

Briefly

Space-A travel

Forty empty seats on a plane going to Hawaii? It happened here recently when a Hawaii-bound plane with 50 open seats had only 10 Space-A passengers sign-up.

For Space-A flight information, visit <https://holloman-web> and click "Holloman links" and "Space-A" or call the Space-A information line at 572-3150.

Yard of the month

July's 'Yard of the Month' winners are: Master Sgt. John Dymond (Zone 1), Master Sgt. Christopher Morman (Zone 2), Senior Airman Shane Martin (Zone 3), Capt. Mitchell Migliori (Zone 4), Staff Sgt. Timothy O'Melia (Zone 5) and Staff Sgt. Earl Mills Jr (Zone 6).

Munitions closure

The munitions storage area will be closed Sept. 8 to 19 for inventory. Requests submitted by Aug. 25 must be picked up by Sept. 2. Only emergency requests approved by the 49th Maintenance Group commander will be honored. Call munitions operations at 572-1612 for information.

Congrats chief!

There will be a retirement ceremony for Chief Master Sgt. John Gabaldon, 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, at 3 p.m., today in building 868, bay three.

Watch out! HAFB youth head back to school

By Tech. Sgt. Paul Coupaud
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Summer is winding down and Holloman youth are hitting the streets and heading back to the classrooms.

With large numbers of children taking to the streets during school hours, safety officials emphasize how important it is for parents, base drivers and the students themselves to remember safety guidelines.

Parents can teach their children safe behaviors before even enrolling them in school, said E.T. Faulkner, a ground safety specialist with the 49th Fighter Wing Safety Office.

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Photo by Laura Pellegrino

For the troops

Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Massey, 49th Security Forces Squadron, guides a forklift load of greeting cards and gifts to the curb outside the 49th SFS unit. Several corporations donated the items to the Veterans of Foreign Wars headquarters and then they were given to local VFW chapters. As the VFW Post 7686 from Alamogordo has "adopted" the SFS squadron here, they passed the items along to them for distribution to their deployed personnel.

220 Holloman airmen earn staff stripe

The Air Force has selected 220 of the 521 eligible senior airmen from Holloman Air Force Base for selection to staff sergeant.

Across the Air Force, 13,651 of 27,416 eligible senior airmen were selected for promotion to staff sergeant, a 49.79 percent selection rate.

The Air Force released the promotion list the first duty hour Wednesday (Thursday for Western Pacific bases) and plans to post the complete list to the Air Force

Personnel Center's web page at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom/> today.

"As far as promotions are concerned, this has proven to be another great year for our senior airmen," said Chief Master Sgt. Mark Billingsley, enlisted promotion and military testing chief. "The message is loud and clear: there really is no limit. If you work hard and prepare for promotion, the Air Force will entrust you with that next stripe and give you all the

responsibility and opportunity for growth that come with it."

The overall selection percentages were lower in Air Combat Command and at Holloman. ACC had a 49.6 percent selection rate while Holloman posted an approximately 42-percent selection rate.

People who tested are expected to receive their score notices by the end of August, officials said. Score notices allow airmen to see how

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“It’s important for school-aged children to already know their home phone number and their parents’ work phone numbers, as well as the phone number of another trusted adult,” he said. “Additionally, they should also know their home address and how to call 9-1-1 in case of emergencies.”

Faulkner said it’s also important to teach children how to be safe on the way to and from school.

Whether walking, biking or riding to school, safety officials here say all children should be familiar with and obey all traffic signals, signs, traffic officers and safety patrols. Additionally, they should wear appropriate safety equipment and be extra careful in bad weather.

It’s also important that children who will walk to school on base know the proper use of crosswalks and be as visible as possible to traffic. Being in a crosswalk is not a guarantee of safety, said Faulkner.

“It’s a great idea for parents do a ‘dry run’ of walking to school with their children,” he said. “They can point out possible traffic hazards, teach and practice safe walking habits, designate the safest walking route, and ensure their children know how to act at the crosswalks.”

According to Staff Sgt. Karin Constable, 49th Security Forces Squadron, parents should also teach their children who they can talk to if they have any trouble.

“If a child gets into trouble, they should know that the crossing guard and security forces patrols are there to help them. They should only ask those people or other parent-designated adults for assistance so they don’t get in trouble for talking to or getting a ride from someone they don’t know. In the best case, that could cause panic for all involved, but it could

BUS RULES FOR KIDS

- Be on time
- Never run to or from the bus
- Don’t push or shove
- Stay in your seat
- Don’t yell or shout
- Always obey the bus driver
- Use the handrail to enter and exit the bus
- Wait for bus driver’s signal before crossing the street
- Always cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus

also be very dangerous.”

The safety of Holloman’s school children doesn’t end with the parents. Drivers on the road also need to be alert and aware at all times when children are on base streets.

“Children and traffic can be a hazardous mix,” Faulkner said. “Drivers need to obey school zone speed limits, follow the instructions of crossing guards and obey school bus warning lights and signs. Additionally, they need to be alert in neighborhood and residential area streets.”

Faulkner also stressed that drivers need to be alert near school busses, whether they have their lights on or not.

