
to date
DWIs this time
last year

27
16
15

Last six DWIs:
 • 49 CES July 7
 • 49 MXS June 26
 • 49 LRS June 12
 • 49 MMS June 7
 • 49 MXS* May 31
 • 49 LRS* March 2

572-RIDE works!

*Calls MADE are
lives SAVED.*

Calls:
 Year to date: 331
 Last week: 7

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

Holloman Chapel Services

Weekday Masses – 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
 • Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.

• General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.
 • Protestant Contemporary Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.
 • Protestant and Catholic Religious Education resumes Sept. 14

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.
- A Common Road: Motorcycles and Cars: 7 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.



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The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from July 29 to Aug. 4.

Tickets

Security forces issued a total of 36 citations this week: 22 for failure to stop, two for failure to wear a safety belt, one for failure to yield, one for no personal protective equipment, one for carelessness driving, two for no insurance, one for driving too fast for conditions, four for speeding one to 10 miles over the posted limit and one for speeding 10 to 19 miles over the posted limit.

Property loss, theft or damage

- July 31: A civilian in a privately owned vehicle struck a fixed object while entering the base causing minor vehicle damage.
- July 31: An NCO reported that the tie-down rings on his POV were stolen.
- Aug. 1: An airman driving a government-owned vehicle struck a

hangar door.

- Aug. 2: An airman cracked a window at dorm 335 while attempting to unlock his door.
- Aug. 2: Gas-and-go at the Shoppette for \$21.
- Aug. 3: An airman in base housing reported a flag pole stolen off of his residence.
- Aug. 4: An unknown person or persons discharged a fire extinguisher at dormitory 342.
- Aug. 4: An airman in base housing reported several scratches on a POV. Damage amount was between \$500 and \$750.

Patrol response

- July 30: Two airmen and a civilian were apprehended for fighting. One airman was advised of his rights under Article 128, Assault and the other was advised of his right under Article 117, Provoking Speech and Gestures.
- Aug. 2: Two airmen were involved in a verbal altercation in the parking lot of the Health and Wellness Center. One airman was advised of his rights under Article 128, Assault and Article 117, Provoking Speech and Gestures.
- Aug. 3: A family member in base housing reported having been bitten on the hand by a dog.
- Aug. 4: A patrol responded to a report of a verbal dispute in base housing.

Counterfeit money shows up in Alamogordo

by 1st Lt. Heather Newcomb
 49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Funny money has surfaced in downtown Alamogordo and members of Team Holloman are encouraged to keep a wary eye when dealing with \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills.

“On July 29, the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety arrested an individual who was in possession of a large amount of counterfeit money,” said Special Agent Ashlee Bonifacious, Office of Special Investigations Detachment 225. “The United States Secret Service in Albuquerque was contacted and additional leads are being pursued by them and the Department of Public Safety.”

The counterfeit money can be identified by feel, running or faded ink, duplicate serial numbers, or by the lack of the identification strip. The identification strip is located on the left side of legal \$20 and \$100 bills, and on the right side of legal \$50 bills and is visible when the bill is held up to the light.



Anyone who suspects they have been given a counterfeit bill on base should contact AFOSI Detachment 225 at 572-7143; if the bill is given off base, they should contact Detective Penny Yost at 439-4300 or Crime Stoppers at 437-2000, Bonifacious said.

The use of counterfeit money could carry stiff penalties for anyone who tries to pass it on as real tender.

“Locally, a person who uses counterfeit money could be charged with fraud, but, federal charges could also be pursued by the United States Secret Service,” Bonifacious said. “It’s important for people to be aware and inspect their money due to the fact that the money may have been distributed locally in the community.”

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Holloman Hero

Airman 1st Class Patricia Bowling

49th Fighter Wing Chapel

Duty title: Chaplain assistant and funds technician

Time in service: One year, five months

Time at Holloman: One year, one month

Hometown: Arlington, Texas

Personal and career goals:

I'm aiming for senior airman below the zone next April so I can apply for OSI. I've always wanted to be a criminal profiler and go into behavioral sciences. I plan on attaining a masters in psychology and criminal behavior and eventually join the FBI.

