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### Holloman's disposal unit



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This week's mission feature takes a closer look at the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron Hazardous Materials section.

## Briefly

### Spouses meeting

Meetings for spouses and children of deployed Team Holloman people are scheduled for 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday at the Whispering Sands Community Center ballroom.

The purpose of the meeting will be to talk to parents and children about separation, reinforce with the children why their parent is away, and give the parents and children a chance to voice their concerns.

In order to best accomplish this, there would be three discussion groups formed. These discussion groups will be: parents with children aged 7 and under, parents with children aged 8 to 12 years, and children ages 13 and up.

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

### Blood Drive

There is a blood drive 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the Whispering Sands Community Center.

For more information or appointments, call Capt. Kiley Stinson at 572-5881.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

### ID please

Army Spc. Eddie Martinez, C Battery 1-202 Field Artillery Unit, checks for identification at the front gate. Martinez and about 90 other New Mexico Army National

Guard soldiers are on a one year tour at Holloman to ease manning issues for the 49th Security Forces Squadron.

## Mom gets help from Air Force family

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

The Air Force Assistance Fund changed the life for a Holloman stay-at-home mother of six.

When Jeanette Crowther's youngest child started kindergarten, she decided to go back to school. For a single-income family with six children, finances were already stretched thin. Her husband, Senior Master Sgt. Robert Crowther, contacted the Family Support Center to find information about scholarships and financial aid for military families.

Jeanette applied for an Air Force Aid Society scholarship and received \$1,500. While this didn't cover the total cost of

cosmetology school, it was the first step and a starting point.

"The scholarship was a blessing," she said. "It was the break I needed to get started on my career. Switching gears from a stay-at-home mom to a college student took a little adjusting from the entire family, but with their support I was on my way to becoming a nail technician."

Her interest in cosmetology began while she was a child in upstate New York near Syracuse; Jeanette loved painting her nails and her friends' nails. She fixed her mom's hair and even tried cutting her own once. That started the desire to take her skills into a cosmetology career.

Her career was put on hold when she met her husband and started a family.

"When I became a mom, I gave everything to my kids," she said. "I didn't think about my career because I focused on the needs of my family."

Once the needs of the family weren't as demanding and all the children were in school, Mom decided to pick up where she left off 22 years ago.

She graduated cosmetology school in December 2000 and started working as a nail technician at The Ultimate, a hair and nail salon, August 2001.

"My kids love it," she said, "especially my girls who want their nails done and hair cut to the latest style."

Jeanette's 17-year-old daughter looks

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High: 70  
Low: 32

TODAY



High: 72  
Low: 34

SATURDAY



High: 72  
Low: 36

SUNDAY



High: 73  
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MONDAY

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

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The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents Feb. 23 to March 3.

## Tickets

Security Forces issued a total of 56 citations this week:

One for turn signal, one for failure to yield causing an accident, one for failure to yield, one for failure to signal, one for license plate light, one for no insurance/no registration, one for improper turn, one for no driver's license, two for failure to stop/no insurance, three for no registration, three for defective equipment, three for parking violations, three for speeding five to 10 mph over the posted speed limit, five for seatbelt violation, and 29 for failure to stop.

## Theft or damage to government and private property

- Feb. 25: An airman reported someone took his combat boots from the Fitness and Sports Center between 5:20 a.m. and 6:20 a.m.

- Feb. 25: An airman reported a broken window in a dorm room of building 333.

- Feb. 26: An airman reported a Play Station II missing from the game room of building 647. The theft occurred between Feb. 22 and 26. The Play Station II is valued at \$199.

- Feb. 27: An airman driving a private-owned vehicle struck another POV, driven by an airman, when he failed to yield. Damage to the first POV included the front clip cracked in the middle and scratches on the front clip of the driver's side. Damage to the second vehicle included the front driver's side fender scratched along the fender well continuing to the front bumper, and the front driver's side rim metal being scratched. The airman who failed to yield was issued a citation for inattentive driving.

- Feb. 27: An airman driving a government-owned vehicle struck a POV, driven by an airman, when the GOV failed to yield. Damage to the GOV included a seven-inch dent approximately three inches deep in the right side of the bumper. Damage to the POV included a broken left headlight and the right headlight being out of place.

