

Briefly

Town Hall meeting

There is a base-wide Town Hall meeting from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday at the Base Theater. Brig. Gen. Hunt will host an opportunity for all Team Holloman members to come together to discuss ways to improve the community. Emphasis will be on items of interest to spouses of deployed personnel. Community members are encouraged to submit questions to the Family Support Center before the meeting. For more information or to submit questions, call the FSC at 572-7754.

Safety session

Bill Cain, Crime Prevention Task Force and former police officer, will speak on personal safety at 7 p.m., Wednesday, at the Base Theater, after the Town Hall meeting.

Base yard sale

The 49th Services Squadron Yard Sale is 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday at the Whispering Sands Community Center's parking lot.

Call 572-7476 to reserve a table for a dollar.

Correction

The Cage at the enlisted club is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

TRICARE

TRICARE is at www.tricareonline.com. There's a mass briefing at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., June 25 at the Base Theater.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Check it before you wreck it

Tech. Sgt. Sarbjit Singh, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron Vehicle Maintenance Flight NCO, performs a courtesy vehicle safety inspection Wednesday at the Mini Mall parking lot. The flight is helping to promote vehicle safety during Holloman's 101+ Critical Days of Summer.

AF revises bonuses

Air Force officials recently revised re-enlistment bonuses, adding or increasing 40 career field zones and decreasing or removing 100, according to Air Force Personnel Center officials here.

The revision to the selective re-enlistment bonus program includes additions of zones in two career fields that previously did not have a bonus.

In addition, 10 career fields that previously had some type of bonus were deleted from the revised list.

"The SRB program is a retention tool the Air Force uses as an incentive to help keep the right people in the right jobs to accomplish our mission," said Maj. Gen. Peter Sutton, director of learning and force development at Air Force headquarters in Washington.

"This change (in SRBs) is the result in part of increased retention

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Operation Nighthawk deters drug users

(Editor's note: the following is a message from the 49th Fighter Wing Commander, Brig. Gen. Jim Hunt.)

Holloman's location in southwestern New Mexico has caused many airmen here to believe there's nothing to do, which has led some to seek illegal forms of entertainment ... drug use. Three words — DON'T DO IT!! Our mission is too critical to be hampered

by drug use and it won't be tolerated. About 99 percent of the people who come through the gate are innocent, but for the one percent who choose to use drugs, we'll help you off the base and out of the Air Force. For those who don't and never will use drugs, I apologize for the inconvenience of random testing. For those who have, or are thinking about using drugs, you're go-

ing to get caught! Random drug testing here will increase. We've decided to step up the testing, not to inconvenience you, but because we want to make it clear to everyone that we take this seriously and we'll find those of you who are choosing to break the law. Random testing will occur without notice, day or night. We're counting on you to do the right thing.



High: 95
Low: 59
TODAY



High: 90
Low: 62
SATURDAY



High: 93
Low: 60
SUNDAY



High: 93
Low: 61
MONDAY

Less mosquitoes but disease is still a risk

by **Laura Pellegrino**
Sunburst staff writer

Team Holloman members may have noticed something missing from their barbecues, pool parties and volleyball matches this summer.

What's missing is an uninvited guest, the mosquito, whose population at Holloman has recently declined sharply.

The 49th Medical Group Public Health team usually collects 300 to 1,000 mosquitoes per week around the base and sends them to the New Mexico Department of Health in Albuquerque for disease testing, said Tech. Sgt. Douglas Lacey, 49th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron NCOIC.

Since March, the numbers have dropped to zero.

Lacey credits the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Entomology team as one reason for the decline in mosquitoes.

The team monitored breeding grounds and used measures ranging from biological control, such as mosquito larvae-eating fish, to chemical control, such as larvicide, to keep the mosquito population down.

The ongoing drought also accounts for the missing mosquitoes, Lacey said. However, droughts and a decline in mosquito populations don't always prevent the spread of disease.

Droughts can actually facilitate the spread of diseases like West Nile Virus, according to a CBS report May 26. Researchers found that during a drought birds must scrounge for water at drains and catch basins where disease-carrying mosquitoes breed, the report said.

"During a drought, birds go to the stagnant water and can be infected by mosquitoes with West Nile," Lacey said. "The virus is drawn from the birds by other mosquitoes and passed to horses, livestock and humans."

The tests done on previous mosquito populations haven't revealed West Nile Virus within Otero County yet, but the vi-

rus has infected horses as close as Socorro County, N.M., Lacey said.

Other diseases carried by mosquitoes include Western Equine Encephalitis and Dengue, Lacey said. There will be a greater risk for the spread of disease as the seasonal rain begins.

"Water collecting in natural and man-made objects will attract and provide a breeding ground for mosquitoes," Lacey said.

The entomology team fogged for mosquitoes last spring, but there was no need to this year, said Don Carlton, 49th CES Entomology Pest Management supervisor. That may or may not change with the weather, he said.

"I don't know if we'll need to fog after the rain," Carlton said. "Last year I thought we would need to fog in the fall, but we never really got the rain we were expecting so we didn't."

(Editor's note: Information for the story was taken from CBS Website: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2003/04/21/health/main550411.shtml>)

On the side

Tips to reduce the chances of mosquito bites:

- Avoid outdoor activities during dusk and dawn or wear long sleeves and pants during those times.

- Use insect repellents that contain DEET. Adults should use a concentration of 33 percent. Children should use a concentration of no more than 10 percent. Skin-so-Soft and baby oils are barriers and do not kill mosquitoes.