Constable said patrols will be watching for speeders in school zones and for vehicles passing busses. Motorists need to heed the yellow flashers and observe the proper speed limit when the lights are active, whether or not children are in view. She said that other drivers can file a complaint at the law enforcement desk if they see someone breaking the law.

“If you can get a license number of the vehicle, then security forces can identify the driver and notify their first sergeant for corrective action,” said Constable. “But we can’t give a citation unless a security forces patrol actually witnesses it.”

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their Promotion Fitness Examination and Specialty Knowledge Test scores rank against those they're directly competing with for promotion within their Air Force Specialty Code. Individuals can also get an electronic copy of their score notice, available after 7 p.m. Central Time Friday, by clicking on 'vMPF' at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>.

The average score for those selected was 265 points, with the following averages:
— 130.81 points for Enlisted Performance Reports
— 53.29 for the Promotion Fitness Exam
— 53.54 for the Specialty Knowledge Test
— 15.52 for Time in Grade
— 10.60 for Time in Service
— 0.62 for Decorations
The average selectee has 1.62 years time in grade and 4.25 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to staff sergeant from September 2003 to August 2004.

Holloman selectees are:

49th Fighter Wing

Bracy Kime

49th Comptroller Sq.

Carrie Brausieck

49th Operations Support Sq.

Michael Becker

Alexandra Crumpler

Rafael Delgadovelasquez

Kris Ellenberger

John Jewett

Andrea Marrero

Robert Patrick

Carvalho Peterson

Jared Simpach

Melanie Tinoco

Jaime Vasquez

9th Fighter Sq.

Jason Brown

Humberto Camara

8th Fighter Sq.

Benjamin Bryant

Charles Walton

7th Combat Training Sq.

Melissa Davis

OLAA 49th Operations Support Sq.

Christopher Brinkhaus

Edlia Hughes

John Mazza

49th Maintenance Group

Joshua Lagania

49th Maintenance Sq.

Jacob Bavin

Kevin Beiland

Matthew Bell

Daniel Bench

Erick Blevins

Michael Bobo
Patrick Bowden
Kevin Buchanan
Shaawn Buie
Trenton Bussell
Kenneth Crow
Joseph Davis
Michael Gillespie
Derek Haiduk
Shawn Hyler
Ernesto Ledesma
Christopher Loera

Louis Lusco
Joey Mabrey
Adam Malek
Shane Martin
Lance Miller
Mary Montoya
Christopher Moss
Anthony Musante
Justyce Pacheco
Jason Page
Stephen Palermini
Craig Paulson
Michael Postel
Waylon Price
Thomas Ramirez
Angela Seely
John Shively Jr.
Thomas Skinner
Michael Staggs
Wesley Steaveson
Trevor Tinney
Lance Ward
James Warren
Ronald Welch Jr.
Kyle Wilson

49th Aircraft Maintenance Sq.

Andrew Arnold

Roy Ashby

Allen Baker

Michael Boyer

Joseph Cabrero

Westley Calloway

Jonathan Chandler

Brian Cofrancesco

Jody Daniels

Brad Davis

Rodney Fodge

Marvin Forcum

Albert Fraelich

Johnny Frandicso

Erin Fredricy

Timothy Furtado

Kris Galloway

Matthew Grimes

Nikolas Grisak

Richard Holguin

Garnett Hubbs

Anthony Kraling

Douglas Lackey

Christopher Loflin

Cassidy McCulley

James Merritt

Gary Miller

Aaron Mooney

Michael Norwood

David Opperman

Joshua Pina

Brian Prince

Robert Reehill

Jaime Rodriguez

Nathaniel Schmechel

Matthew Sealy

Camron Shartzar

Gregory Slavik

Marc Smith

Wade Steinback

Eric Stoodt

Joseph Stutzman
Christopher Sutton
Brandon Wannarka
Daniel Wells
Tiffany Whetzel
Richard Wilhelm
Craig Wood
Patrick Young

49th Maintenance Operations Sq.

Roger Cater Jr.

Luis Flores

Samantha Harrison

Steven Young

49th Mission Support Sq.

Ebony Hampton

Amy Wendl

49th Civil Engineer Sq.

Litojay Apalisok

Adalberto Chavez-Cortez

Raymond Chiavetta

Brandon Druessel

Joseph Ferrara

Victor Halos

Kristopher Johnson

Reynel Lora Torres

Sergio Mendez

Brendon Rahn

Michael Redente

Dustin Stover

David Wheeler Jr.

Jason Williams

Christopher Zapatka

49th Security Forces Sq.

Raymond Allen

Johnathan Bliss

Nicole Calfee

Timothy Campagna

Todd Choiniere

Kevin Holman

John Jennings

Miguel Lerma Jr.

Jericho McClellan

Gustavo Miranda

Scott Nadeau

Anthony Perkins

Ryan Rhodes

Justin Smithhart

Dawn Stevens

Richard Taylor Jr.

Miguel Villalobos

49th Communications Sq.

Paul Burnette

Rische Chadock

Christina Holguin

Michelle Iglesias

Michael Jenkins

Stefanie McFall

Eduardo Orozco

Kristopher Perkins

Anthony Pillitiere

Nicole Walton

49th Services Sq.

