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NCOs earn next stripe

Twelve Team Holloman master sergeants were selected for promotion to senior master sergeant Wednesday.

Holloman's master sergeants selected are: **Aaron Anderson**, 586th Flight Test Squadron; **Scott Baggett**, 49th Operations Support Squadron; **James Barney**, 49th Maintenance Squadron; **John Etter**, 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron; **Randal Gager**, 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Jeffrey Jutzi**, 4th Space Control Squadron; **Brian Kaley**, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Phillip Mack**, 49th CES; **John Oppie**, 49th AMXS; **Anthony Paulhus**, 4th SPCS; **Ronald Peeler**, 4th SPCS; and **Steven Watson**, 49th MXS.

The 1,612 master sergeants picked for promotion this year were selected using the chronic critical skills program for the first time.

The program applies higher selection rates to certain career fields. This year is the first it is being applied to the E-8 and E-9 promotion cycles.

Under the program, officials identified 25 career fields to be classified as "critical" skills for the E-8 promotion cycle. The overall selection rate for this cycle, 10.18 percent, is the highest since 1987. The move pushed average selection percentages, depending on the multiplier applied, up to 30.88 percent.

"We're now including E-8s and E-9s because of critical senior noncommissioned officer shortages in these (Air Force specialties) that are seriously impacting mission readiness," said Chief Master Sgt. Carol Dockery, chief of enlisted promotions and evaluation at the Pentagon.

The effort to expand the chronic critical skills program to the two highest enlisted ranks began during the central evaluation board and final approval came only days ago, said officials.

To get there, those competing for pro-

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Erickson

Touchdown

An F-117 Nighthawk lands at Kunsan Air Base, Korea, to participate in **Foal Eagle**, a joint/combined field training exercise that runs through April 2, and **Reception, Staging Onward Movement and Integration**, a joint/combined command post exercise used to train and evaluate command capabilities to receive U.S. forces from bases outside Korea.

Bush authorizes new medals

A presidential executive order signed March 12 authorizes the Department of Defense to create two new military medals for service in the global war on terrorism.

The Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal will recognize servicemembers who participate in an expedition to combat terrorism on or after Sept. 11, 2001. It is limited to those who deploy as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal will recognize service in military operations to combat terrorism on or after Sept. 11, 2001. It is limited to Operation Noble Eagle and to those servicemembers who provide support to Operation Enduring Freedom from outside the area of eligibility designated for the expeditionary medal.

The medals were recommended by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.



Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Specific eligibility for the medals will be established by DoD awards policy officials. The combatant commander has the authority to award the medals to units and people deployed within his theater for approved operations. Each

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Staff Sgt. Scott Gilkey, an F-117 engine mechanic, checks an engine intake on an F-117 Nighthawk at a forward-deployed location in Southwest Asia supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Unit maintains deployed flock

by **2nd Lt. James Madeiros**
379th Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

The F-117 Nighthawk may be a mystery to some, but its maintainers take pride in knowing the airframe's secret inner workings.

In the 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron's 8th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, a close-knit group of specialists work to keep the aircrews "putting bombs on target, on time." The unit is located at a forward-deployed location in Southwest Asia supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

"It's like a big family out here," said Senior Airman Mike Bodewitz, a Nighthawk crew chief. "Everybody looks out for each other, and everybody is serious about their job."

Nighthawk maintainers always work and deploy together, so there are no surprises regarding who they will work with in the field. The team already has an established history, which began at Holloman.

"I see these people more than I see my family," said Staff Sgt. Scott Gilkey, an F-117 engine mechanic. "We all work together back home, too. It's a good group of people."

Strong relationships like these are

forged in working to meet a common goal, which, for a maintainer, is to keep their aircraft in operational condition at all times.

In the eyes of a maintainer, this kind of dedication is a matter of life and death.

"The pilot is putting his life in the maintainer's hands," said Bodewitz. "If the pilot does not trust the maintainer, then he should not be flying that aircraft. The maintainer needs to know what he's doing."

There are typically two to three crew chiefs per Nighthawk, explained Bodewitz. One person is a dedicated chief who is in charge of the aircraft, and that person has a number of assistants.

"My job is to keep the aircraft maintained for flying status," he said. "I rely on other people to get that jet in the air, but I am responsible. If it does not make the next sortie, it is because of me."

To make sorties, airmen in the 8th AMU must know where they need to be, and what they need to be doing.

"I make the final calls on a 'go, no go' on the engines. I keep the aircraft engines healthy," said Gilkey, who is one of only two engine troops assigned.