## Patrol response

- Feb. 25: An airman was charged with Article 134, Obstruction of Justice, and Article 92, Disobeying A Lawful Order, when he attempted to sponsor a minor female onto base by fabricating a story that the minor was supposed to baby-sit for another airman's child. The airman was

taken to building 35, read his rights and released to his first sergeant.

- Feb. 27: An airman was charged with Article 128, Assault, after his spouse reported he had assaulted her. The airman was taken to building 35, read his rights and released to his first sergeant.

- March 1: Two dependents were charged with Assault Against Household Member, and one was charged with Criminal Damage to Property, following an incident which occurred at their base residence. Both dependents were taken to building 35 for questioning, advised of their rights and released to their family member's first sergeant.

- March 2: An airman was charged with Article 92, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order or Regulation, when he entered the main gate and it was found that he was restricted to base.

## Underage drinking

Feb. 28: An airman was charged with underage drinking after he was reported by another airman in the dorms to be under the influence and in possession of a knife. The NCO was taken to building 35, advised of his rights and released to his first sergeant.

## Driving while intoxicated

- Feb. 28: An NCO was pulled over by security forces for lane deviation and transported to building 35 after he failed a field sobriety test. The airman was advised of his rights, given a breathalyzer test, which he blew a .16/.16. He was released to his first sergeant.

- March 1: A dependent was issued citations for careless driving and driving under the influence. She was pulled over for suspicious driving. Her blood alcohol content was .19. Her base driving privileges suspended, after

## Failure to obey

- Feb. 28: An airman was charged with Article 92, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order or Regulation after he had been seen driving on the installation while his on base driving privileges were suspended. The airman was taken to building 35 where he was advised of his rights, given a lawful verbal order and released to the security forces manager.

- March 2: An airman was charged with Article 92 Failure to Obey a Lawful Order or Regulation after he was caught driving on the installation while his on-base driving privileges were suspended. This is the second time he has been charged. The airman was taken to building 35 where he was advised of his rights and released to his first sergeant.

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

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## Commander's Corner

*(Editor's Note: The following questions are a continuation of questions from 49th Fighter Wing Commander Col. Jim Hunt's meeting with spouses of deployed Holloman people Feb. 20. The next meetings are scheduled for 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday at the Whispering Sands Community Center.)*

### Are the 8th and 9th going to transfer out at the 90-day point?

We don't know yet. I'd say probably not. I would not count on them being home in three months. I'm looking at 179 days. The speculation on war has the normal rotation of 90 days on hold. We have to be ready to support the mission and that may mean more time away from home.

### I've heard that my spouse may receive short-tour credit for this deployment if he's gone more than 179 days. Is this true?

After more research, I need to clarify my comment on short tour credit.

The requirement to receive short tour credit for temporary duty is established in Air Force Instruction 36-2110, Table 3.5, Award or Adjustment of overseas duty selection date and short tour return date for TDY. Rules 2 and 3 establish the minimum TDY requirement to receive "short tour credit" as 300 days or more in a consecutive 18 month period, or, 548 days in a consecutive 3 year period.

During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, as a one-time exception to the above criteria, short tour credit was authorized for 181 consecutive days or more. The exception was granted based on the following circumstances: individuals were initially deployed for 90 days; then those individuals were extended involuntarily for an additional 90 days; then those same individuals were extended for an indefinite period of time.

When the end of hostilities came, members in the above category had been TDY continuously between seven and 10 months. So, in the above instance when the decision was made to grant short tour credit as an exception, the number of personnel who would qualify for short tour credit was known, the impact of granting short tour credit was quantifiable, and the conditions members had endured were known.

Right now, the Air Force has not determined if the same policy used in Desert Shield and Desert Storm will be applied for Operation Enduring Freedom.

### My spouse is remote to Korea. Are the rotations going to happen?

Right now there is no "stop move."

We're still rotating people on PCS moves and the AF tries hard not to extend folks on a remote assignment. But, if war were to begin in Korea, as you know, everything we know as normal will change and we may see people staying at their remote sites. But, right now, people are rotating on time.