Joya Bitle

Chad Hepworth

Adriana Martinez-Guerrero

Omayra Nunez

Alana Oliver

Carolmyran Tumbaga

49th Contracting Sq.

Aaron Jiron

49th Logistics Readiness Sq.

Darnell Carter

Erick Castro

David Chairez

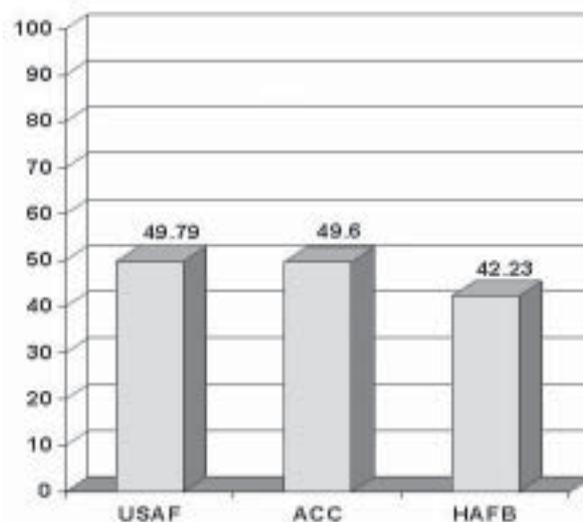
Anthony Earwood

Charles Gilbert

Daniel Knez

Shaun Lathrop

Congratulations Holloman AFB promotees



Selection percentage

Vivian Lewis
Marc Long
Lucinda Montgomery
Thao Nguyen
Adrienne Phillips
Garry Pierce
Jacob Rachinski
Carlos Rivera
Rommel Rosales
Kevin Salmon
Gerod Strother
Christopher Sweeten
Michael Taubenheim
Kenneth Wurtele

49th Materiel Maintenance Sq.

Ryan Blumberg
John Christenson
John Cottrell
Jesse Flores
David Frollo
Kenji Guro
Jeremy Hyde
Frederick Long
Alford Loverrz
Arris Pineda
Markus Scruggs

Jasmine Steele
James Thomas
Michael Waters

49th Materiel Maintenance Support Sq.

Christina Aguilar
Mike Alvarado
Susan Benton
Richard Haacker
John Killman
Meya Lee
Roger Martinez
Erika Meachem
Melanie Mills
Fernando Samaniego

49th Aeromedical Dental Sq.

Carmen Ellis
Bianca Peterson
Cesar Valverde
Jennifer Wilson

49th Medical Operations Sq.

Shane Fisher

4th Space Surveillance Sq.

Michael Bischoff

Det. 4, 55th Space Weather Sq.

Julie Wilbanks

Paper or plastic?

Don't let credit card debt control your life

2nd Lt. Nora Eyle
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The new stereo is “only” \$4,514, but there’s plenty of room on your credit card and the payment would only be \$50 a month. Go for it, right?

Do the math before you run out and get in debt for that new stereo. If your credit card has a 13.25-percent interest rate, it will take you more than 43 years of “minimum” payments to pay off that debt, according to financial management officials here.

Credit cards are convenient, easy to use and can really help you out in case of an emergency. However, credit card debt can quickly get out of hand if an individual overextends their means.

The problem with credit cards, said Ed Wilson, Personal Financial Management Program manager here, is they involve finance charges, varying interest rates and extra charges written in fine print. Bad credit can affect a person’s ability to buy a car, get a mortgage and, in some cases, even prevent them from getting a security clearance.

Even if an individual is not directly to blame for their debt, they are still responsible for their debts.

“Some people leave for a deployment only to return to find that their bills were not paid by the friend they trusted



Photo by Laura Pellegrino

Credit cards can be convenient, but that debt can quickly get out of control if a person lives beyond their means.

to pay them,” Wilson said.

Many people are ashamed to ask for financial help because they find the situation embarrassing, however the PFMP staff is available to help.

“Everyone thinks they are the worst person I’ve ever seen, and it’s never true,” Wilson said. “And, that doesn’t even matter anyway. The important thing is that we fix your situation. There is always something that can be done.”

The PFMP works closely with the Air Force Aid Society to help people get back on their feet.

The Air Force Aid Society helps many Team Holloman members and their families. They help out with rent, utilities, groceries, car payments and repairs. Every individual’s situation is unique, but in most cases help is available.

“We had an individual come

in for financial advice because he needed to get new tires for his vehicle. He couldn’t afford them and ended up charging the expense to his credit card,” said Sue Stringer, Air Force Aid Society Officer. “If he had come to us beforehand, we could have helped him pay for the tires without him accruing additional debt. The hardest part of our job is getting the word out to people that we are here to help.”

The PFMP can also assist families with investment planning and taxes. They use a program called Power Pay to figure out where money can be spent and what money can be invested.

“I wish more people would come and see me,” Wilson said. “We try to make feasible plans for long term solutions.”

For more information call the Family Support Center at 572-7754.

Inside the story

Listed below are some credit card tips from <http://www.truthaboutcredit.org>:

1 — Shop around before accepting credit card offers. Annual percentage rates vary from 7.99 to 30.25 percent.

2 — Read the fine print. Penalty charges for late payments are often listed there.