Why is serving in the Air Force important to you?

It has been a tradition in my family to serve our country. I have had family members in every branch of the military since the Civil War. I am proud to say I am the first female.

What accomplishment during your Air Force career are you most proud of?

At the moment, I'd have to say receiving the academic graduate award at tech school. I graduated with the highest academic average in my class. Hopefully, I'll have many more accomplishments as time goes on.

Core value portrayed: "Service Before Self"

"Airman 1st Class Bowling is a superior chaplain

assistant who has the distinction of being trusted with non-appropriated funds management in her first year of service. A model of 'Service Before Self,' she has volunteered hundreds of hours of personal time to support a variety of our chapel programs, including Vacation Bible School, singles' ministries, the childrens' Christmas musical, and our medieval banquet and play. She also plays saxophone in Protestant worship on our praise team. Airman 1st Class Bowling is active in base and community activities, playing volleyball on the 49th Mission Support Squadron/Fighter Wing team and soccer on the 49th Operations Group team. She also leads over 100 intermediate and junior high students in Fellowship of Christian Athletes activities. She visits Veteran's Administration hospitals and homes throughout New Mexico with the Air Force Sergeants Association. She makes good things happen every day."

– Lt. Col. Philip McLemore
49th Fighter Wing Chaplain

The Holloman Hero submission form is available online. It can be downloaded at: https://www.mil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Paul Coupaud

It's not money changing hands at CPTS

by 1Lt. Heather Newcomb
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 49th Comptroller Squadron has seen many exchanges occur within the confines of its walls, but none could compare to the change in commander held Aug. 1.



Goff

Maj. Regina Goff became the squadron's new commander as Lt. Col. Kenneth Nelson said good-bye to his troops and left Team Holloman for greener scenery in Colorado.

"I know I can't thank everyone, so I'll ask my fellow leaders of all ranks to do something for me," Nelson said. "We all have opportunities to give our members praise and appreciation for jobs well done. I plead with you all that during these moments of appreciation you somehow find a way to recognize and incorporate my appreciation as well."

Goff, who comes to Holloman from Headquarters Air Combat Command, thanked Nelson for his leadership and nurturing of the 49th CPTS professionals over

the last two years, and added that she plans to work hard and diligently to continue the reputation he established for the organization.

"Command is a significant milestone in an officer's career," Goff said. "It gives an officer the opportunity to lead and maintain the health, morale and welfare of a unit, and I'm committed to doing just that."

The Air Force Core Values are something Goff absolutely believes in and therefore pledged to her squadron that she would work hard for each member of the unit and expected the same from them.

"There are many challenging opportunities ahead," she said. "I have every confidence that you will maintain a high standard of excellence while meeting these additional challenges."

"I am honored to serve as your commander," Goff said. "And I'm anxious to get to know each and every one of you."

Goff concluded her welcome speech with a quote from Successories that fits her leadership style, "coming together is the beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success!"



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa Laboy

Full disclosure

Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Fiscus, The Judge Advocate General of the Air Force, talks with Senior Airman Alberto Ramirez, a claims examiner in the 49th Fighter Wing Legal Office claims division. Fiscus visited Holloman Tuesday and Wednesday for an inspection of the legal office and supervision of the administration of military justice.

full page ad

Housing closure

The Military Family Housing Office and Housing Self-Help Store will be closed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aug. 15.

Office closure

The 49th Mission Support Squadron and 49th Fighter Wing staff offices will be closed from noon to 4 p.m., today for an official function. Please make arrangements to conduct business with these offices prior to that time.

Last call

Holloman officials are conducting a study to profile important information about the economic impact of Holloman Air Force Base in the region. The survey, which requires no identifying information, is being distributed on paper and over the Internet. Team Holloman members can take the survey online at http://iped.utep.edu/HAFB_survey_1.php.

Summer of the airman

The Airman's Advisory Council hosts a Jazz night from 7 p.m. to midnight, Aug. 16, at the Enlisted Club. A Cajun-style buffet will be served. A designated driver program will be available for the night.