### Does a general power of attorney work for taxes?

No, the IRS requires a specific tax power of attorney.

### Do we have to file for a tax extension or is it automatically granted?

Military service in a combat zone or qualified hazardous duty area, including the Persian Gulf area, provides an automatic extension of time to file the federal tax return and pay any tax owed. The deadline is extended for at least 180 days after the taxpayer is in the combat zone. In addition to the 180 days, the deadline is also extended by the number of days remaining in the tax filing period for the member to take action with the IRS when he or she entered the combat zone. No extension request or IRS Form is required. Please contact the Holloman Tax Center for further information or assistance at 572-7846.

### Where are my spouse's leave and earning statements going?

If you're not receiving your spouse's LES, please come by finance; we'll look up where it's being sent to and with a special power of attorney we can get this sent to your home. You can also work with your spouse to get these sent to you electronically through a program called My Pay. For more information on My Pay, visit the website at <http://www.dfas.mil/mypay>.

### I'm having a baby and my husband has missed the birth of all our children. Is there a way to get an open line to him where we won't get cut off?

We've had at least two babies born since the mass deployment and both families have had good connections to talk. With the technology today we were also able to send digital photos quickly. The 49th Security Forces Squadron is also looking at conducting a video teleconference with the new parents. We'll let you know how that goes.

There are several other options available. Work with your key spouse, the Family Support Center and your squadron to work out your specific needs. Our goal is to help you share this wonderful event with your deployed spouse.

### What do we do here in the event of an emergency?

The government is putting out tons of information on how to prepare for a terrorist attack. The actions you take

are up to you. There is a good web site at <http://www.ready.gov> that may be helpful to many of our families. If you don't have a computer at home, stop by the Family Support Center or the Base Library. Both of these agencies have free Internet access available for you.

### Are promotions being held because people aren't allowed to attend the necessary classes?

Absolutely not! I'm the waiver authority for allowing promotions even though a member hasn't attended the required professional military education. I am working the issue to make sure members with waivers are in the first class once they return from their TDY.

### What about testing for promotion? What happens if they're deployed on their test date?

If a member misses a promotion test date due to a deployment, they will be given a different test date. The test will be given 30 days after their return. The good news is they will be considered in the initial test cycle they missed.

### How does TRICARE work if you're out of the area?

TRICARE works differently based on your chosen TRICARE option.

#### Long-term stay (more than 30 days):

TRICARE Prime family members who travel outside of our 50-mile catchment area must enroll at a military medical treatment facility within the area they will be residing if they wish to remain TRICARE Prime. If they are traveling to an area that does not have a military medical treatment facility or TRICARE Prime providers, they must disenroll before they depart. They will be seen as standard patients in the new area.

TRICARE Standard family members who travel out of the area can receive care from any TRICARE authorized provider. They still pay an annual deductible and 20-percent cost shares.

TRICARE Extra family members who travel must use a TRICARE civilian provider who is a part of the TRICARE network in that area. The TRICARE Service Center there can provide a list of network providers. You are still responsible for an annual deductible and 15 percent cost shares.

#### Short-term stay

#### Emergency:

While traveling, emergency care is authorized. An emergency is defined as a condition characterized by acute symptoms of sufficient severity that would lead a prudent person to believe and reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention could result in one or more of the following: serious jeopardy to the health of the individual or to the health of a pregnant woman or her unborn child; serious impairment of bodily functions; or

serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part. People should call an ambulance or go immediately to an emergency room, military or civilian. Please notify your primary care manager, or PCM, within 24 hours to help ensure continuity of care. Follow-up care at a civilian emergency room would not be covered under TRICARE.

*Urgent care (TRICARE Prime enrollees):*

This is a condition serious enough it might worsen or cause you to suffer unnecessarily if not treated right away. It's not life threatening, but cannot wait for you to visit your PCM. Contact your PCM for instructions and authorization before receiving care. The phone number for Holloman is 572-2778 or 1-800-626-4914. If you cannot reach your PCM, please call the TRICARE Line for Care at 1-888-887-4111 for instructions. If you do not follow these procedures, you may be responsible for the bill or point of service option terms may apply.

*Routine care and Specialty Care:* Out of area routine medical care is not authorized. Contact your PCM for authorization for all non-emergency civilian medical care.