- Ensure window and door screens are in good working order.

- Remove stagnant or pooling water from around the house and yard. Toys, wading pools, birdbaths, and empty bottles are potential reservoirs for mosquitoes. Unclog and clean rain gutters periodically.

- Keep lawns and shrubs trimmed and don't water excessively.

What's bugging Team Holloman members?

by **Laura Pellegrino**
Sunburst staff writer

Between spring and fall, bugs invade homes across the country. Holloman is no exception, and the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron's Entomology team offers solutions for people sharing their living space with ants, roaches and snakes.

The team stresses using the Integrated Pest Management System, said Don Carlton, 49th CES Entomology Pest Management supervisor. The system is a planned program that uses targeted and environmentally sound methods to prevent pests from doing damage to homes and yards.

"We encourage people not to spray unless the situation is drastic," Carlton said. "Baits are a lot safer than nuking your house with chemicals."

People can go to the Self Help store to get the appropriate bait stations for free, Carlton said. The store offers Maxforce traps, which can kill ants and

roaches that eat or even touch the bait, according to the product's website.

"Use the least toxic way first," said Tech Sgt. Terrance Chandler, Pest Management NCOIC. "The baits are a lot safer."

Bug infestation can also be minimized by proper sanitation, Chandler said. Debris left around the house can attract bugs and rodents. By picking up debris and trash and sealing cracks in the floor and walls, many problems can be prevented.

If the problem persists, residents can call Pest Management for help, Carlton said. Someone from the team will survey the area and determine the type and cause of infestation.

One resident had a recurring problem with roaches, he said. The team went in and found there was a leak behind the dishwasher that could only be reached by cutting a hole in the wall.

"Once the leak was fixed, the roach problem could be contained," Carlton

said. "If they were still having a problem after trying everything else, we'd go in and spray."

Residents also have the option of hiring an off-base company to survey and exterminate their house, Carlton said. However, he cautions against using companies that want to spray every month.

"We want to go in and get rid of the problem the first time," he said. "They want to keep you on monthly treatments."

Carlton says residents should ask questions about the chemicals being sprayed. A Material Safety Data Sheet should be available prior to the extermination. The sheet gives information on possible hazards of the chemicals.

"Pesticides are very dangerous," Carlton said. "What's safe today won't be safe tomorrow."

The pest management team also handles larger, slithering problems, like venomous diamondback rattlesnakes and gopher snakes. Residents

should not attempt to catch these animals themselves, Chandler said.

"If you see a snake you should call us immediately," he said. "Watch from a distance so we know where to look."

To contact the Entomology team with questions or problems, please call 572-7170. More information can also be accessed from a government computer by going to <https://www.mil.holloman.af.mil>, select the Support Group option, select Civil Engineer, and click on Entomology.

On the side

Tips for keeping homes pest-free:

- Consistently knock down spider webs. Their web is their food source; without it, they will leave.

- Use baits, not sprays, on ants. Ants leave a trail that they follow back to their colony. Breaking it with a spray causes them to separate into several smaller colonies, which will continue to grow.



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents June 3 to June 9.

Tickets

Security forces issued a total of 26 citations this week: Four for failure to stop, one for inattentive backing, one for braking traction and unsafe lane change, two for no insurance, three for loud music emitting from the vehicle, one for expired registration and no insurance, one for failure to set brake, one for no registration, one for assault, one for shoplifting, one for expired registration, one for no driver's license, one for loud music emitting from the vehicle and unsigned registration, six for speeding 1 to 10 mph over the posted speed limit, and one for speeding 11 to 15 mph over the posted speed limit.

Theft or damage to government and private property

- June 3: An NCO driving a private-owned vehicle backed into an airman's POV.
- June 3: An NCO reported a broken window at his on-base residence.
- June 4: A chief reported his POV rolled into

another POV after he forgot to secure his parking break.

- June 6: An airman reported he had lost his wallet at the Mini Mall.
- June 9: An NCO reported a large dent in a government-owned vehicle.

Found property

- June 9: A 21-speed mountain bike was found in base housing and was secured at the 49th SFS Control Center.

Patrol response

- June 3: A family member reported she was receiving threatening phone calls from a civilian on base.
- June 4: Two airmen reported DVDs and Play Station games stolen from their dorm rooms.
- June 5: A civilian reported there was tampering with a storage shed at the Holloman Middle School.
- June 6: A civilian reported another civilian stealing from the Base Exchange.
- June 6: A family member reported an officer's child had been left at the base pool unattended for an extended period of time.
- June 6: A family member reported an assault at a playground on base.
- June 6: An airman was advised of her rights under Article 92, Underage Drinking, after she was reported by a senior NCO.
- June 7: An NCO reported a verbal altercation at building 337.
- June 8: A retiree broke a gas line, causing a leak, while digging in the yard of his on-base residence.

Civil arrest

- June 6: An airman was taken into custody by the New Mexico State Police after he was pulled over for

excessive speed and an odor of an alcoholic beverage was noticed by the NMSP officer.

Inmate confinement

- June 4: An airman was placed in confinement for three months after he was convicted of Article 80, Attempted Larceny, and Article 121, Larceny.

Missing ID cards, vehicle decals and restricted area badges

There were eight reports of missing identification cards this week. All were active duty IDs.