Air Force news

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

The video also plays on the Commander's Access Channel (Channel 3, on base) at 6, 9, and 11 a.m., and 2, 5, and 7 p.m.

Kids' play zone

The Kidsports Zone in the Whispering Sands Community Center is open 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. This play zone is for children up to 10 years old with parental supervision at all times. Cost is \$20 for a 30-visit pass, \$10 for a 13-visit pass, \$5 for a 6-visit pass, and \$1 for a two-hour visit.

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

On the BIG SCREEN

The Holloman Base Theater is closed for renovations until Aug. 14.



Movies are subject to change. For more information, call 572-3286.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Go, Speed Buggy!

Staff Sgt. John Gavin, a 4th Space Control Squadron security forces specialist, test drives a rugged terrain vehicle during a tactical demonstration Friday. The RTV-Prowler is a light tactical vehicle that is advertised as the ultimate special operations assault and reconnaissance platform.

for up to four games and shoe rentals are 75 cents.

The bowling center also offers a Summer special for \$1 per game from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Thursday and \$1.50 per game from 4 to 10 p.m. This special runs all summer.

For more information, call Desert Lanes Bowling Center at 572-7378.

HESO meeting

The Holloman Enlisted Spouses Organization meets at 6 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month, in the Community Center.

American Grille

The American Grille is now open from 4 to 8 p.m. every Sunday. Holloman's premiere restaurant, located at the officers' club, is open to all ranks.

Parade volunteers

The Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade Committee needs two volunteers for traffic and crowd control committee, two for parade line-up, and one to be Santa for the night of the parade. Meetings begin in about two weeks and will be once a month until October, then will be twice a month up until the parade. The committee also

needs volunteers for the night of the parade to assist with traffic and crowd control. The parade is scheduled for Dec. 6.

Contact the Chamber of Commerce at 437-6120, or CJ Cooper at 572-5562 or 434-8313 after 5 p.m.

Family advocacy workshop

The Family Advocacy Specific Training and Dynamics of Family Abuse workshop is 2 to 4:30 p.m., Aug. 15 in the Community Center. All commanders, first sergeants and supervisors are highly encouraged to attend.

For more information and to RSVP, call Howard Hill at 572-7061.

Golf

The Apache Mesa Golf Course offers a summer special every Monday. Golf with a cart and play 18 holes for only \$15.

For more information call 572-3574.

White Sands survival

The staff of White Sands National Monument hosts a five-mile, ranger-led hike through the monument to learn about desert adaptation and survival. The staff recommends hikers bring two quarts of drinking water, snacks and sun protection.

The hike begins at 8 a.m., Saturday

beginning at the Alkali Flat parking lot at the end of Dunes Drive. Call 679-2599 for more information.

Youth/pee-wee cheerleaders

There will be a registration and parent's meeting for youth and pee-wee football cheerleaders at 5:30 p.m., Aug. 12 in the aerobics room of the Whispering Sands Community Center. New cheerleaders must register by Sept. 1. Practices begin Aug. 14.

Call Julie Wellborn at 479-9517 or Nicholle Coupaud at 479-9780 for more information.

Blood drive

There is a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday at the Whispering Sands Community Center.

Wet 'n' Wild discount

The Wet 'n' Wild WaterWorld park in Anthony, Texas is offering a military discount Saturday and Sunday. The entrance price will be \$7.95 with a valid military, dependents or retiree identification card. Park hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and the park is located on Interstate 10 at the border of Texas and New Mexico. Call 915-886-2222 for more information.

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Airmen get sneak peek at new uniform

A prototype of the new Air Force utility uniform was unveiled July 9 in various duty sections at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., and Bolling AFB, D.C.

Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Dean, from the Air Force uniform board, enlisted the aid of eight airmen to demonstrate both the men's and women's version of the blue, gray and green tiger-stripe camouflage uniform for photographers.

Opinions varied, but were largely positive. Second Lt. Arcelia Miller, from the Air Force's special security office, tested the uniform in an entry-control-point environment at Andrews.

"I like (the blouse) tucked in," she said. "It looks super."