For more information, call the TRIWEST Program information line at 1-888-874-9378.

### What about the increase in yard inspections and the hard line on tickets?

I'll say it again; it doesn't have to look like Pebble Beach, but we can't let the grass grow for 179 days either. There are several volunteers who are willing to help you with your yard work and such, I encourage you to talk to your key spouse and see if your squadron has a program. If they don't, talk to Family Support Center at 572-7754 and see if they have any volunteers. We will work together to make your life as easy as possible and not make your yard a stressor for you.

I'd also like to give a plug for the Key Spouse Program. I know our spouses are very resourceful and strong. That was even more evident as I spoke with you Feb. 20, but if you want to have updates, the Key Spouse Program is a great way to get it. This is one of the ways squadron commanders and wing leaders are using to get information to you. This group can take your phone number if you decide to leave the area and don't have access to the Sunburst or Channel 3. They can still reach you with updates and information. They can also take your concerns and let us know what they are. If you have a concern, chances are there are other spouses out there with the same thoughts.

We are here to help you while your spouse is deployed. We appreciate all that you do for the U.S. Air Force. Let us know how we can help.

# Life support superintendent wins ACC award



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

**George Anderson, 20th Fighter Squadron Life Support superintendent, ensures the end of the communications cord is in serviceable condition as part of the post flight inspection.**

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

A member of the 20th Fighter Squadron Life Support team received the Air Combat Command Outstanding Air Force Civilian of the Year Award recently.

George Anderson received the award which recognizes achievements by ACC civilian employees in the wage grade employee category.

"I'm honored to be recognized by Holloman, all the higher command levels and my peers for my dedication and hard work along with years of experience ensuring my assigned aircrew have the best possible service," said Anderson.

American and German aircrew members depend on the section's expertise to ensure the safest flying equipment possible, which ensures our allies are as proficient in protecting the freedoms of the world, Anderson said.

"I depend highly on my expert technicians to provide quality service and products which makes our entire operation run smoothly," he said.

Operations run smoothly through the teamwork of the squadron and supervisors.

"No one works harder than Mr. Anderson to uphold the high standards of the 20th Fighter Squadron by ensuring aircrew members are outfitted with only the finest flight and survival gear and the best training," said Lt. Col Mark Kelly, 20th FS commander. "Their lives depend on the abilities of Anderson and his team."

"Mr. Anderson's sustained track record of professional expertise, compassionate leadership and community involvement represents the finest Team Holloman has to offer," Kelly said.

Anderson directly supports seven training classes, 2,300 sorties and 2,800 flying hours in support of German Air Force F-4F's. The life support shop has over 100 years of life support experience and had zero discrepancies in the shop during Holloman's 2002 Air Combat Command Unit Compliance Inspection.

Anderson also combined more than 10 German and 20 American technical order criteria into easy-to-follow inspection checklists and a picture guide, making parachute/survival kit inspections virtually effortless. He also discovered errors in the German-to-English translations of GAF technical orders. Anderson re-accomplished the translation by himself and eliminated errors that would compromise safety of aircrew life support gear.

Anderson, who was the 2001 Air Force Life Support Civilian of the Year, is the ACC nominee for the Air Force Association Outstanding Air Force Civilian of the Year Award.

"Awards provide recognition of the efforts put forth by all Air Force members and the importance of the mission associated by their hard work," Anderson said. "Learning as much as possible about the job and continually improving and upgrading along with the times ensures quality. I will continue to do my job to the best of my ability in ensuring safe flying operations."

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## Calls help people stay in touch

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

The Family Support Center in conjunction with the 49th Communications Squadron offers a morale call program, which gives people and their families the opportunity to stay connected through separations such as deployments and short tours.

Families can make a number of 15-minute calls from their homes based on the length and location of the deployment. The number adds up to about one phone call a week.

"It is very important for the family members to stay in contact and this is the fastest form of communication," said Peggy Beauvais, Family Support Center information and referral specialist.

"Additionally, prior to the program, either families were experiencing a great deal of stress on their finances because of large telephone bills or they couldn't get in contact at all because they couldn't commercially call them at the deployed location," Beauvais, said.