When a jet is "green up," it means that the aircraft is ready to fly, said Gilkey. And that means his work on the engine is complete.

Campaign helps airman in time of need

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

In 2002, Holloman Air Force Base received \$332,711 from the Air Force Aid Society, the majority of that amount going toward emergency assistance.

Emergency assistance helps out Holloman airmen with financial problems such as vehicle expenses, child care, funeral expenses and emergency travel.

Airman 1st Class Davin Jackson, 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief fell on hard times twice in the last year and worked with the AFAS to keep him out of debt.

"The first time I had to use AFAS was to fix the transmission on my vehicle," said Jackson. "It was my only means of transportation and the repairs would have cost me over \$2,000. I told Tech. Sgt. Eikenberry my problem and he pointed me toward the AFAS."

"Before I became acting first sergeant, I didn't realize how much AFAS is used," said Tech. Sgt. Shawn Eikenberry. "I've seen how much the AFAS has helped people in our squadron and Jackson seemed like a prime candidate to get help."

After filling out qualifying paper work at the Family

Support Center, he received a check for the repairs the same day. Jackson was also set up with a payment plan that would take a little bit out of his check each month until the interest free loan was paid off.

"I recommend anyone who has a stressful financial situation to use this fund," Jackson said. "If you need the money it's there to help rather than going into debt and getting into more trouble."

A little less than a month later, Jackson had to go on emergency leave for what would be his last visit to his terminally ill father.

"The plane ticket to Connecticut alone would have cost me over \$700," Jackson said. "I didn't think AFAS was an option since I had just received assistance so I was going to pay out of my pocket. Again, I was told to speak with Sue Stringer, Air Force Aid Society officer to see if the AFAS could help me out."

Jackson received AFAS assistance again and was even given a grant for half of the cost because of the severe circumstances.

"The AFAS is built on helping people through rough financial times, but they can't help people if others don't donate," said Jackson. "Without this fund I wouldn't have been able to fix my vehicle and most

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49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

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PROMOTIONS

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motion in designated Air Force specialty codes are assigned a higher selection rate, 1.2 times the Air Force average, Dockery said.

For example, an AFSC with a 15 percent selection rate would receive an 18 percent promotion rate when placed on the critical skills list.

"Now, more than ever, it's absolutely essential that we balance our enlisted force structure to meet our expeditionary force requirements," said Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray. "We must continue to use the (chronic critical skills) program and all other available tools, such as selective reenlistment bonuses, incentive pays and retraining, if we are to achieve balance in our force."

Senior NCOs in Air Force specialties manned at or below 70 percent with less than 25 people eligible for promotion received a multiplier of 3.0; those manned at or below 70 percent with more than 25 people eligible for promotion received a multiplier of 1.4; and those manned above 70 percent but less than 90 percent received a multiplier of 1.2.

Future chronic critical skills will be announced before the central evalua-

tion board for each promotion cycle.

The senior master sergeant evaluation board met Jan. 22 to Feb. 7.

The average total score of selectees during the cycle was 669.10 points. Average selectee score breakdowns are:

- 36 points, time in grade
- 21.01 points, time in service
- 135 points, performance reports
- 20.08 points for decorations
- 68.83 points for U.S. Air Force Supervisory Examination
- 388.17 points for evaluation board score

The average selectee has 5.04 years time in grade and 19.99 years time in service.

Those selected for promotion to senior master sergeant automatically receive a school quota for the Senior NCO Academy. And 357 of those not selected are scheduled to attend with a list of 720 alternates, officials said.

Senior master sergeant selectees will be promoted beginning in April. The complete list of promotion and Senior NCO Academy selections will be posted on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom>.

MEDALS

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service department will prescribe the appropriate regulations for processing and wearing the medals.

Members of the U.S. armed forces and Coast Guard are eligible for the medals, including Reserve and National Guard members activated to support approved operations. Civilians, foreign nationals

and foreign military are not eligible.

It will take up to 12 months to produce and stock the medals in supply systems, officials said.

Future authorizations for these medals can be approved by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff if the war on terrorism expands. (AFP)



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Up, up and away

Four-year-old Xavier Solis tries to get his kite off the ground during the Whispering Sands Community Center kite festival Saturday. The festival taught children of all ages to build and fly their own kites.



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents March 11 to 17.