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

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

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

Abandoned vehicle numbers are on the rise. Members PCSing or separating from the military cannot abandon their vehicle. If a vehicle is impounded it costs \$50 to tow it and \$5 a day for a storage fee. Force protection condition measures require vehicles be moved on a routine basis and if personnel leave their vehicles behind, security forces can track them down at another base or state and hold them responsible for it.

New sheep leads 8th Fighter Squadron flock

by Airman 1st Class Martha Whipple
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A new black sheep inherited the call sign Ram One and the 8th Fighter Squadron flock during a change of command ceremony June 2.

Lt. Col. Matthew McKeon "will always be a sheep," but for now he gives a final salute and will attend the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Penn. Another sheep, Lt. Col. David Toomey III, who served as the 8th FS Operations director, takes full charge of the squadron.

"The 8th Fighter Squadron Black Sheep have served America with honor, pride and dignity from the past to current operations," McKeon said. "Their achievements have helped transform the F-117 and restore the credibility. They've accomplished this feat by not what they say, but what they do."

The squadron's history began in the southwest Pacific during World War II. The Black Sheep recently returned from southwest Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"While technology has taken us from the P-40 Warhawk to the F-117A Nighthawk one thing remains true," Toomey said. "Our single most important resource continues to be the men and women of the squadron. They're airmen dedicated to the principles of democracy and to the defense of their country."

Toomey said his command focus will be on people and mission.

"We must be prepared to support the expeditionary mindset that our service has embodied," he said. "Our future hinges on our ability to provide a tailored fighting force on time and on target."

With this challenge comes several inherent responsibilities, Toomey said. The development of airmen, tactics and tools must continue. Today's operational environment requires personnel to be



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Lt. Col. David Toomey III returned April 16 after supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Toomey piloted the first air attacks in Baghdad. He took control of the 8th Fighter Squadron during a change of command ceremony June 2.

skilled craftsmen capable of adapting to the expeditionary environment. Innovation and flexibility must remain at the forefront of the squadron's efforts.

"Our mission remains unchanged," Toomey said. "We must be prepared to counter the forces that threaten our country and its people. While the threat

has changed, our ability to influence and effect remains undaunted. The F-117A mission continues to evolve. We must learn from our past but not be blind to what lies in our future."

"It's with great pride and honor that I stand here before you as the commander of the Black Sheep," he said.

New cop on the block takes charge at 49 SFS



Photo by Airman 1st Class Martha Whipple

Maj. Stephen Weaver took command of the 49th Security Forces Squadron during a change of command ceremony Tuesday.

by Airman 1st Class Martha Whipple
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A new cop took charge of the 49th Security Forces Squadron during a change of command ceremony Tuesday at the 49th SFS compound.

Lt. Col. Mark Eichin checks in his weapon and leaves for Langley Air Force Base, Va., to serve at the Air Combat Command program and resources division. Maj. Stephen Weaver joins the ranks at the 49th SFS.

Eichin said the squadron had a busy two years.

After Sept. 11, 2001, the operations tempo picked up, and the men and women of the 49th SFS picked up the pace.

They worked 12-hour shifts every day, including holidays, down days,

weekdays and weekends to maintain a safe and secure base.

While supporting the home front and keeping the base safe, the squadron also deployed more than 240 troops to support the global War on Terrorism, and Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

They also supported Operation Coronet Nighthawk in the European theater.

"Serving the men and women of the 49th Security Forces Squadron is a highlight in my career," Eichin said. "I'm proud to be associated with the squadron and wish the team the best in the future."

The team may be losing a motivated commander, but it's gaining a qualified officer who has been in the security business since graduating from

Texas A&M in 1990.

Weaver said his goal for the squadron is to build on the foundation Eichin established.

"I want to pick up where he left off," Weaver said. "The squadron is pointed in the right direction, so I plan to continue to lead the pack in the direction they're going. There's always room for improvement."

He said the 49th SFS mission is and will continue to be about force protection.

Weaver intends to focus his command on leadership and consistency.

"We'll have nothing less than the best," he said. "We'll remain professional, confident and physically fit. We'll continue to strive to live by the security forces motto, 'the best to defend the rest.'"

APSD superintendent praises school year

(Editor's note: The following is a message from Dr. Phil Knight, Alamogordo Public School District superintendent)

As the school year comes to a close, the last thing families want to think about is the school superintendent. But, I didn't want the year to end without thanking Team Holloman for the terrific support given to the Alamogordo Public School District, and offer a report card on the major accomplishments through the year.

While every school year has its ups and downs, I'm pleased to say this school year was a great success. The district is now on the hi-tech highway with all of our schools equipped and connected under our \$2 million technology initiative. What a great gift to our students: connecting them with other classrooms around the globe, providing them access to computer-based learning tools not previously available, and giving many of them their first experience with the technology that will influence their lives. This wouldn't have been possible without the support of Holloman parents and others who pressed hard for these improvements, and even volunteered weekends and evenings to wire our schools. We thank you and promise to continue moving the technology initiative forward through continuing training for our educators, and investments to keep our systems and software current.

Our goal is to have a benchmark technology program other districts across the nation will envy. Our students deserve nothing less.

The year has seen several other major accomplishments as well.

We were thrilled to be ranked second in the state on the 2002 Education Quotient published by *Expansion Management Magazine*, weighing factors such as school funding and outcome, the number of

students who graduate high school and how well they do in college placement exams. We were also pleased all of our schools met or exceeded state standards for excellence under strict "No Child Left Behind" criteria.