The program is a privilege that if abused, by making more than the allotted number of calls or going over 15 minutes, can greatly affect the mission or keep someone else from keeping in touch with their family.

"People need to remember that even though the phone lines are available on this end, there may still be limited availability at the deployed location, Beauvais said. "There have been situations where there was only one DSN line for 40 deployed members to use for official and unofficial business. Depending on the time of day official calls have priority. Families must keep in mind, the mission comes first so they may not be able to speak as frequently as they would like."

If there is a situation that requires families to talk longer than 15 minutes, they should contact the FSC the next duty day and let them know they stayed on the phone longer than 15 minutes, which will prevent problems regarding abuse of the system. In an emergency situation during duty hours the FSC can place a call for them or the first sergeant can assist them rather than using the morale call system.

To ensure no one abuses the privilege, the 49th Communications Squadron and the FSC monitor the program. The communications squadron keeps records of the number of calls made and the length of phone calls, which is forwarded to the FSC monthly for review. If the family member continues to disregard the policies, they will lose the ability to make morale calls.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Martha Whipple

### "Switch"aroo

**Tech. Sgt. Joseph Nicolai, a mobile training team instructor, trains Staff Sgt. Tony Davis and other members of the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron Vehicle Maintenance Wednesday during an advanced R-11 aircraft refueler course. Instructors from Detachment 1 of the 345th Training Squadron mobile training team from Port Hueneme, Calif., trained Holloman vehicle mechanics on diagnostics and repair of R-11 pumping systems, pressure controls and other systems during the 12-day course.**

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## Congressman sends thanks

by Steve Pearce

*New Mexico state representative*

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to all of our military personnel and their families.

As a former Air Force pilot during Vietnam, I know about the sacrifices that you and your loved ones make to defend our freedoms.

I have the highest respect for everyone that wears our military's uniform.

I hope and pray for the safe and prompt return of your loved ones.

During your deployment, if there is any assistance that I can provide to you, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (505) 522-2219 or visit my website <http://www.house.gov/pearce/> for more information.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

*(Editor's Note: Congressman Pearce represents New Mexico's Second Congressional District, which covers most of Southern New Mexico.)*

## AEF rhythm affected by current operations

by Gen. Hal M. Hornburg

*Air Combat Command commander*

In the last several weeks, ACC people have been called upon to deploy in support of national security objectives in Southwest Asia and other locations. The number of people and resources needed to fulfill these new requirements has demanded flexibility in the way we deploy our forces.

Since 1999, the Air and Space Expeditionary Force structure has provided predictability and stability to our people and their families. The AEF embodies one of the key tenets of airpower — flexibility. The AEF is a force presentation tool designed to ensure fully trained and combat-capable airpower forces are available to combatant commanders anywhere, anytime. It allows the Air Force to respond to the full spectrum of military operations, from humanitarian operations and exercises to large-scale conflicts.

Using this structure, the Air Force is able to respond to any situation our political and military leaders deem appropriate in order to achieve our national security objectives. Every airman plays an important role and is critical to the success of the AEF.

The AEF functions in many environments from steady state to crisis. Our AEF structure contains 10 sets of capabilities divided into five pairs, and follows a 15-month rhythm to allow our people to better plan for deployment. Each AEF pair normally deploys for three months, followed by a 10-month training period focused on individual skills, exercises, and inspections to ensure combat readiness, and a two-month focus on forward-deployment preparation.

The 10-month period gives our people time to reconnect with their families, pursue personal and professional requirements and goals, and train for their next deployment cycle. Steady-state requirements have historically been fulfilled by two AEFs deployed for a three-month rotation. Crisis operations, which require resources beyond those available in two AEFs, are met by systematically deploying the next most ready AEF forces.

The ongoing global war on terrorism requires the AEF to operate in the "crisis" environment. Current world events are requiring more people and resources than a single AEF pair can support. These requirements will likely result in our people being gone longer than 90 days, forcing us

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**-- Gen. Hal M. Hornburg**  
*Air Combat Command commander*

to interrupt our normal AEF rhythm.