Tickets

Security forces issued a total of 15 citations this week:

One for no insurance, one for no registration, one for parking in a handicapped spot, one for failure to use a turn signal, one for expired registration, one for inoperable headlights, one for reckless driving, one for criminal damage to property, one for speeding 11 to 15 mph over the posted speed limit, two for speeding five to 10 mph over the posted speed limit, two for failure to stop, and two for assault against a household member.

Patrol Response

- March 14: A family member reported her child missing. Security forces responded and the child was found.
- March 14: An unattended dog left in a vehicle was reported outside of building 224. The owner was contacted and the situation rectified.
- March 14: A family member was barred from base after assaulting his active duty wife.

Theft or damage to government and private property

- March 11: An airman reported damage to a government-owned vehicle after he began to drive it under an electric gate that had not fully opened. The gate came down on the GOV, breaking the window, damaging the hood and bending the mirror brace.
- March 11: An airman driving a private-owned vehicle rear-ended a German air force member driving a POV, after the GAF member stopped at a stop sign. Minor damage was caused to both vehicles.
- March 13: A family member hit her own base house with her car while pulling into her driveway. Minor damage was caused to the house and car.
- March 13: A civilian reported damage to building 841. The glass in a second floor entry door was shattered.
- March 13: A civilian employee at the Shoppette

reported someone drove off without paying for gas. The individual in question was found and he returned to the Shoppette to pay for the gas.

- March 17: An NCO reported damage to the first floor laundry room floor in building 338.
- March 17: A family member backed her car into an unattended vehicle in base housing. Minor damage was caused to both vehicles.

Missing ID cards, vehicle decals and restricted area badges

There were six reports of missing identification cards this week. Four were active duty IDs and two were family member 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".

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Support squadron gets new leader

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

The reigns of command passed to new hands at the 49th Medical Support Squadron.

Lt. Col. Leslie Ness assumed command of the unit during a March 17 ceremony, which was presided over by Col. June Gavron, 49th Medical Group commander.

Ness comes to Holloman from Headquarters Air Force where she served as the Financial Management Division deputy chief in the Office of the Surgeon General.

"This is my first operational base," said Ness, "so not only is taking command exciting, but the location is as well. It's a thrill to be here."

The 49th MDSS supports the peacetime healthcare and war readiness missions of the 49th MDG and its subordinate squadrons. They serve more than 18,000 military healthcare beneficiaries.

"My job is to sustain those gains and take them a step higher -- a job that I think is much tougher than starting from scratch," she said. "The staff here is excellent and it will be a privilege to work with them."

"She is the right person for this squadron at the right time," said Gavron. "I know she will meet every challenge with tenacity, skill and compassion for her people. She is well-versed in the diverse missions of her squadron and was the hands-down choice to lead this very accomplished group of professionals."

Commander's Corner

We've had several questions on what happens if we increase force protection here at Holloman. Here is a quick overview of what you can expect.

FPCON Charlie

With the implementation of FPCON CHARLIE, the security posture on base is increased and will likely affect base members and their families.

Some of the more obvious changes people will see on base include, but aren't limited to:

- 100 percent ID checks (2 forms) when entering base
- Increased searches of vehicles coming on base
- Commanders may stagger unit duty hours
- Entry to facilities will be limited to one entrance and 100 percent ID checks will be conducted
- All vehicles, whether government- or private- owned, must be locked when not in use
- More barriers will be place across base
- Refill chronic medication and maintain at least a one-week supply

Schools

Under FPCON CHARLIE, school will remain open as usual, but parents, daycare providers, etc. must show ID in order to pick up the child. Children with permission notes on file in the school office will be allowed to walk home unescorted.

According to Col. Mike Neill, 49th Fighter Wing vice commander, "It's important to understand the significance of these measures. They are in place for everyone's safety.

Security forces are protecting each of us and I request your full cooperation."

FPCON Delta

With the implementation of FPCON DELTA, the security posture on base is at its highest level and will affect base members and their families.

- All vehicles and their contents will be searched before being allowed entrance to the base
- Only designated mission-essential personnel should enter the base or report to work
- The Base Exchange and Commissary will close
- The Shopette remains open 5 a.m. to 1 a.m.
- All assigned military are put on telephone standby

Schools

If FPCON DELTA is announced prior to children coming to school, they should remain at home with parent(s) or be placed with a responsible neighbor if their parent(s) is considered mission essential and must report to work. This applies also for children residing on Holloman but attending off-base Alamogordo Public Schools, as no buses will be sent to pick up Holloman children during FPCON DELTA.