Miller said she also like the uniform's look and fit. "The color is different," she said. "I like it; it's comfortable and it's low-maintenance. It has a bunch of Air Force logos, and I like the rigger belt, and I love the black T-shirt – it's very professional looking."

Senior Master Sgt. Vicky Jones, from Bolling AFB's 11th Security Forces Squadron, observed other security forces

members in the uniform.

"I like it; the material reminds me of the old fatigues," Jones said. "It's lightweight (and) it looks like it conforms better to the body. And it's Air Force blue, ooh-rah! It's good to be back in the Air Force."

Capt. Rachel Sullivan of the 89th Maintenance Group at Andrews was surprised.

"They're ... blue!" she exclaimed.

Sullivan and Tech. Sgt. Thomas Stone, also from the 89th MXG, wore the uniform while reviewing maintenance checklists for a C-9 Nightingale.

"The pants seem to fit better and the belt's nice and big," Sullivan said.

Sullivan also noted that, while many maintainers use the lower shirt pockets, the new uniform has only breast pockets on the blouse.

"I don't care for the (Navy) Seabee-style hat or the embroidered T-shirt," Sullivan added, but said she was otherwise pleased with the women's cut.

Performance-wise, Stone felt that "the cuffs got in the way a bit" while he was going through his maintenance routine.

Unlike Sullivan, he did not like the belt.

In another flightline environment, Staff Sgt. Crystal Cardinale tried out the uniform while working on a District of Columbia Air National Guard F-16 Fighting Falcon.

"I like the T-shirt," the 113th Fighter Wing crew chief said. The T-shirt is a black, three-button Henley-style shirt with the Air Force logo on left breast and the wearer's name embroidered on the right.

Inside Bolling's 11th Communication Squadron server room, Senior Airman Brandi Wyatt recognized the new uniform's low-maintenance appeal.

"It's wash and wear, and that's my kind of uniform," Wyatt said.

The wear test period officially begins in January, when 300 uniforms will endure the rigors of Air Force life, indoor and out. Wearers and observers alike will be able to record their comments and observations on an Air Force Web site, noting the good, the bad and the ugly.

Officials say production, if approved, could begin as soon as 2005, with a phase-in date to be determined. (AFP)



Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Second Lt. Arcelia Miller of the Air Force's special security office puts the Air Force test utility uniform through its paces at an entry control point at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

New pamphlet explains transformation

Transformation is on the mind of every Air Force leader, but for many airmen, understanding the Air Force's plan for transformation proves difficult.

The Air Force hopes a new 20-page booklet called "The Edge" will explain the concept of transformation to the service's uniformed airmen and civilian employees, a Pentagon official said.

"One of the things we wanted to do was tie together all the aspects of the 'Transformation Flight Plan' into a logical definition that everyone could understand," said Maj. Gen. Ron Bath, director of strategic planning. "We wanted to put together something that conveys Air Force Chief of Staff General John Jumper and Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche's message, and conveys that the Air Force has always been transformational just by its cultural nature."

The Transformation Flight Plan is the Air Force's roadmap for transformation, as mandated by the September 2001 Qua-

drenial Defense Review.

"The Edge is an encapsulation of that plan," Bath said. "Readers will be able to grasp that the Air Force is squarely behind transformational concepts and that we have identified our definition of transformation and what the three pillars of transformation are."

The Edge explains and gives examples of the three pillars: organizations, new technologies and operational concepts.

According to a preface explaining organizational adaptations that contribute to transformation, "The process of transformation begins and ends with our people by allowing us to tailor our organizations to enhance concepts of operations to evolving technology."

The Edge states that current force development efforts and the creation of the directorate of homeland security are both examples indicative of the organizational adaptations.

New technological objectives such as directed-energy weapons and greater stealth technol-

ogy are given as examples of transformational technological advances.

Operational concepts such as global response, global mobility and global strike are also contributors. The Edge states it is the merger of CONOPS along with technological advances and newly tailored organizations that will yield a near order of magnitude increase in combat effectiveness.

"We are shifting from threat-based planning to capabilities-based planning with specific emphasis on joint relationships," Bath said.