The community voted to continue its "2-mill levy" to support school funding and community/base leaders took the issue of funding for our district schools directly to the governor, addressing inequities in the state and federal Impact Aid funding. We're already seeing the results of those discussions in initiatives moving rapidly through the state capital.

In other areas, we finalized a block schedule for next year's high school students, letting them take a wider variety of classes and have more classroom time to work each subject without extending their school day. We completed our first year of community education partnership with New Mexico State University – Alamogordo.

Additionally, we're expanding on opportunities for high school students to take advanced classes on the hill, a terrific opportunity for students planning to move on to college. Our drop out rate remained less than one percent and 56 percent of our graduating seniors are college-bound, with \$1.8 million in scholarships given this year and several students being selected for the nation's top schools.

It's been a great year, with many steps forward for the district and our students. But we couldn't do it without you. Education is a round-the-clock process, so the example and high standards set by involved parents and community members are vital to student's success. Thank you for your superb support and please have a safe, restful summer. I'm already looking forward to an even better 2003-2004 school year.

DWI Update

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

13
14
14

Last six DWIs:
 • 49 MMS June 7
 • 49 MXS* May 31
 • 49 LRS* March 2
 • 49 MMS March 1
 • 49 CES* Jan. 17
 • 49 OSS Jan. 11

572-RIDE works!

*Calls MADE are
lives SAVED.*

Calls:
Year to date: 266
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 Edu-
cation 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.
- Return Reunion: 7 a.m., noon, 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

**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

Pain in the grass

Q: My goal was just to call with a rave and praise report for the base operators and Master Sgt. Walter Clark at the Family Support Center. He's just wonderful, especially in a deployed situation. My husband is deployed and the morale calls are excellent, and they're very patient at the FSC. I love when I call the base operators. They're extremely kind and patient with me especially since my husband has moved to several different locations and has many different numbers. I'm calling to let you know I really appreciate them.

Second thing is a complaint. I live at Catron Loop. I got home at about 10 o'clock one night to find a note from the housing inspector. The complaint is my yard. I work extremely long on my yard each weekend. I've been to the Self Help store every weekend. But I received a write-up for not mowing outside my fence line, not removing grass on the sidewalk and my light has been on too long. I work from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. I work on my yard as much as my job will allow. I work on my yard like a mad cat. I'm really upset because I was so proud of my yard. I took pictures and sent them to my husband. I guess I don't have anything to be proud of now. The inspector took pictures of my house and I was appalled. As much as I work on my yard I don't appreciate being written up and having her take pictures of my house. I called the housing inspector and she said she would take another pair of eyes out there to see if what she saw was true. She also wrote me up for my light being on. My light was on because when I leave the house it's daylight and when I get home it's dark. Are they going to have security forces wait for me? Because I'm not going to walk up to a dark house at night. The base is not as safe as everyone thinks it is. I would love to have someone come walk with me through the yard and see all the problems I've been having in trying to maintain and grow grass.

A: Thank you for your kind words about our telephone operators and Family Support Center, and for your efforts to build a lawn in our desert environment. We've fine-tuned our inspections to look at every house, every week to identify homes where basic yard maintenance (mowing/edging/trimming) has not been done, while giving fair credit to folks like you who clearly make an effort to care for their yards. I know yard work can be a challenge for many of our families — those who need a hand can always ask neighbors, first sergeants or FSC for help. For example, I understand your unit installed a timer so you can have your porch light on when you get home at night. That's a great example of how we can take care of each other in our Air Force community. Folks are ready to assist, so please don't hesitate to ask.



Photo by Laura Pellegrino

Joshua Buckman, Geoffrey Hanthorn, Robby Buckman, Zachary Hanthorn and Steph Buckman hang out at the playground.

Working double, triple time

by **Laura Pellegrino**
Sunburst staff writer

The Family Support Center offers support groups for parents, and most recently, for parents of multiple births, such as twins, triplets or more.

Tara Buckman, mother of 7-year-old triplets Joshua, Robby and Steph, started the Parents of Multiples Support Group after moving from Peterson Air Force Base two months ago. There were several multiples support groups at Peterson, but none at Holloman, she said.

"I had seen several sets of twins on base, but there was no support group," Buckman said. "So I went to the FSC and they were more than willing to sponsor us and give us a meeting room."

After two meetings, the group enrolled 11 families with multiples, Buckman said. Ten of the families have twins, and one, her own, has triplets. The group is currently holding open discussions, but Buckman plans to incorporate guest speakers on child development into the meetings.

"You need support and someone to tell you all the hints and secrets of raising multiples," she said. "It's wonderful to be able to talk to someone who knows where you're coming from."

Christina Hanthorn, mother of 3-year-old twins Zachary and Geoffrey, said the group is great for letting parents know what to expect.

"It is definitely different raising multiples," Buckman said. "There are a lot more challenges, like how to feed two or more babies at a time, and how to get your life in order."

Hanthorn said the greatest challenge with her twins is healthcare. Zachary goes to the Zia Therapy Center for speech and occupational therapy, while Geoffrey is allergic to several foods.

"One has physical needs and the other has dietary needs," Hanthorn said. "It's double the appointments and double the financial drain."

The group has several young parents of multiples with a lot of questions, Hanthorn said. She thinks the group will be an important resource for these parents.

Time spent with other adults is also important for parents. Buckman plans to host a "mom's night out" to give mother's a chance to take a break from their multiples and bond with each other. A "dad's night out" of bowling is in the works as well.