I know this is difficult for our airmen and their families, but I know our people are ready to do whatever our nation asks us to do. The combined efforts of the entire Air Force team -- active duty, Reserve, Guard, and civilians -- are needed to meet the current challenges we are facing. Our Air Force leadership has promised to make every effort to relieve those deployed as mission requirements allow.

Despite the increased demands on our people, I know our airmen are up to the task. We are the best-trained and equipped Air Force the world has ever seen. Our airmen will make our nation proud. I salute the men and women of ACC for their dedicated service to our country and their families for their unwavering support. I am proud to serve with you.

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## DWI Update

<b>Days since last DWI</b>	<b>5</b>	<b><u>Last six DWIs:</u></b>	<b>572-RIDE works!</b>
<b>DWIs year to date</b>	<b>12</b>	• 49 LRS* March 2	<i>Calls MADE are lives SAVED.</i>
<b>DWIs this time last year</b>	<b>8</b>	• 49 MMS March 1	<b>Calls:</b>
		• 49 CES* Jan. 17	<b>Year to date: 158</b>
		• 49 OSS Jan. 11	<b>Last week: 6</b>
		• 49 LRS Jan. 4	
		• GAF Nov. 22	

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

### Holloman Chapel Services

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

Call 572-7214 for more information.

## 49th Fighter Wing Commander's Access Channel

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

- Air Force Television News: 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Air Combat Command Access: 7 a.m., noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.



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## Tale of the tape

Marcy Reilly cuts name tape to make room for another name tape at the Consolidated Skills Center. Name tapes are offered at the CSC for two dollars a tape for regular 24-hour service, or three dollars for same day service.

## Team Holloman salutes...

... the following people for their promotions March 1.

### 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Kevin Tomasko  
Tech. Sgt. Lance Hall  
Master Sgt. Kenneth Witcher  
Chief Master Sgt. Dean Hall

### 49th Civil Engineer Squadron

Staff Sgt. Matthew Couch

### 49th Communications Squadron

Staff Sgt. Chad Peterson

### 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Staff Sgt. Richard Aguilar  
Staff Sgt. Damion White

### 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Justin McFall  
Tech. Sgt. Daniel Martinez  
Master Sgt. Danita Porter-McGee

### 49th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Master Sgt. Steven Hoshaw

### 49th Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Steven Kinstle  
Staff Sgt. Rodolfo Perez  
Tech. Sgt. George Zavala

### 49th Operations Support Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Kirk

... the following people for winning 49th Fighter Wing Maintenance Professional of the Year awards Feb. 28.

### 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Gregory Waterhouse  
Airman 1st Class Westley Calloway  
Senior Airman Tarik Booze  
Staff Sgt. Donald Hoskins  
Staff Sgt. Daniel Sterling  
Senior Master Sgt. Paul Smith  
Senior Master Sgt. Roberto Cisneros  
Lt. Col. Mark Rumph

### 49th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Master Sgt. William Haddock Jr.  
Maj. Mark Rose

### 49th Maintenance Squadron

David Kasehagen  
Kathryn Steinbacher  
Airman 1st Class Amanda Young  
Senior Airman Jacob Beck  
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## Families Apart and Alamogordo come together

by Lorna Schuster  
Sunburst staff writer

The Family Support Center has teamed up with Alamogordo's Committee of Fifty for this month's Families Apart dinner

The dinner is at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Whispering Sands Community Center.

"Now, more than ever, the sense of community that Families Apart fosters is vital," said Lenn Furrow, FSC director.

The monthly event, formerly called Hearts Apart, was established by the FSC in 1998 to offer a support group gathering for families left behind by airmen on remote assignments. The gathering grew to include families of deployed airmen.

"Originally, Master Sgt. Walter Clark and I offered dinner on occasion to entice more people to come," said Peggy Beauvais, FSC information and referral specialist. "But the group grew and the dinners were too time-consuming for Master Sgt. Clark and me to handle alone."

Though a few other people volunteered to help with the preparation, the dinners were getting expensive. Then in February

2002, Alamogordo's Committee of Fifty offered funding for a Valentine's Day meal at the Officers' Club and 78 people attended.

"That's when I got the idea of having different organizations on base help with the activity," said Beauvais.