Approximately 2,000 copies of The Edge have been distributed to all Air Force major commands, agencies and offices, but the document is not just for airmen, the general said.

"The Edge also has a target audience of our service brethren in the Army and Navy, so that when they develop their next plans for transformation, we can merge toward joint transformation as part of a team," Bath said. (AFP)



Promotion study lists available

Promotion-eligible enlisted people can now find out which materials to study for the 2004 testing cycles.

The most current Weighted Airman Promotion System catalog, which lists the materials used by test writers to develop the 2004 promotion tests, is now available on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/testing>. The catalog lists study references for those testing for staff through chief master sergeant.

WAPS career development course study material will be mailed by the end of September for people testing for technical and master sergeant, and in October for people testing for staff sergeant. If CDCs are not received by the end of November, people should contact their unit WAPS monitor to initiate follow-up action, said officials.

Test dates for the 2004 chief master sergeant promotion cycle are Sept. 2 to 5. The dates for senior master sergeant testing are Jan. 10 to 24, while testing for technical and master sergeant takes place Feb. 15 to March 31. Senior airmen will test for staff sergeant May 1 to 31. (AFPC News)

Dorm residents clean house, earn awards

by **Laura Pellegrino**
Sunburst staff writer

Holloman's first dorm of the quarter contest has already improved the look of dorm buildings on base, and there's an incentive to continue the improvements. The first place winner earns \$2,500, while second place receives \$1,000.

The 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron's dorm 517 won first place in the contest. Second place went to 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 49th Maintenance Operations Squadron dorm 337. The 3rd runner up was 49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron's dorm 341.

For the contest, Holloman's 14 dorms were separated into three zones and inspected using a checklist, said Senior Airman Marlene Johnson, Dorm Council president.

Each building starts with an equal amount of points, she said. The inspectors, who are group commanders and chiefs, remove points for areas that do not meet the criteria on the checklist.

After the inspection, one finalist is chosen from each zone, Johnson said. Those finalists are re-inspected by Brig. Gen. Jim Hunt and Chief Master Sgt. James Callander, the 49th Fighter Wing commander and wing command chief.

"The chief and general were more interested in overall appearance," Johnson said. "They wanted to see projects being done to beautify the dorms or grounds and items that enhance the common areas or the dorm building as a whole."

Also, the two wing leaders were interested in knowing about the dedication that was put into preparation for the inspections, Johnson said.

Building 517 added furniture and potted plants, bought new patio furniture, and hung artwork from the walls.

"We won because of the hard work of the airmen," said Airman 1st Class Maki Jones, dorm 517 resident advisor. "By keeping a positive attitude, we know that we can get more out of dorm life than what we've had in the past."

In the past, dorm residents didn't seem to take pride in where they lived, Callander said. The dorm of the quarter contest encourages young airmen to take more responsibility for the cleanliness and appearance of the buildings.

The award money will go toward more improvements for the dorm, Jones said. The airmen would like to invest in a grill, lounge chairs, and a digital video disk and

videocassette player for the day rooms. They would also like to start working on an internet café, which requires purchasing computers, study tables, and an espresso machine.

"Our ideas are limitless," Jones said. "What we want is to make the place feel more like home."

The second place winner, dorm 337, was awarded \$1,000. The residents brought the dorm up to standards, said 49th AMXS Chief Master Sgt. Phillip Aldrich.

"I don't think the dorms have ever looked this good," Aldrich said. "The airmen have really gotten into the competition. Everyone is proud of what they've achieved."

Aldrich said keeping dorms clean is not just about winning.

"We want to make things nice for the airmen," he said. "If they want to do more improvements, we will. If that makes us a winner, great. If not, safety and cleanliness are the most important things."

Inside the story

A dormitory resident advisor is the "go-to" person in each dorm who acts as the liaison between residents and the first sergeant. They handle everything from maintenance issues and helping people who get locked out to ensuring cleanliness and determining the need for "GI" parties.