3 — Carry only one or two major credit cards and use them sparingly. They are more expensive than cash or check purchases once interest and additional fees are included.

4 — Reduce the number of credit card solicitations you receive by calling 1-888-5 OPTOUT. This will take your name off the lists of three major credit bureaus.

5 — Pay off balances in full every billing

period. If that is not possible, always pay more than the minimum.

6 — Check your credit reports for errors at least once a year.

7 — Use a credit calculator. This will tell you how long it will take you to pay off your current balance.

8 — Don’t spend more money than you have. Create a budget and stick to it.

Other credit information can be found at:

• Federal Trade Commission: <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/menu-credit.htm>

• Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation: <http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/ccc/index.html>

• Federal Reserve Board: <http://www.federalreserve.gov/consumers.htm>

Safety, security needed for pets

by **Laura Pellegrino**
Sunburst staff writer

Dogs don't like being behind bars, and the members of the 49th Security Forces Squadron don't like putting them there.

The squadron is the unofficial dog catchers on base, and they suggest Team Holloman control and register their pets to keep them out of the local shelter.

Sit! Stay!

"People should always leash their dogs," said 2nd Lt. Jason Bittle, 49th SFS training and resources officer in charge. "If the dog is in a backyard, check the fence regularly to make sure it is in good shape."

If the dog is especially active or prone to escaping, people should leash their dog inside the yard as well, he said.

"It's the second line of defense," Bittle said.

Registration is also very important, said Senior Master Sgt. Jerry Gandy, 49th SFS operations superintendent. The base requires that all dogs be registered within two weeks of receiving quarters or after purchasing a new pet.

Most of the animals picked up by SFS are pets, Bittle said. They are clean, friendly and have collars. However, most of them don't have registration or ID tags, he said.

When dogs stray

When a dog is picked up without a registration tag, there is no way to track down the owners, Bittle said. The pet stays in a temporary shelter at the security forces building and is then brought to Alamogordo's animal control facility.

"They keep the animal there for five days. If it is not adopted, it's euthanized," Bittle said. "If more people registered their animals, very few pets would be killed."

Another option for pet owners is to have a microchip



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Paul Coupaud

Ensure animals are secured anytime they are out of the house. If a pet is picked up without a registration tag, there is no way to track down the owners. The pet stays in a temporary shelter at the security forces building and is then brought to Alamogordo's animal control facility.

surgically implanted behind the dog's neck, Gandy said. This helps if a shelter, such as in Alamogordo, picks up the dog and can scan the chip, which contains the owner's information.

Escaped pets can pose a threat to the health and safety of everyone on Holloman, Bittle said. They can contract rabies or other diseases or get hit by a car and cause an accident. Because of this danger, the squadron picks up a reported stray as quickly as possible.

Puppy slammer

Once caught, the stray is a

cost to the squadron, Bittle said. Animal control charges \$12 a day until the animal is adopted or euthanized, which can amount to a cost of \$60 per animal.

"Between May and September, we average about \$300 or \$400 a month," Bittle said. "But sometimes it can be as much as \$1000 a month."

About half of all animals caught are returned to their owners, Bittle said. The other half are turned over to animal control.

To ask about a missing pet, call 572-7171. To register a pet on base, go to building 649 or call 572-3303.



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents Aug. 5 to 11.

Tickets

Security forces issued a total of 24 citations this week: one for careless driving, one for display of license plate and unsigned registration, one for failure to report an accident, two for failure to stop, two for inattentive backing, one for inattentive backing and no driver's license/no insurance, one for lane deviation and improper passing, two for no driver's license, two for no insurance, nine for speeding 10 to 15 mph over the posted speed limit, one for speeding one to nine mph over the posted speed limit, and one for speeding 16 to 25 mph over the posted speed limit and no insurance.

Property loss or damage

- Aug. 5: An airman driving a privately owned vehicle hit another POV while driving in a parking lot.
- Aug. 5: An NCO driving a POV backed into another POV.
- Aug. 6: A family member reported her son's bedroom window broken within their base home.
- Aug. 6: An airman reported damage to his POV.
- Aug. 7: A civilian employee driving a government-owned vehicle scraped against a pole as he pulled off a road to park.
- Aug. 8: A civilian was injured in a POV accident.
- Aug. 10: A family member reported she had lost a bag with three Gameboy Advanced games in it while at the Commissary.
- Aug. 11: An airman driving a POV backed into another POV as he was leaving a parking spot.

- Aug. 11: A civilian reported damage to the numbers of dormitory 342.

- Aug. 11: An airman struck a bollard at the front gate while entering the installation.

Patrol response

- Aug. 8: An officer reported an illegal alien asking for water near his on base quarters. Security forces located the individual, but he jumped the wall. Security forces notified Border Patrol.
- Aug. 8: A civilian employee reported a \$15.01 gas-n-go at the Shoppette.
- Aug. 9: A senior NCO reported finding an airman's family member asleep on a couch in a dormitory.
- Aug. 9: A family member reported a verbal altercation within base housing.
- Aug. 11: An airman reported a verbal dispute between another airman and his family member within base housing.
- Aug. 11: An NCO was advised of his rights under Article 128, Assault Consummated with Battery.