If FPCON DELTA is called during school hours, children may remain in school until the end of the normal school day or may be picked up earlier at the parent's discretion. Only the parent or someone designated on the student's "pink card" may pick the child up. Children will NOT be permitted to leave without adult escort. There will be a 100 percent ID check at the school door as well as a 100 percent ID check in the classroom when signing a child out. Children residing on Holloman but attending off-base Alamogordo Public Schools will be transported to base as usual, and at the usual time, unless picked-up earlier by a parent or designated adult.

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Deployed life through the cockpit glass

by Maj. "Crusier"

8th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron

The President's speech Monday night placed us even closer to the use of our combat skills and equipment in battle. But as we stand trained and ready to execute the decisions of our President, most of our thoughts are focused on our loved ones at home. It is our support infrastructure that we left behind that gives us the confidence and the moral strength to carry out our duties and hurry home in return.

The night we deployed our aircraft, all of us were overwhelmed by those who were there to see us off. The support from our sister squadron was unparalleled. As their entire squadron and their maintenance counterpart worked 24 hours a day for three straight days to provide us with the best F-117s to take into the impending battle, we were able to focus our thoughts on our families and loved ones in preparation for our call to duty.

As both my crew chiefs helped me strap into their aircraft as I prepare to take it to war, Airman 1st Class Thomas Cook wished me "Good luck, sir" and Staff Sgt. Paul Wyatt said "Be safe, sir and hurry back. Now go make history." Their comments and actions conveyed their pride in what they do. And I was just as proud of them.

As we prepared for taxi, the final voice we heard was from the 9th FS commander, Lt. Col. Dave Wooden, wishing us from all his troops "Happy hunting and God speed!" Those were some powerful words from our broth-

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-- Maj. "Cruiser"

8th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron

ers who want to be right there with us.

My first sight as I taxied out of the hangar was that of an entire row of 9th Aircraft Maintenance Unit troops lined up in formation along the canyon taxiway. As I taxied by, they all saluted in unison and beamed with pride. And the highest rank I saw out there was a staff sergeant. I taxied by knowing I was sitting in the best product they had to offer. Our launch that night was first class.

Further down the canyon, our spouses and families lined the left side of the taxiway. Amidst the group of proud waves and blowing kisses, all of us focused on those who mean the most to us. Intently searching to

make that one last eye contact that would have to last each of us for months. Emotions ran high on both sides of the cockpit glass.

The next salute was from a "Patton-esque" Col. Jim Hunt, standing all alone at attention in front of his staff car. As we left the lit canyon area, his long proud unwavering salute sent us off to battle as if to say "Do well men, and return home safe."

Rounding the corner to the runway, we taxied by Cols. Rich Treadway and Col. Andrew Papp and their wives. Both saluted with almost a fatherly look that conveyed the message of "go forth and do what you are trained to do" mixed with a look of "I would do anything to be there with you." The four of them followed us to the runway, where Col. Treadway spoke to each pilot individually through the headset, personally launching us on our journey.

As we took the runway and blasted off into the night, I saw the flash of the cameras and felt the weight of the stares of all the friends and families gathered there to see us off into the darkness. I could sense our loved one's thoughts and prayers as we disappeared from sight. It is those thoughts and prayers that I ask from all of you now.

More formidable than the enemy is a country divided in the support of their troops. As we undertake the challenge unfolding in front of us, I ask each of you to rally in support of America's deployed sons and daughters in the field. It is our intent to do whatever we are tasked to do and return home safely. See you soon.

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DWI Update

Days since last DWI	19	<u>Last six DWIs:</u>	<u>572-RIDE works!</u>
DWIs year to date	12	• 49 LRS* March 2	<i>Calls MADE are lives SAVED.</i>
DWIs this time last year	10	• 49 MMS March 1	Calls:
		• 49 CES* Jan. 17	Year to date: 172
		• 49 OSS Jan. 11	Last week: 6
		• 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

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| Weekday Masses – 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. | • General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m. |
| Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. | • Catholic Religious Education, 11 a.m. |
| • Protestant Religious Education, 9:30 a.m. | • Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m. |
| | • Protestant Contemporary Worship Service, 6:30 p.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 pictures of deployed Team Holloman people and 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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People with claims against or indebtedness to the estate of Staff Sgt. Jimmy Navarro should call Capt. Rob Turner at 572-1502.

People with claims against or indebtedness to the estate of Airman Jill Journeay should call Capt. Jeff McClure at 572-3418.

Fun Walk & Run

The St. Patrick's Day Fun Walk & Run is 11:30 a.m., was moved to Monday at the Fitness and Sports Center.