"People are very excited," Buckman said. "They are happy there is somewhere they can go and get support."

The Parents of Multiples Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m., the first Wednesday of every month in the FSC.

For more information, call the FSC at 572-7754.

Americans can now join support team

by Denise Brown

American Forces Press Service

“Uncle Sam Wants You” is a familiar recruiting slogan to generations of Americans. But in this case, it is an invitation for all Americans to sign up for a different kind of military operation.

Operation Tribute to Freedom, a Defense Department initiative, is a way for Americans to show their continuing support for the nation’s military men and women and share with the Defense Department the different ways in which individuals and communities are expressing this support.

“We receive calls and e-mails all the time asking, ‘What can I do to support the troops?’” said Allison Barber, special assistant to the assistant secretary of defense for public affairs. “People want to know what they can do to help.”

Americans across the country are already involved in activities showing support for the men and women in uniform, Barber said. “If you’re flying the

flag, going to a parade, writing an e-mail to the troops or visiting the Defend America Web site to send a thank you to the troops, all of these activities are part of Operation Tribute to Freedom.”

Many individual groups have started their own grassroots campaigns or outreach campaigns for the troops, she said. Operation Tribute to Freedom is a way to bring these individuals, groups and companies together as part of one team.

“You’re already doing the activities, so join the team and keep supporting the troops,” Barber said, adding that joining the team is an ideal way for Americans to stay connected with men and women in uniform.

“To join the team, just go to our Operation Tribute to Freedom Web site on www.DefendAmerica.mil, select ‘Join the Team,’ fill in your name, and tell us what you’re doing to pay tribute to the men and women of the military. Once you submit your registration to the team, you’ll be able to download an Op-

eration Tribute to Freedom certificate, making you an official member of the team.”

The program includes a variety of suggestions on how communities and individuals can support the troops.

“We have activities and ideas that are geared for both children and adults,” Barber said. “Younger children can color a patriotic picture or send an e-mail to the troops.”

Older teens and adults can volunteer at their local Red Cross or local veterans organization, visit hospitalized veterans or donate money to Operation Uplink for the purchase of a phone card for a service member,” she said.

The Web site also contains a selection of downloadable Operation Tribute to Freedom graphics. The graphics can be used as posters, on T-shirts or as banners, “in whatever way people want to use their imaginations,” Barber said. “And that’s the strength of Operation Tribute to Freedom.”

Although the Web site includes spe-

cific ideas for activities to support the troops, people are probably going to come up with more ideas, Barber asks people to “share with us what you’re doing and join the team.”

Barber is also working with the Weekly Reader, a publication for elementary and secondary school children.

“Weekly Reader goes out to more than 7 million children in classrooms throughout America,” she said.

Operation Tribute to Freedom will be featured on the Weekly Reader Web site and also in the Weekly Reader distribution during the school year.

“Corporate America has been great in supporting the troops and we’re reaching out to them as well, inviting them as a corporation to join the team,” Barber said. “Operation Tribute to Freedom is a multifaceted campaign that reaches individuals of every age, nonprofit organizations, corporate America and schools. It’s a very far reaching campaign.”

BONUS

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rates. But airmen should also remember that SRBs are not an entitlement,” said Sutton. “The Air Force will continue to shift this program based on the needs of the Air Force and our global mission.

Criteria used for determining which enlisted skills receive an SRB include current and projected skill and total manning levels; re-enlistment rates; and category of enlistment, career field force structure changes and inputs from functional career-field managers. SRBs are authorized in 0.5 increments (or multiples) and in three re-enlistment zones for people with between 17 months and 14 years of service.

The revised Air Force specialty code listing of SRB multipliers includes increases in 12 Zone-A (17 months to six years of service), 14 Zone-B (six to 10 years of service) and seven Zone-C (10 to 14 years of service) career fields. It also includes additions in two Zone-A, four Zone-B and one Zone-C career field. Multipliers decreased in 38 Zone-A, 20 Zone-B and five Zone-C career fields.

Ten Zone-A, 15 Zone-B and 12 Zone-C SRBs were deleted; two new AFSCs were added, and 10 AFSCs were deleted in either Zones A, B, C or some combination.

Additions and multiple increases became effective June 4. The SRB multiple decreases and deletions are effective July 4.

The new list of bonuses is at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/Reenlistments/reenlistments.htm>. (AFPN)

AF simplifies travel-payment process

The Air Force has automated the process of filing travel-accrual payment requests for military travelers, making it available on the Virtual Military Personnel Flight Web page.

“This should simplify the process not only for the traveler but also deployed and home-station financial services offices,” said Chief Master Sgt. Larry P. Gonzales, executive for enlisted matters to the assistant secretary of the Air Force for financial management and comptroller at the Pentagon.

According to Gonzales, the result is better customer service for the traveler while reducing the workload for deployed financial services office workers and improving payment accountability for home-station offices.

In the past, travelers who incurred charges en route to their temporary duty or deployment location had to fill out an accrual-payment worksheet and provide it to their home station financial services office, he said.

Many travelers often had to rely on assistance from deployed financial services offices to fax or e-mail the worksheet back to their home-station office for processing, he said.

“Because of technological challenges in some deployed locations, deployed finance offices often had to have one person fully dedicated to just faxing accrual-payment worksheets back to home stations,” the chief explained.

Even when the lines were working, Gonzales said there were no guarantees that the home-station financial services offices, because of the difference in time zones, received the worksheets. The traveler often had to return to the deployed office or try to call their home station to find out if their accrual-payment request was successfully received and processed.