Civil arrest

- Aug. 11: An airman was arrested for a \$100 warrant, failure to pay citation and failure to appear. He was released on his own recognizance by an unsecured bond.

ID cards, decals and badges

One military identification card and one family member ID card were seized at the main gate because they were expired. 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 at 572-7171 immediately.

If you 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".

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: 341
 Last week: 10

*(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.
- Air Force Family Child Care Program: 7 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.



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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. 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

Base Exchange
479-6164

**Housing
Maintenance**
572-7901

**Fraud, Waste
and Abuse**
572-3713

Finance
572-5107

Medical Clinic
572-5991

Services
572-3528

Commissary
572-5127

No more gas 'n go



I can't help but be frustrated when I read the "Base Beat" and see people here not paying for gas at the Shoppette. It seems this happens at least a couple times a week. I don't know if these people are being caught or not. I see the cameras on the overhangs, but I don't know how effective they are. Nonetheless, the Army Air Force Exchange Service is losing money.

I have a simple solution to this problem, and it's 100-percent effective — pre-pay! I know it's inconvenient to stand in line, not knowing exactly how much gas you're going to put in, and then have to go back in to get change, but you'll never have someone leaving without paying for gas, ever again!

I've lived in Phoenix and Las Vegas for the past nine years and paying before you pump gas is a way of life in bigger cities. It's not about a trust issue or an inconvenience issue; it's about dollars and cents. It would be sad to have to resort to pre-paying, especially on a military installation, but since there is a problem it makes good business sense. I think it's time for change, because even if people are getting caught, it's still happening. There doesn't seem to be any deterrent.



Thanks for your concern regarding the drive-offs at our gas pumps. We will not tolerate theft on this installation, and we continue to work closely with AAFES to enhance our ability to swiftly prosecute those who depart without paying. Since the punishment for this offense is loss of exchange privileges for six months, plus payment for the gas, and a \$200 administrative fee, customers should be aware of the risks they take by driving away from the pumps without paying.

As an added precaution, we are considering "Pre-Pay" for cash customers we cannot clearly identify through the security cameras. I hope this won't be necessary, but those who steal from AAFES, steal from us all—I appreciate everyone's understanding as we take on this issue.

Be a 'Hometown News' hero

An Air Force Hometown News Release team will visit Holloman Monday through Friday next week to do personal features on Team Holloman members.

See your unit orderly room for times and details.

Wet 'n' Wild discount

The Wet 'n' Wild WaterWorld park in Anthony, Texas offers a military discount Sept. 6 and 7. The entrance price will be \$7.95 with a valid military, dependent 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.

Housing closure

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

Sertoma speedway

Outdoor Recreation offers transportation to Sertoma Speedway at 6 p.m., every Friday. Cost is \$6.50 per person for transportation and general admission. Sign up each Wednesday through Outdoor Recreation at 572-5369.

FSC

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

- Spouse employment workshop: 12:30 p.m., Monday.
- Three-day transition assistance program: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
- Disability transition assistance program: 8:30 a.m., Thursday.
- Conflict resolution: 1 to 2:30 p.m., Thursday.

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

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.

Honor Guard

The Honor Guard seeks new recruits. For more information, stop a cadre

B On the BIG SCREEN



**The Holloman Base
Theater is closed
for renovations.**



Photo by Maj. John Bryan

Altitude check

Tech. Sgt. Torrance Norris from the Physiological Training Center here, explains the purpose of the altitude chamber to a local Girl Scout troop that was visiting the facility recently. The girls learned about G-forces and the effects gravity has on Air Force pilots.

member, go to building 273 or call 572-2077.

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.

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

Summer of the airman

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

Kid's 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 age 1 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 six-visit pass, and \$1 for a two-hour visit.

Threat briefing

Ray Semko, from the interagency op-

erational security support staff, briefs Holloman on threat information at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Aug. 26 in the Enlisted Club Ballroom. The briefing will count as INFOSEC annual refresher training for uncleared personnel. The briefing is not mandatory due to limited seating.

For more information, contact the Wing Information Assurance Office at 572-3535.

Summer special

The Desert Lanes Bowling Center offers bowling for \$1 per game, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Thursday and \$1.50 per game 4 to 10 p.m. This special runs all summer.

Heritage month

Native American and Indian heritage month is in November. If anyone is interested in serving on this year's committee, contact the Military Equal Opportunity office at 572-3032.

Parade volunteers

The Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade Committee needs two volunteers for the 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., today 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.

Open for business

The Thrift Store will be open from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday. No consignments will be taken, but there are lots of toys, clothing, and household goods for sale.

Call the Thrift Store at 479-4342 for more information.

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Deployed airmen get benefits of small-town living

by Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

Airmen deployed to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, will soon be saying farewell to their tents and hello to small-town living.

This welcome change for airmen is just part of the transformation of this expeditionary base into a permanent air base with most of the amenities found at home.

"We're in the process of building a small town, Expeditionary Village, that will be able to house between 5,000 and 6,000 deployed and remotely assigned airmen," said 1st Lt. Steven Thomas, of the 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron.