The RAs for each dorm are:

330 — Airman 1st Class Kasean Fiol

331 — Airman 1st Class Dustin Heimbecker

334 — Airman 1st Class Marcus Newsome

335 — Airman 1st Class Candance Pirritano

336 — Airman 1st Class Greg Pauli and Airman 1st Class Paul Autry

337 — Airman 1st Class Jamie Muller and Airman 1st Class Caroline Newman

340 — Airman 1st Class Michael Green

341 — Airman 1st Class Keelye Blackmore

342 — Airman 1st Class Tremayne Woods

452 — Airman 1st Class Marina Villa and Airman Matthew Lopez

457 — Airman 1st Class Althalo Henton and Airman 1st Class Jonathan Bidwell

517 — Airman 1st Class Maki Jones and Airman 1st Class Tinia Martinez

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Not every game ends with a winner, loser



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Heath Gruny, 49th MXS, jumps to head the ball away from 49th SFS defender, Harold Baker.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Heath Gruny, left, 49th MXS, attempts to catch up with 49th SFS, Harold Baker as he dribbles the ball toward the goal.

by 1st Lt. Heather Newcomb
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

For the 49th Maintenance Squadron and 49th Security Forces Squadron, victory isn't always about winning a game, but rather not losing one.

Both teams went into this game with no wins or ties and each wanted a victory.

MXS opened the battle to win with the first goal of the game scored by Heath Gruny at about 10 minutes into the first half. SFS couldn't stand to stay behind and answered the call with a tying goal from Nathan Lambert five minutes later. The battle wouldn't end there, Gruny scored again.

MXS held the 2-1 lead into the first eight minutes of the second half when Lambert put another one past the goalie and the teams were even. Minutes later, Lambert tapped another one in to bring SFS into the lead. The lead held for barely a minute as Gruny struck again

to tie the game at 3-3. The score held and each team went home with a tie.

Although a victory in the sense of wins and losses wasn't achieved, a personal one for each team was apparent.

"We're doing good and making progress," said Miaya Pendleton, MXS player. "We just need to keep working on it."

Her teammate, Daniel Arellano, agreed and added that the team is definitely starting to incorporate teamwork.

For the SFS, Monday night's game proved the players were improving their game performance.

"We started off the season a little rocky, but are finally coming together as a team," Lambert said. "For the second half of the season we want to continue to improve our teamwork, and hopefully that will result in more outcomes like Monday night."

The second half of intramural soccer began Wednesday and continues through Aug. 25.



Photo by 1st Lt. Heather Newcomb

Pat Bowden, 49th MXS, prepares to kick the ball while Dwight Mills, 49th SFS, runs to guard him.



Rising up to the challenge

Chief Master Sgt. William Tully (left), 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, tries to spike the ball past Senior Airman Daniel Roshio, 49th Communications Squadron during the quarterly chiefs vs. airmen volleyball game Aug. 1. The Airman Leadership School students won the best of out three 15-8, 3-15, 15-7.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa Laboy

Inside Intramurals

Soccer standings

Monday/Wednesday					Tuesday/Thursday				
UNIT	W	L	D	Pct	UNIT	W	L	D	Pct
GAF Supply	4	0	1	.900	GAF HQ	6	0	1	.920
GAF Electr Sq.	4	1	0	.800	49th MDG	6	1	0	.833
49th LRS	3	2	0	.600	GAF 1st Ln MX	4	2	1	.583
49th CES	2	2	1	.500	20th FS/7th CTS	1	1	1	.500
49th MMG	2	2	2	.500	GAF 2nd Ln MX	3	3	1	.416
49th SFS	0	4	1	.100	4th SPCS	1	6	0	.000
49th MXS	0	4	0	.100					



Volleyball

Large Unit				Small Unit			
UNIT	W	L	Pct	UNIT	W	L	Pct
GAF A	5	0	1.000	GAF B	8	0	1.000
49th LRS	5	1	.833	46th TG	6	2	.750
49th MXS	3	4	.428	49th CS A	5	3	.625
49th MMG	2	3	.400	4th SPCS	5	3	.625
49th CES	2	3	.400	49th FW/MSS	4	4	.500
49th MDG	1	5	.166	49th MOS	2	6	.250
49th SFS	0	1	.000	49th CS B	1	5	.166
				49th SVS	1	7	.125