The new secure Web-based process on vMPF is much more convenient, he said.

Travelers can now complete their worksheet when they want and on any computer with Internet access, Gonzales said. Once it has been sent, the traveler can rest assured that their home-station financial services office received and processed their request and issued the accrual payment. The payment can be made to the traveler’s account or to their government travel card as directed.

“Although filling out the worksheet on vMPF is the preferred way for travelers to submit their accrual worksheets, because of real-world limitations, worksheets can still be faxed or sent via e-mail,” the chief explained.

The Air Force had been struggling for a while to find a way to improve the travel-accrual payment process for travelers, Gonzales said. There was not a quick solution in sight until Air Force finance officials heard about what officials at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, had developed.

“They created a Web-based system to help their deployed members file their travel accrual-payment requests,” he said. “We liked their idea and wanted to implement it Air Force-wide.”

People from the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, were able to help, he said.

“Three weeks after telling AFPC what we wanted, the travel-accrual worksheet was available under vMPF for deployed and airmen (on temporary duty) to use worldwide,” Gonzales said.

Although the Web-based process of submitting travel-accrual worksheets is currently limited to only military travelers, Air Force officials are working to offer the same service to civilians through the Virtual Civilian Personnel Flight Web site, he said. (AFPN)

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.

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

Air Force news

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

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.

Watering schedule

The watering schedule is as follows:

- Odd numbered houses water Sundays and Wednesdays between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. or between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- Even numbered houses water Saturdays and Tuesdays between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. or between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- Water newly seeded areas daily (kept moist) until the first mowing.
- Water flowers in beds, pots, or other containers by hand as needed.

Change of Command

There is a 20th Fighter Squadron Change of Command at 8:30 a.m., June 20 in hangar 301. Lt. Col. Mark Kelly will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Mark Buccigrossi.

On the BIG SCREEN

It Runs in the Family

7 p.m., Today, Saturday, Sunday and Thursday
10 p.m., Today and Saturday

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



Motorcycle Safety Requirements



Requirements for operation on or off Air Force installations:

- Only operators may ride mopeds, no passengers
- Headlights must be on
- Vehicle must have rear-view mirrors

Required equipment:

- Protective helmet
- Impact-resistant goggles or full-face shield
- Sturdy footwear
- Long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long-legged trousers
- Full-fingered motorcycle gloves
- Brightly colored or contrasting vest or jacket as an outer upper garment will be worn during the day and a reflective garment during the night

Standards of Conduct:

- Obey the posted speed limit at all times, and drive according to road and weather conditions
- Accomplish all mandatory training
- Maintain proper bearing and behavior
- Never attempt to operate the motorcycle beyond your or its capabilities
- Never operate a motorcycle or any other vehicle while intoxicated
- Never let anyone ride your motorcycle who is not properly trained

Courtesy graphic

Juneteenth Celebration

The Holloman African American Heritage Association hosts its Juneteenth Celebration with a breakfast, 8 a.m., Thursday at the Oasis Enlisted Club. Guest speaker is Dr. Maceo Dailey, Professor of African American Studies at the University of Texas in El Paso.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Braden Friday at 572-5345 or Staff Sgt. Shavahn Erby at 572-4341.

The Otero County NAACP is hosting its Juneteenth concert at 6 p.m., Saturday in Washington. There will be food, beverages and prize giveaways including cash and a 25-inch color TV.

For more information, call Isaiah Scott at 437-3888.

Dad's Toolbox

Holloman's Family Advocacy sponsors a day of activities for children and fathers 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., June 21 at the Otero County Fairgrounds. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to the County Extension Office at 437-0231 by Monday.

ALS Graduation

The graduation banquet for Airman Leadership School Class 03-E is 6 p.m., June 23, at the enlisted club. Commanders, first sergeants, supervisors, family and friends are invited. Menu: Roast Pork Loin with rosemary; club members, \$14, non-club members, \$16 or Caribbean salad with chicken; club members, \$9, non-club members, \$11. RSVP with a student by today.

Red Cross

The Youth and Teen Center is updating the referral list for Red Cross trained babysitters. Youth ages 12 to 18 who have taken the course and wish to be placed on the referral list should contact Phyllis Gary or Dan Salinas at 572-3753.

Summer of the Airman

The Airman's Advisory Council will be hosting the following events:

- Pool party from noon to 4 p.m., June 20 at the base swimming pool. There will be free non-alcoholic beverages and

live music by Staff Sgt. Jeremy Garcia.

- Airman's barbecue from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., July 19, at Steinhoff Park behind the Officers' Club. Free food and non-alcoholic drinks will be served.

- Jazz night from 7 p.m. to midnight, Aug. 16, at the enlisted club. Alcoholic beverages will be available to of age members and a Cajun-style buffet served. An organized designated driver program will be available for the night.

Camping

There is free camping available for active-duty military personnel from today until Sunday at any of New Mexico's 29 State Parks. The offer includes free Friday and Saturday camping and day-use admission Friday through Sunday for everyone in a vehicle carrying someone with an active-duty U.S. or allied military I.D. The only fee will be a \$4 charge for campsite utilities, if requested.

More information is available by calling (888) NM PARKS or by visiting www.nmparks.com.

AMU visit

A representative from the American Military University will be available for students enrolled in their program from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., today, at the Learning Center, room 203. Questions about the distance-learning program will be discussed.

For more information, call 572-3971.