Airmen will no longer have to endure tent life with minimal privacy and the ever-present Qatari sand getting into everything. They will be living in air-conditioned trailers that will afford them more space and privacy, according to Thomas, the project's quality-assurance evaluator and base-level liaison officer.

Expeditionary Village will feature improved living accommodations and a variety of morale, welfare and recreation and dining facilities, he said.

Among the facilities airmen can expect to find are weight rooms, basketball courts, sports fields, swimming pools, officer and enlisted clubs, a base exchange, Army and Air Force Exchange Service concessions, an education office and a theater with stadium seating.

"MWR will be outstanding," Thomas



Photo by Master Sgt. John E. Lasky

First Lt. Steven Thomas (right) works closely with local contractors including N. Rajiv Shanker. Expeditionary Village is being built to house at least 5,500 airmen at two per room.

said. "The facilities will be large enough to accommodate everyone without being crowded. They will carry on the tradition of the Wagon Wheel — the central recreational-gathering place for airmen currently living in tents."

It will not only be larger, but it will be better, he said.

Thomas said he expects Expeditionary Village to be completed around the first of the year, and airmen will be moving into the new facilities soon after.

"The infrastructure is virtually

complete, and we're in the process now of completing the buildings," Thomas said.

Construction on the facilities is taking place around the clock, according to Glenn Dimick, Expeditionary Village construction-site manager.

"There are people working both day and night shifts to get the Expeditionary Village completed on schedule."

The biggest challenges facing construction crews are the hot, humid weather and the gusting desert winds, Dimick said.

"Safety is a top priority," Thomas said. "Everyone needs to drink plenty of water to endure the heat and humidity, but we also have to pay attention to the strong winds."

Sudden, strong gusts of wind can be dangerous when workers are trying to install the vertical walls of the buildings, Dimick said. The wind can also tear down the walls that have just been installed, putting construction behind schedule.

"We're all committed to creating this small town out of the desert, and we're going to get it done," Thomas said. "It has taken a lot of planning and patience, but we're going to do it right and as smoothly as possible. When we're finished, airmen will be pleased with the new facilities and better living conditions."

However, Expeditionary Village is just the first step in Al Udeid's transformation, he said.

"Once we've transitioned airmen into Expeditionary Village, work is scheduled to begin on Millennium Village, the truly permanent base facilities," Thomas explained.

Millennium Village will feature dormitories that airmen find at most Air Force bases, base housing for airmen and their families on remote, accompanied tours and eventually even schools, he said.

While plans for Millennium Village are still being worked, Thomas said he is confident deployed airmen will be pleased with Expeditionary Village's new facilities and much improved quality of life.

First production Global Hawk rolls out

by Sue Baker
Aeronautical Systems Center Public Affairs

The first production RQ-4A Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle rolled out in ceremonies held Aug. 1 at prime contractor Northrop Grumman's Antelope Valley Manufacturing Center at Air Force Plant 42 in Palmdale, Calif.

Drawing back a large curtain, program officials unveiled Global Hawk in its operational gray and white colors as Air Force dignitaries and contractor employees cheered and applauded the milestone.

"The fact that we have hardware now rolling out of the factory a little over two years after the start of the formal acquisition program shows that we are realizing the vision of evolutionary acquisition," said Col. Scott Coale, director of the Global Hawk program office at the Aeronautical Systems Center here. "It's proof that we are shortening the normal 10- to 15-year acquisition cycle, and fielding this system that much sooner to support warfighter needs."

The Air Force plans to purchase 51 Global Hawks.

Even though this is the first production air vehicle, a

demonstrator version already has seen combat twice in Afghanistan and Iraq, Coale said.

"The demonstrator flew just 3 percent of the imagery intelligence missions over Iraq but located 55 percent of the time-sensitive targets generated to destroy air defense equipment," he said. "It also identified almost 40 percent of Iraq's armor, and the Combined Air Operations Center attributed the accelerated defeat of the Republican Guard to Global Hawk."

"Our experience in Operation Iraqi Freedom really validated the Air Force's confidence in the Global Hawk system," Coale added. "It demonstrated the UAV's potential to transform the way wars are fought in the future."

Global Hawk is a high-altitude, long-endurance system that provides battlefield commanders near-real-time intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance information in day or night and all weather conditions. It operates autonomously at altitudes up to 65,000 feet for more than 36 hours. The Global Hawk has a range of 13,500 nautical miles and can image an area the size



Courtesy Photo

The first production RQ-4A Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle rolled out in ceremonies Aug. 1.

of Illinois in just 24 hours.

The first production Global Hawk is the eighth air vehicle built. Northrop Grumman produced the first seven under the advanced concept technology demonstration phase of the program.

The new production vehicle will complete a final series of system tests before its first flight later this month. Following a flight test program at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., it will be delivered to the Air Force's 9th Reconnaissance Wing at Beale AFB, Calif.

Pilots test collision-avoidance system

The Air Force's Automatic Air Collision Avoidance System successfully put two F-16 Fighting Falcons into automated maneuvers Aug. 7 to avoid collision during tests at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

Maj. James Less and Swedish air force Maj. Richard Ljungberg flew a specially equipped research aircraft during the maneuver, conducted on actual aircraft for the first time. Maj. Scott Wierzbanski from the 46th Test Wing at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., flew the other aircraft, a standard F-16.

The system is the world's first automated collision-avoidance system.

"During this milestone flight, the two aircraft repeatedly approached each other, and the Auto ACAS activated every time to separate them without pilot input," said Steve Markman, flight-test director at the Air Force Research Laboratory's air vehicles directorate.

"Midair collisions are a major cause of U.S. Air Force fighter aircraft losses, and an unfortunate consequence of the aggressive, highly dynamic environment of air-to-air combat and realistic training," Markman said.

"Collision-avoidance systems currently in use provide audio and visual guidance to pilots, who then must take manual action," he said. "Such warnings

work well for slow-maneuvering transport aircraft that must keep far apart, but are ineffective for the fighter pilot whose mission requires close-formation flying and aggressive maneuvering in the vicinity of other aircraft.

"Auto ACAS, by comparison, waits until the last possible instant ... until after the pilot missed his last chance to avoid a collision," Markman said. "When Auto ACAS takes control, it performs an aggressive maneuver to avoid the collision, then returns control to the pilot."

The system is not hardware, but "fail-safe" software in the aircraft's digital-avionics system, he said.

"Each Auto ACAS-equipped aircraft broadcasts its position and trajectory using a data link and receives identical information transmitted from other aircraft," Markman said. The computers aboard each aircraft compare the data and identify conflicting flight paths, he said.

"When a conflict is found, the two aircraft coordinate their escape maneuvers, and time them to begin at the last possible instant to avoid the collision," he said. "Auto ACAS returns control to the pilot as soon as the aircraft begin to separate, typically in a second or two."

This flight continued a build-up testing process including

ground simulation and single-ship flights against computer-generated, "virtual" targets, according to Markman.

"These targets were produced by a flight simulator on the ground and connected to an identical data link," he said. "In the air, the test aircraft responded to the simulated target as if it was a real aircraft and maneuvered to avoid it. This technique allowed engineers to verify that the computer algorithm worked properly and produced correct escape maneuvers without putting the aircraft at risk.

"The miss distance for this flight was intentionally set high," Markman said. "As pilots and engineers gain confidence in the system's operation, they gradually will decrease the distances."

An operational system should allow miss distances of only a few hundred feet, just enough to prevent the collision, he said.

"This first Auto ACAS flight was the result of two years of hard work by dozens of engineers and test pilots from many government organizations and industry participants," said Don Swihart, AFRL Air Vehicles Directorate program manager. "Their efforts will result in many lives saved every year and reduce the loss of valuable military aircraft." (AFMC News)

Memorial-fund contributions continue

by Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski

Air Force Print News

Airmen around the world can help create a Pentagon memorial dedicated to the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the Pentagon.

The campaign goal was to raise \$1 million from July 21 to Aug. 8, however the fund is hundreds of thousands of dollars shy of that goal, according to Steve Kelly, of the Volunteer Campaign Management Office for the Pentagon Memorial Fundraiser.

"Right now we're nowhere

close," Kelly said. "Now is the time to give."

Twenty campaign managers have been contacting the Pentagon's nearly 25,000 employees to offer the opportunity to give to this cause. People from around the world can still contribute to the fund through Aug. 15, by mailing checks to: Director, Budget and Finance, WHS Attn: Pentagon Memorial, Room 3B269 1155 Defense Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20301-1155.

"The fundraising efforts of our Air Force comrades have been remarkably generous," said Sheron Richardson, Air Force campaign officer. "We're helping to build a dream."

Richardson said the memorial design that incorporates a series of benches, "will bridge the past to the future and will be a Pentagon park of memory and peace for the world."

During the next two years, the Pentagon Memorial Campaign managers hope to raise \$20 million to cover the project's cost. DOD officials said \$10 to \$12 million will go toward construction, and the rest will be used for maintenance.

The memorial will be built on nearly two acres of land on the Pentagon's west side along the path of American Airlines Flight 77 before it hit the building.



The map above shows the basic path of the one-mile squadron/group formation run. Team Holloman members will start at building 21295, spot 13 and end at base operations.

Sports Day plans coming together

by Tech. Sgt. Paul Coupaud
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Details continue to come together for the Holloman Sports Day scheduled for Sept. 26.

The day is scheduled to begin with a one-mile squadron/group formation run from building 21295 to base operations. Following the run, several events will be scheduled throughout the day for unit competition.

The competition is open to all

military as well as Department of Defense and non-appropriated fund civilians. Units will compete in 'small' and 'large' categories based on number of members assigned. Any unit larger than 165 people is in the 'large' category.

According to Airman 1st Class Richard Daugherty, the 49th Fighter Wing staff unit sports representative, participation points are awarded to each unit for each event.

"A squadron will earn 20

points for participating in the event," he said. "The rest of the points are based on that team's performance."

First place teams get 15 points, second place earns 10 points and third place gets five points. All events are single-elimination unless specified in the event rules. The staff of the Sports and Fitness Center will handle any rule interpretation arguments.

Contact your unit sports representative for information.