Holloman Middle 2

The Holloman Middle 2 Quorum is at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Top 3 room at the Oasis Enlisted Club. All staff sergeants (including selects) and technical sergeants are welcome. For information concerning past meeting minutes access their web page at <https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/main/Middletwo/index.htm>.

Self-Confidence course

Self-Confidence building course 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting Tuesday at the Chapel Annex. People ages 9 and up should wear comfortable clothing to course.

For more information and registration call the Family Support Center at 572-7754 or Chaplain Dodds at 572-7211.

HOSC

Holloman Officers' Spouses' Club members are invited to attend the Southwest Garden Luncheon at 11 a.m., Wednesday at the community center. A guest speaker from the Otero County Extension Office will be giving advice on growing plants in this area.

Reservations must be made by noon Monday. 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.

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 ca-



Photo by Lorna Schuster

Storytime

Volunteer Carol Austin reads *Horton Hears a Who* to children during story time at the base library. Volunteers read to an average of 35 children weekly 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesdays from

reer. 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 today.

ALS banquet

Airman Leadership Class 03-C's graduation banquet begins with cocktails at 6 p.m., Monday 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 today.

Latin Salsa Night

Latin Salsa Night comes to the enlisted club at 9 p.m., March 21. Dance salsa to the exciting tunes of DJ Tiny. This event is free to club members.

ALS retreat

Airman Leadership Class 03-C's graduation retreat is at 1:30 p.m. today in the dorm mall area behind the PME Center, building 339. Commanders, first sergeants, supervisors, spouses, family, and friends are invited to join the graduates in this important event. Uniform requirements: duty uniform. For more information contact Staff. Sgt. Stacey Horton at 572-5860.

Referees needed

The Youth and Teen Center needs volunteer referees and coaches for youth basketball. The games are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturdays. For more information, call Cheryl at the Youth and Teen Center at 572-3698.

Cosmic bowling

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

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 information or to vote on upcoming events log onto www.hollomanservices.com or call 572-1051.

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 fund-

ing 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.

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.

FSC

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

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

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

Sunday brunch

Sunday brunch is from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the enlisted club. The Officers' Club will re-open for Sunday brunch March 30.

Hunter's Education Class

A three-part Hunter's Education Class starts at 6 p.m., today at Outdoor Recreation. The class continues Saturday and Sunday. Cost is \$5 per person.

For more information call 572-5369.

B On the BIG SCREEN

Shanghai King

7 and 10 p.m., today and Saturday

The Recruit

7 p.m., Sunday and Thursday

Movies are subject to change.

For more information, call 572-3286.



LRS beats 9th AMU for base intramural basketball crown

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

The 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron upset the 9th Aircraft Maintenance Unit twice, 46 - 25 and 57- 44, for the intramural basketball championship games Monday at the Fitness and Sports Center.

LRS who lost to the AMU earlier in the play off tourney stepped up and battled back to match up with them again in the championship game.

"We had already lost to them once and we had to beat them twice to take the title so the odds were already stacked against us," said 49th LRS coach Matthew Jones. "We knew we had to go out there like we were already the champs and show them we mean business."

"Our attitude was a little timid going into this game," said 9th AMU coach Billy Young. "We let them control the game instead of playing to our full potential."

The first game was neck and neck throughout, both teams playing very aggressively, fighting for rebounds and second chance baskets. But LRS utilized a deep bench and left AMU trailing for the majority of the game.

"Although they have great players they didn't have the bench we had," said Jones. "They played pretty

much the same five people both games. They got tired and we took advantage with our strong bench play."

The first game ended in an upset for the AMU, who were undefeated in the playoffs, while bringing the LRS one game closer to the title of base champs.

The second game was almost too easy for the LRS who were up by almost 20 points before the second half. LRS dominated the court hitting the boards and putting up a lot of second chance shots.

"Our team played great defense," said Jones. We had kept them down by a lot for most of the game. We knew if we just kept up our intensity, we had the championship."

The LRS stepped up the play for the remainder of the game but received a brief awakening when the AMU began making some key three-point shots to bring them within 10 points. Unfortunately for the AMU, it was too little too late. The possible comeback didn't deter LRS from keeping their intensity and battling it out for the first place trophy.

"I knew we were the better team, we just had to prove it," Jones said. "Our will, drive and determination brought us to where we are. We had the talent but we needed to show the will to get the job done."



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Kareem Hill takes a shot over AMU defender Zack Sinclair in LRS' first win over AMU, 46 -25.

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