By March 2002 dinner, the FSC had coordinated with the 49th Maintenance Squadron's senior NCO group to sponsor a Spring Fling barbecue. Other squadrons got involved soon after.

Last month, the Family Support Center held the largest Families Apart dinner to date at Holloman's community center. Unit key spouses donated, prepared and served the fare while contributors from the Alamogordo community added to the effort with pizzas and activity supplies for the children. A live band, Flashback, also entertained at the gathering.

"We never saw such a large turn out for Families Apart before," said Master Sgt. Walter Clark, 49th Fighter Wing Readiness NCO. "Over the last year, we averaged about 35 to 40 participants. But we had 123 people signed up for the Febru-

ary event, and well over 150 showed up."

Many spouses and children return to attend the dinners every month. The dinner often centers on a theme. The theme for this month is Hugs From Home, and children's activities include creating life-size drawings to send to their parents overseas.

"As a key spouse, I attend because I want the spouses from my squadron to know I'm there for them," said Rudena Hilliard, wife of Senior Airman Raymond Hilliard of the 49th Material Maintenance Support Squadron. "But as the spouse of a deployed airman, I find that communication with people in the same boat is priceless."

"The friendships that are established at these dinners are invaluable," said Clark. "We encourage any families separated due to deployment or remote assignment to come out and meet other spouses who are experiencing the same issues. They'll find support is in great abundance."

People interested in signing up for the Families Apart event can call the Family Support Center at 572-7754.

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up to her mom and is planning a career in cosmetology. The women hope to have their own salon and to continue a career that was all started with the help of the Air Force Assistance Fund.

There are many options out there to help Air Force families get started, Jeanette said. She encourages people who think they can't afford to go to college, to look into the scholarships. The Air Force Aid Society awards more than \$67,500 in scholarships each year.

"The Air Force Assistance Fund is the Air Force family helping out Air Force families," Jeanette said. "Donations go from a giving pocket to another one in need of a little help. I feel blessed to have received the jump start I needed to get my career going."

*(Editor's Note: The Air Force Assistance Fund runs through March 28. This campaign benefits the Air Force Aid Society, the Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundations Inc., the Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund, and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.)*

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4 SPSS	0	8

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Unit	W	L
9 FS	5	0
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Unit	W	L
49 CES (A)	10	1
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49 MMG	6	4
49 OSS	3	7
49 MDG	3	7
49 MXS (A)	4	6
49 SFS	1	9

**Bowling**

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Unit	W	L
49 MXS (B)	83	21
49 CES (A)	82	22
49 CS	64	40
49 OSS	60	44
49 MDG	60	44
49 LRS (C)	57	47
49 SFS	56	48
49 LRS (B)	54	50
49 LRS (A)	51	53
49 MXS (A)	46	58
49 CES (B)	45	59
49 CES (C)	42	62
49 MXS (C)	28	76

**National League**

Unit	W	L
4 SPSS (A)	70	34
49 LRS (D)	68	36
4 SPSS (B)	64	40
49 MXS (D)	62	42
49 MXS (E)	58	46
GAF	56	48
49 LRS (E)	48	56
49 MSS	46	58
46 TG	42	62

For information about future games and leagues, contact Holloman's Fitness and Sports Center at 572-3256.



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**Ace**

Olav Stiehl returns a serve during a racquetball match. The Fitness and Sports Centers has four racquetball courts open to Team Holloman members.

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## Red Cross

The American Red Cross annual Rose Sale fundraiser is through April 2. Roses are \$17 per dozen. Tickets are available at building 222, Room 225 or call 572-7066. Volunteers are needed to sell and deliver roses. The American Red Cross station at Holloman only receives funding through fundraisers.

The Red Cross also welcomes volunteers to donate their time across base at the library, clinic, schools and other places. Contact the Red Cross for more information and volunteer opportunities at 572-7066 or log on to [www.holloman.af.mil/arc/index.htm](http://www.holloman.af.mil/arc/index.htm).

Free blood pressure readings are available 9 a.m. to noon, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at the American Red Cross Service Center at 700 First Street, Room 765, Alamogordo.