Sports Day Events

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
9:30 a.m.	Doubles racquetball tournament	Fitness Center
9:30 a.m.	Doubles tennis tournament	Fitness Center
9:30 a.m. and noon	Golf, Four-person scramble	Golf Course
10 a.m.	Nine-pin on tap bowling tournament	Bowling Center
10:30 a.m.	3-on-3 basketball	Outdoor Courts
10:30 a.m.	paintball	Outdoor Recreation
11 a.m.	doubles horseshoe tournament	Steinhoff Park
11 a.m.	Trap and skeet	Outdoor Recreation
11 a.m.	Four-person volleyball tournament	Fitness Center
Noon	Power strength competition	Fitness Center
12:30 p.m.	Homerun derby	Vandenberg Field
1 p.m.	Soccer kick	Steinhoff Park
1:30 p.m.	Football throw	Johnson Field
2 p.m.	Bed race	Steinhoff Park
2:30 p.m.	Tug of war	Steinhoff Park

Air Force Marathon deadline approaches

With the Sept. 5 registration deadline approaching for the seventh annual Air Force Marathon, more than 1,800 people have registered to compete. The event will take place here Sept. 20.

According to marathon officials, 1,832 people had registered to compete as of Aug. 12, including 1,758 in the 26.2-mile marathon, the four-person relay race and the wheelchair race.

Two new races were added this year — a 5km (3.1-mile)

race, and a 13.1-mile half-marathon. The figure for the total number of competitors puts it ahead of numbers registered at this time last year.

The four-person relay race has reached its maximum number of teams and is closed. However, all other events remain open.

All entries must be post-marked or handed in to the marathon office by Sept. 5.

The registration fee is \$50 for the 26.2-mile and wheelchair

races, \$35 for the half-marathon and \$15 for the 5km race. All registered runners will receive a T-shirt and patch, and all finishers will receive a medallion.

Register online at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>, or mail registration fees to: USAF Marathon, 88MSG/SBVVC, 5215 Thurlow St., Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433.

For more information, call (800) 467-1823, (937) 257-4350 or DSN 787-4350. (AFPJ)



Photos by 1st. Lt. Heather Newcomb

Going for the goal

The German air force Electronics Squadron improved their record and their standing in the soccer league to 6-1 Monday when they shutout the 49th Security Forces Squadron 8-0. The GAF team never backed down despite the defense put up by the SFS. The security forces team pushed against the GAF defense to get the ball into the net but were unable to despite their best efforts. The regular soccer season ends Aug. 25.

Soccer news

Soccer schedule

Monday:

5:30 p.m. — GAF Sup vs. GAF Elec.

6:30 p.m. — CES vs. MMG

7:30 p.m. — LRS vs. SFS

Tuesday:

5:30 p.m. — MDG vs. GAF 2nd

6:30 p.m. — HQ GAF vs. SPCS

7:30 p.m. — GAF 2nd vs. SPCS

Wednesday:

5:30 p.m. — GAF Elec. vs. MMG

6:30 p.m. — GAF Sup. vs. SFS

7:30 p.m. — CES vs. MXS

Thursday:

5:30 p.m. — SPCS vs. GAF 1st

6:30 p.m. — HQ GAF vs. GAF 2nd

7:30 p.m. — MDG vs. SPCS



Soccer standings

Monday/Wednesday

Tuesday/Thursday

UNIT	W	L	D	Pct	UNIT	W	L	D	Pct
GAF Supply	6	0	1	.929	GAF HQ	8	0	1	.944
GAF Electr Sq.	6	1	0	.857	49th MDG	6	3	0	.667
49th LRS	4	2	1	.643	GAF 1st Ln MX	4	3	1	.563
49th CES	3	2	2	.571	GAF 2nd Ln MX	4	3	1	.563
49th MMG	2	4	2	.429	4th SPCS	1	6	0	.143
49th SFS	0	6	1	.071	20th FS/7th CTS	(forfeit out)			.000
49th MXS	0	6	1	.071					

Volleyball news

Volleyball standings

Large Unit

Small Unit

UNIT	W	L	Pct	UNIT	W	L	Pct
GAF A	6	1	.857	GAF B	9	0	1.000
49th LRS	7	1	.875	46th TG	7	2	.777
49th MMG	4	4	.500	49th CS A	6	3	.667
49th MXS	4	5	.444	4th SPCS	5	3	.625
49th CES	3	5	.375	49th FW/MSS	4	4	.500
49th MDG	1	7	.125	49th MOS	2	7	.222
				49th CS B	1	6	.143
				49th SVS	1	8	.111

Volleyball schedule

Monday:

5:30 p.m. — CS-B vs. SVS

6:30 p.m. — SPCS vs. GAF B

7:30 p.m. — CS-A vs. MOS

8:30 p.m. — TG vs. FW/MSS

Tuesday:

5:30 p.m. — MMG vs. LRS

6:30 p.m. — GAF A vs. MDG

7:30 p.m. — MXS vs. CES

Wednesday:

5:30 p.m. — TG vs. GAF B

6:30 p.m. — CS-A vs. SVS

7:30 p.m. — FW/MSS vs. MOS

8:30 p.m. — SPCS vs. CS-B

Thursday:

5:30 p.m. — GAF A vs. MXS

6:30 p.m. — LRS vs. CES

7:30 p.m. — MMG vs. MDG