Young Eagles Rally

The local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association will conduct a Young Eagles Rally from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., Saturday, at the Alamogordo-White Sands Regional Airport terminal building. EAA established Young Eagles in 1993 with the goal of flying one million children aged 8 through 17 by the 100th anniversary of the Wright brother's first powered flight on Dec. 17, 1903. EAA is on track to meet that goal. Experienced pilots will be flying both Holloman Aero Club aircraft and personally owned aircraft.

Contact Maj. Timothy Mack at 491-5002 to reserve a time for a child.

Parade

Alamogordo hosts an Independence Day Parade July 4. Families are encouraged to walk with their Team Holloman member in the parade. The town would like all airmen who have returned from deployment after May 3 to walk in the event. The uniform is DCUs and all participants should be at City Hall at 9 a.m.

Participants can RSVP by June 25 to 2nd Lt. Nora Eyle at 572-5406.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

The Holloman Hero submission form is now online.

It can be downloaded at: [https://](https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html)

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Holloman Hero

Airman 1st Class Jeremy Wallington 49th Communications Squadron

Duty title: Communications requirements manager

Time in service: Two years and six months

Time at Holloman: Two years

Personal and career goals:

My personal and career goals are to achieve a higher level of physical fitness and retrain into the pararescue career field.

Why is serving in the Air Force important to you?

Before I joined the Air Force, I was on the path to nowhere. With my father in the Air Force and my brother in the Army I had some big influences in my decision to join. They pushed and pushed until finally I gave in and signed up for four years. My original plan was to serve four years and get out with something I could put on my resume. Now I see the Air Force in a whole new way.

After serving a couple years, I feel a sense of pride, commitment and dedication when I put on this uniform. The AF has turned my life around and I'm very grateful for having family like mine, because without them it wouldn't have happened. I plan on re-enlist-

ing and cross training into pararescue. To me that is the ultimate example of service before self and I am very anxious to be a part of that team. Their motto that they live by says it all "That others may live." The AF has opened my eyes to what is out there and has given me a chance to make a difference in this world.

Core value portrayed: "Excellence in all we do"

Wallington consistently provides outstanding work and will find a way to get tasks completed. He has a "can-do" attitude that directly contributes to the CS mission and expeditionary posture. Wallington is the communications squadron's resident expert on the communications-computer requirements process. He was pivotal in communications support to Team Holloman. His dedication to duty is evident in all he does. This high caliber airman is a tremendous asset to the United States Air Force.

– Lt. Col. Alford Cockfield

49th Communications Squadron commander



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Out at home

Holloman's Angels' catcher Kayla Moore catches the ball to make the play at the plate during the Angels 5 to 4 loss against the Stylistics in 12 & under slow pitch action Wednesday at the Hooser Softball Complex.

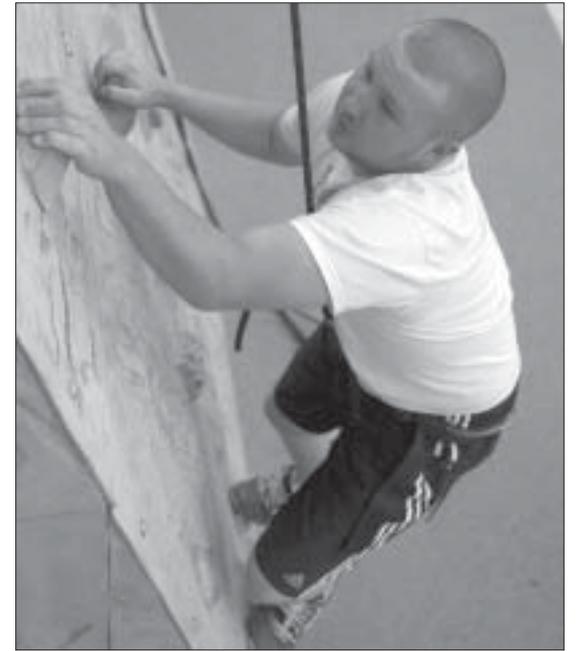


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Rock star

Adam Eitniew, climbs the 20-foot climbing wall at Outdoor Recreation. Rock climbing classes are held 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Climbing Critters, climb class for kids, is held on the first and third Saturdays of every month.

MXS/AVIONICS bust out the big bats

by Airman 1st Class

Vanessa LaBoy

49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

In small unit intramural softball action Tuesday, 49th Maintenance Avionics' left center fielder Daniel Bench and second baseman Michael Bates knocked out two home runs that sealed a 20 to 5 victory against the 49th Logistics Readiness B Squadron softball team.

"We played a solid game and knew if we kept our defensive errors down and our hitting up, we would be victorious," said Jeffery Tomasek, 49th MXS/AVIONICS pitcher.

LRS' top three batters earned them three runs to start off the game. MXS/AVIONICS struggled defensively, but held LRS B to three runs and answered back with four runs of their own in the first inning.

After a short three outs by MXS/AVIONICS, they dominated the plate with 12 hits including two homeruns by Bates and Bench. Strong hitting and aggressive base running forced LRS to make errors and put MXS/AVIONICS up 13 runs to end the second inning.

"Our team never gives up and their intense attitude always produces positive effects. We have the ability to score 10 runs in some innings when our focus and intensity are turned up a notch or two."

LRS still struggled in the third inning



Photos by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Carlos Leon, MXS/AVIONICS shortstop snags a line drive to end the game against LRS B. MXS/AVIONICS beat LRS B 20 to 5 Tuesday.

giving MXS/AVIONICS another quick defensive appearance. MXS/AVIONICS picked up right where they left off in the second and adding three runs to LRS' deficit. The game was called after four innings because of the 15-run rule.

"Its towards the end of the season now and the higher we get up in the standings

provides us a better playoff seed spot when the playoffs begin at the end of June," Tomasek said. "We have learned never to take any team lightly and that anything can happen. We know we have to stay focused and play the best to our ability to take the base title."



Top: MXS/AVIONICS catcher Barb Willis runs to third base as left center fielder Jon Shumard follows close behind during their win over LRS B Tuesday at Vandenberg field.

Right: MXS/AVIONICS left center fielder Jon Shumard gives right fielder Daniel Bench a high five for hitting a home run.



Inside Intramurals

Softball Standings

Monday/Wednesday

Unit	W	L
49th LRS (A)	16	1
49th MMG	13	6
49th SF	12	7
49th MXS/AGE (A)	12	7
49th MDG	9	11
49th AMXS	9	11
49th CES	6	12
49th MXS/AMMO	2	16

Tuesday/Thursday

Unit	W	L
49th CS	14	3
49th SPCS	12	3
46th TG	12	3
49th SVS	13	4
49th MXS/AVIONICS	13	4
49th MXS/MAINT	5	10
49th MOS	8	9
49th SFS/ARMY	5	11
GAF	2	13
49th LRS (B)	1	13

Monday- Vandenberg Field

5: 30 p.m.:	49th CES vs. 49th MMG
6: 30 p.m.:	49th MMG vs. 49th MDG
7: 30 p.m.:	49th MXS/AMMO vs. 49th CES

Monday- Johnson Field

5: 30 p.m.:	49th MXS/AGE A vs. 49th AMXS
6: 30 p.m.:	49th LRS A vs. 49th MXS/AMMO
7: 30 p.m.:	49th MXS/AGE vs. 49th AMXS

Tuesday - Vandenberg Field

5: 30 p.m.:	46th TG vs. 49th MOS
6: 30 p.m.:	46th TG vs. GAF
7: 30 p.m.:	49th SFS/ARMY vs. GAF

Tuesday - Johnson Field

5: 30 p.m.:	49th CS vs. 49th SVS
6: 30 p.m.:	49th SFS/ARMY vs. 49th CS
7: 30 p.m.:	49th MXS/AVIONICS vs. 4th SPCS

Wednesday - Vandenberg Field

5: 30 p.m.:	49th MXS/AGE A vs. 49th LRS A
6: 30 p.m.:	49th MXS/AGE A vs. 49th MDG
7: 30 p.m.:	49th MDG vs. 49th LRS A

Wednesday - Johnson Field

5: 30 p.m.:	49th MMG vs. 49th AMXS
6: 30 p.m.:	49th MMG vs. 49th SFS
7: 30 p.m.:	49th SFS vs. 49th MXS/AMMO

For more information about current or upcoming Intramural leagues, contact the sports director at the Fitness and Sports Center at 572-3256.

Air Force includes reservists in survey

by 2nd Lt. Lance Patterson
*Air Force Reserve Command
Public Affairs*

This year, for the first time, the Air Force Climate Survey will include all Air Force reservists.

Feedback from last year's study, formerly the Air Force Chief of Staff Survey, prompted the Air Force to involve a larger audience in the new survey, which will gauge factors affecting the day-to-day mission, leadership and availability of resources.

Results of the online survey will serve as the baseline for the total force.

Past surveys were limited to the active-duty Air Force and Department of Defense civilians.

This year's survey, which runs Oct. 1 to Nov. 23, will be expanded to include members of the Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard, as well as nonappropriated fund civilians and students.

"Sustaining the world's pre-eminent air and space force requires continued excellence in the work environment," said Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, commander of AFRC, in a letter to reservists.

"This survey will provide valuable information to all reservists and Air Force leaders to achieve that goal," he said. "By taking a few brief moments to fill out this survey, you can help your leaders understand your concerns and ultimately better serve you and our nation's interests."

The Air Force Climate Survey 2003 will be easily accessible and user-friendly, according to officials.

Comments will not be edited or filtered and will provide valuable feedback, including new ideas from people.

The survey will seek input

on issues from every major level of the Air Force.

It will serve as a tool to measure the climate of an organization, asking participants to evaluate factors having the greatest influence on their service — general satisfaction, unit performance outcomes, recognition, teamwork, supervision, training, career development, job enhancement, resources, participation and unit flexibility.

The survey will also provide anonymity with software masking techniques that do not attach the respondent's user identification and password to survey responses.

Respondents will be asked not to write self-revealing details in the comments portion of the survey.

In a letter to survey participants, Chief Master Sgt. Cheryl Adams, AFRC command chief master sergeant, wrote: "By participating in the survey, you will provide critical information to leaders in your organization to make the Air Force a better place to work.

"Since the survey software protects your identity, I encourage you to be honest and straightforward in your responses," she said. "This survey data will be as good as you make it. This is your chance to stand up and be counted."

Survey organizers said the Air Force Climate Survey 2003 will not be a quality-of-life survey because it will not solicit information or feedback about base facilities and functions, pay or benefits.

The survey will also not ask about racial or sexual harassment or discrimination, or certain health practices of members or their families.

The results of the survey will be released in February to unit leaders.

More information about the survey can be found at <https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil>. (AFP)N