## ALS

Airman Leadership Class 03-C's graduation banquet begins with cocktails at 6 p.m., March 24 at the enlisted club. Commanders, first sergeants, family and friends are invited to join the graduates. For tickets and to RSVP, contact any 03-C student. Reservations must be made by March 14.

## AFNEWS

Air Force News is available to off-base residents on channels 1 and 97, at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., Monday to Sunday.

## Techno Expo

The Holloman Technology Exposition is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 19 at the enlisted club. More than 20 exhibitors will demonstrate the latest in knowledge management solutions, data warehousing, network operation services and more.

## HESO

The Holloman Enlisted Spouse's Organization meets at 6 p.m., Tuesday at the community center. Free childcare is available for all spouses of enlisted active duty, retired and German air force.

## HOSC

Holloman Officer Spouses' Club members are invited to attend the Southwest Garden Luncheon at 11 a.m., March 19 at the community center. A guest speaker from the Otero County Extension Office will be giving advice on

## B On the BIG SCREEN

### Darkness Falls

7 p.m. and 10 p.m., today and Saturday

### Narc

7 p.m., Sunday

### Confessions of a Dangerous Mind

7 p.m., Thursday

Movies are subject to change.

For more information, call 572-3286.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Martha Whipple

## From scraps to a masterpiece

Tanner Juedeman, 7-year-old son of Lt. Col. Ward and Christine Juedeman, works on his project made of scrap wood Wednesday at the Consolidated Skills Center. The CSC offers Kids Art from 4 to 5 p.m., Tues-

days and Wednesdays. The CSC also offers pottery, sewing, quilting, drawing and scrapbooking classes. For more information or to register for a class call the CSC at 572-3760.

growing plants in this area.

Reservations must be made by noon, March 17. For last names beginning with A to M, call Lisa McKeon at 479-4894 or for last names beginning with N to Z, call Dawn Kelly at 479-1261. For childcare reservations, call Shawn Emmons at 434-1438.

## Birthday meal

The birthday meal for meal-card members with February and March birthdays is at 6:30 p.m., Thursday at the Shifting Sands Dining Facility. RSVP at 572-5859.

## Air Force Teen Aviation Camp

The Air Force Services and the Air Force Academy will conduct the third Air Force Teen Aviation camp this June. The camp is for students who will be sophomores or juniors in high school during the 2003-2004 school year. This program is for teen attendees who are interested in attending the Air Force Academy or making the Air Force a career. The participants arrive at Colorado Springs, June 1 and participate in a wide variety of outdoor and classroom activities for five days. For more information,

stop by the Youth and Teen Center. Applications are due March 14.

## HOSC Scholarship

The Holloman Officers' Spouses' Club awards \$13,000 in scholarships to local students planning to attend an accredited school during the 2003-2004 academic year. Scholarship amounts vary from \$500 to \$3,000 per student. To qualify, applicants must be a spouse or dependent child of an active duty, retired, POW/MIA or deceased military member of the Holloman or White Sands Missile Range communities. Applications are available at the Family Support Center, Base Education and Training Services, Holloman library and local high schools. Applications may also be requested by e-mail, [pmkarg@charter.net](mailto:pmkarg@charter.net).

The deadline is March 14. For more information, contact Maria Karg at 479-2767.

## Outdoor Recreation

Outdoor Recreation offers a Grand Canyon trip April 4 to 6. Cost is \$120 per person and includes transportation, camping equipment, meals and park fees. Sign up by today. For more infor-

mation or to vote on upcoming events log onto [www.hollomanservices.com](http://www.hollomanservices.com) or call 572-1051.

## Cosmic bowling

The Desert Lanes Bowling Center offers Cosmic Bowling 9:30 p.m. to 3 a.m., Fridays and 9 p.m. to 3 a.m., Saturdays. Cost is \$7 for up to four games and shoe rentals are 75 cents.

## FSC

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

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

Bundles for Babies: 1 p.m., Monday  
Readiness for Spouses Workshop: 7 p.m., Tuesday

Financial Management Class: 8 a.m., Tuesday

Families Apart: 6 p.m., Wednesday  
Coping with Deployment: 3:30 p.m., Thursday

Starting a small business at home: 9 a.m., Thursday

For more information, contact the FSC at 572-7754 or visit the website at [wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc](http://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc).