



## Briefly

### Gate construction

Construction projects are scheduled to begin this week at Holloman's gates. The anti-terrorism/force protection construction projects will last five months.

The project moves the main gate north on First Street, adds additional I.D. checker lanes and constructs a shade/rain canopy over the check stations. These changes will allow increased traffic flow through the gate and will reduce delays and highway traffic congestion. The construction will be accomplished in three phases to minimize traffic delays by keeping two inbound lanes and one outbound lane open for the majority of the time.

The La Luz gate improvements will enhance the security, allow increased traffic flow and vehicle searches. The majority of construction will occur north of the existing roadway, and traffic impacts during construction will be minimal.

For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Ryan Zeitler, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron at 572-5832.

### Medical group closed

The 49th Medical Group is closed Monday in observance of Presidents' Day. For medical emergencies call 911 or proceed to Gerald Champion Medical Center. People can also call 572-2778 to contact the on-call provider. The TRICARE Line for Care is also available at (888) 887-4111.

## Doors open to join Air Force Reserve

The Air Force is opening doors and modifying programs to give people leaving active duty an opportunity to continue their military careers in the Air Force Reserve.

As the active force tries to reduce manning by about 16,600, the Air Force Reserve is seeking to hire many of those experienced airmen and give them a more flexible way to have a career in the military.

"This is an excellent opportunity for prior-service people on active duty to join our Reserve programs," said Col. Francis Mungavin, director of recruiting service at Air Force Reserve Command headquarters here. "Our people are making every effort to ensure that all potential candidates are aware of their release options."

Current Air Force manning numbers are beyond the authorized end-strength of 359,300 airmen on active duty. The new force-shaping program has scheduled active-duty numbers to drop by 3,900 officers and 12,700 enlisted airmen by Sept. 15.

"The force-shaping program initiative that will have the greatest impact on us will be the expanded application of the Palace Chase program," said Lt. Col. Dirk Palmer at AFRC's recruiting service. "We expect that airmen in all Air Force specialty codes will be eligible to apply for Palace Chase with a minimum of two years in service."

Palace Chase is a program for air-

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

## Army spreads its wings: Hoo-ah!

Army Command Sergeant Major Tommy Williams, White Sands Missile Range, received a T-38A incentive flight Feb. 5 with the 7th Combat Training Squadron.



High: 47  
Low: 18  
TODAY



High: 52  
Low: 18  
SATURDAY



High: 54  
Low: 20  
SUNDAY



High: 55  
Low: 20  
MONDAY

# Abdominal circumference: friend or foe?

by Col. Laura Torres-Reyes

380th Expeditionary Medical Group commander

Are you frustrated with the abdominal circumference score for the new fitness standard? Have you pounded out hundreds of crunches, pumped oodles of push-ups, only to find your abdominal girth doesn't get you past a composite score of 80?

I must admit that I was at first perplexed and amazed that the numbers and scores didn't change based on height or age. How could that be?

The key to understanding why abdominal circumference takes a huge chunk of your fitness score is in understanding that our new fitness program is about maintaining the health of your whole body.

What really matters now to the Air Force is that you are maintaining a state of health that decreases your risk of preventable diseases. Research has shown conclusively that abdominal size reflects this concept of whole health. Besides the obvious risk factor of smoking tobacco, your amount of abdomi-

nal fat is a good predictor of your risk for heart disease, diabetes, stroke and some types of cancer. Isn't that amazing?

You don't need a palm reader or crystal ball. By just taking a simple tape measurement, you can get a pretty good idea of your chances for enjoying a long, healthy life.

Of course, the hard part is deciding what to do if your abs just aren't measuring up.

Take heart! You don't have to look for a liposuction specialist or invest in expensive gadgets advertised on TV to make an improvement. The only proven way to decrease your abdominal circumference is to decrease your body fat.

The fact is we all have those enviable six-packs of muscle hidden under our abdominal fat. As you lose the fat, the muscle definition becomes clear. If you increase your aerobic capacity and strengthen your shoulders and core muscle groups, your total body fat will decrease and your abdomen will firm up.

It is really a pretty good package deal; as you improve your scores for the 1.5 mile run, push-ups, and sit-ups, you should see your abdominal girth decrease. Of course, you will also have to burn more calories than you eat, actually exercise aerobically by maintaining your training heart rate between 60 and 75 percent, and build more muscle to boost your metabolism.

Okay, so I never said it would be easy, but don't you feel better just knowing it makes sense?

**Countdown  
to wing  
fitness test:  
14 days**



## Holloman Hotline 572-7500



The Hotline is your direct link to the 49th Fighter Wing commander. If you've tried to

solve the problem yourself and haven't been able to get results, call 572-7500 or e-mail [cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil](mailto:cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil). 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, 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.

## Appointment Line

**Q:** Every time I try to make an appointment it takes almost an hour, if not more to talk to someone. My mom's diabetic and I'm on active duty, and this is continuous problem even after I read an article in the paper about the appointment line. So I called pediatrics and found out that there's only one person back there answering the phones for the entire base. That's a very inefficient system.

**Something really needs to be done about it. If you could look into that, it could save everybody a lot of headaches.**

**A:** First, I'd like to apologize for any problems you've experienced with the appointment line. We've spent a great deal of time looking at our telephone system and how many clerks are required to manage our de-

mand for appointments. We discovered problems in both areas that we were able to address quickly, and believe will alleviate the problems.

In addition, callers should be aware and avoid peak call times (Monday to Thursday 7-10 a.m.) Specifically, any day after 10 a.m., and all day Friday are the times it's easiest to access our appointment desk. However, if you continue to have problems with the appointment line, but you need to be seen that same day, you will be seen as a walk-in.

Also, we now have available an online appointment function in TRICARE, which you can access from your computer at [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com) and book an appointment with your Primary Care Manager.

Once again, I'm sorry for any inconveniences you may have experienced. But, I want you to know we're working the problem thoroughly. Thank you for your honest feedback.

## DUI Update

Days since last DUI	<b>8</b>
DUIs this year	<b>13</b>
This week last year	<b>10</b>

### Last six DUIs

- 49 LRS Feb. 8
- 49 CS Feb. 7
- 49 CS Feb. 2
- 49 MMS Feb. 1
- 49 MOS Dec. 13
- 49 AMXS Nov. 16

## 572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

**216** Saves this year  
**18** Saves this week



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# Cool kids wear mouth guards

by **Laura Pellegrino**  
*Sunburst staff writer*

Each year, thousands of teens get hurt on the playing field, the basketball court, while skateboarding and biking or during other activities.

“Blows to the face in nearly every sport can injure your teeth, lips, cheeks and tongue,” said Capt. Aries Ganir, 49th Medical Operations Squadron Dental Flight preventive dentistry officer.

For protection during activities, a properly fitted mouth guard, or mouth protector, is an important piece of athletic gear.

“A mouth guard can protect your teeth and smile,” said Staff Sgt. Mara Laffitte, 49th MDOS Dental Flight perio therapist. “You may have seen them used

in contact sports, such as football, boxing, ice hockey and soccer. However, you don’t have to be on the football field to benefit from a mouth guard.”

According to Sergeant Laffitte, new findings in sports dentistry show that even in non-contact sports, such as gymnastics, mouth guards help protect teeth.

“Many experts now recommend that a mouth guard be worn for any recreational activity that poses a risk of injury to the mouth,” she said.

There are three types of mouth guards — The ready-made, or stock, mouth guard, the mouth-formed ‘boil-and-bite’ mouth guard, and the custom-made mouth guard.

“The most effective mouth

guard should have several features,” Captain Ganir said. “It should be resilient, tear-resistant, and comfortable. It should fit properly, be durable and easy to clean, and not restrict your speech or breathing.”

Generally, a mouth guard covers on the upper teeth, but in some cases the dentist will make a mouth guard for the lower teeth as well, Sergeant Laffitte said. Active duty members can call the clinic to get impressions done for mouth guards.

“Don’t take your teeth for granted,” she said. “Wear a mouth guard and protect your smile.”

For more information, contact the American Dental Association at [www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org) or the dental clinic at 572-3742



Photo by Senior Airman Martha Whipple

## Tent training

**Staff Sgt. Andrew Pena, 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron Structures NCO, trains 30 Team Holloman members to erect and disassemble a temper tent. The squadron is currently training troops preparing to deploy to Fort Dix, N.J., for the Air Force’s first Eagle Flag exercise in 2004.**

# CROSSWORD



## Hometown USAF

### ACROSS

1. Arizona AFB home to 355th WG; a/c tail marking of DM
10. \_\_\_ Alamos, N.M.
11. Russian river
13. Crayon brand
17. Aged
18. Earthlink competitor
19. Delaware AFB home to 436th AW
21. Foot covering
22. "Hot in Herre" rapper
24. Egyptian nature goddess
25. Body of water
28. Catch
30. Homer's neighbor on *The Simpsons*
31. Event
33. '80s USAF missile used to shoot down a satellite
35. Fragrance maker
36. Type of nurse (abbrev.)
37. Arizona AFB home to 56th FW; a/c tail marking of LF
38. Even
39. French woman (abbrev.)
40. Conductor
41. Drink
43. Compass point
46. Stomach
48. Ancient
51. Awaken
52. Single plant beginning (two words)
56. Florida AFB home to 6th AW
57. South Carolina AFB home to 437th AW

### DOWN

2. Mysterious
3. Nickname for Stallone
4. Georgia AFB home to 347th RQW; a/c tail marking of MY

5. Capital of Norway
6. Rushed
7. Former White House spokesman \_\_\_ Fleischer
8. Sleeps
9. Louisiana AFB home to 2nd BW; a/c tail marking of LA
12. Former boxing champion Spinks
14. Term for how US forces conduct themselves in combat (abbrev.)
15. Everything
16. Italy AB home to 31st FW; a/c tail marking of AV
20. Glacier drift residue
23. Place to conduct an experiment
26. Bird related to herons
27. Montana AFB home to 341st Space Wing
28. 1988 Leslie Nielsen movie
29. Dined
32. Tennis star Agassi
34. Japanese wrestler
35. Perishes
36. Military tool for planning logistics (abbrev.)
38. Asian holiday
40. Singer Torme
42. Country known as "The Land Down Under" (abbrev.)
44. Type of energy
45. California AFB home to 9th RW; a/c tail marking of BB
47. Type of USAF Sgt.
49. Lady
50. Cult
53. UK version of SEALs
54. Tokyo formerly
55. Clamor



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

## Thanks, Dad

Staff Sgt. Lesley Waters (left), 367th Recruiting Squadron at Colorado Springs, Colo., and brother Staff Sgt. Michael Waters, 49th Materiel Maintenance Group, take the reenlistment oath from their father, retired Capt. William Waters in January.

# Holloman Salutes



The following airmen reenlisted in January...

### 49th Security Forces Squadron

Master Sgt. Wendell Allen  
Staff Sgt. Sandra Dean

### 49th Operations Support Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Roy Sarafis  
Tech Sgt. Andrew Baker  
Tech. Sgt. Angela Dowling  
Tech. Sgt. Todd Moritz

### 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Senior Airman Myrick Bell  
Staff Sgt. Felicia Izzard

### 49th Communications Squadron

Master Sgt., Sylvester Shaw  
Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Ginn

### 49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron

Master Sgt. Jeffrey Brown  
Staff Sgt. Michael Deregla  
Tech Sgt. Allen Pratt

### 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Michael Waters  
Senior Airman John Christenson  
Senior Airman Eddie Valerio

### 49th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Staff Sgt. Steven Collins

### 49th Medical Operations Squadron

Master Sgt. Marc Dowler  
Senior Airman Amanda Comino

### 49th Comptroller Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Scott Feigum

### 49th Maintenance Squadron

Master Sgt. Kevin Gaffner  
Tech Sgt. Natalie Runningwolf  
Staff Sgt. Arthur Gringle  
Senior Airman Cameron Gerlach

### 49th Aircraft Maintenance

Staff Sgt. Julie Frydrych

### 49th Medical Support Squadron

1st Lt. Maria Gilliam  
Tech. Sgt. John Jensen

### 49th Civil Engineer Squadron

Staff Sgt. Charles Gillespie

### Det. 10 372th Training

Staff Sgt. Michael Leon

### 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Senior Airman Myrick Bell  
Staff Sgt. Felicia Izzard

# Test Group recognizes its finest

by 1st Lt. Brett Casey  
46th Test Group

Feelings of anticipation were at a peak for members of the 46th Test Group who were nominated for annual awards January 30. The Test Group held their 22nd Annual Awards Banquet at the Oasis Enlisted Club.

The banquet kicked off with music by the Army's 62nd Fort Bliss Band, presentation of the colors by the Holloman Honor Guard, and a solemn POW/MIA remembrance read by retired Master Sgt. Wayne Mims, a current member of the 746th Test Squadron.

After dinner, Test Group individual and team awards presented over the past year at the 46th Test Wing, Air Armament Center, Air Force Materiel Command, and Air Force levels were recognized.

The guest speaker for the evening was retired Col. William A. Lafferty, a combat pilot now residing in Green Valley, Ariz. Colonel Lafferty flew 198 missions on the Berlin Airlift and numerous combat missions during the Vietnam conflict. Colonel Lafferty is an experienced pilot with 7,900 hours in 21 different aircraft. Colonel Lafferty started by sharing his experience as the first pilot to fly missions on the

Berlin Airlift then spoke about current test endeavors at Holloman and how they will benefit the Air Force for many years to come.

The night moved on to celebrate the real reason for the night: the announcement of the Test Group annual award winners. The awards began with recognizing outstanding 46TG contractors.

This year was the first year the contractor of the year awards were presented at the annual awards banquet. The next award presented was to Army Air Division – White Sands Missile Range for their contributions as a critical link in the success of the many Test Group missions executed over the past year.

Master and Mistress of Ceremonies, Senior Master Sgt. Aaron Anderson and 1st Lt. Jody Paris, then proceeded to announce the nominees and winners of the Test Group annual awards.

The evening finished with comments by Colonel Joseph Zeis, Jr., 46th Test Group commander.

Colonel Zeis highlighted the group's consistent commitment to excellence, last year's accomplishments, and the dedicated experts who work diligently to make the Test Group's results

standout amongst the DoD testing community.

## Award winners

Airman of the Year: Airman 1st Class Claudia P. Abinuman – 46th Test Group, Plans and Programs

NCO of the Year: Tech. Sgt. William G. Jenkins – 46th Test Group, Plans and Programs

Senior NCO of the Year: Master Sgt William B. Bynum – 746th Test Squadron

Company Grade Officer of the Year: Capt. Ronald E. Dunlap III – 586th Flight Test Squadron

Civilian of the Year - Mr. Bradley G. Jensen. – 846th Test Squadron

GS 1-6 Civilian of the Year: Samuel R. Gladwell – 46th Test Group, Plans and Programs

GS 7-9 Civilian of the Year: Mr. Jason M. Enslin – 746th Test Squadron

GS 10-12/WS 10-19 Civilian of the Year: Mr. Kamal F Shouman – 846th Test Squadron

Test Group team award winners included:

Leading Edge Award – National Radar Cross Section Test Facility

Test Team of the Year – Hypersonic Upgrade Program Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award - 476th Test Squadron

Test Group Commander's Award: 846th Test Squadron

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men to transition off of active duty by trading their active-duty service commitments for Air Force Reserve service commitments.

“Palace Chase is not a new program,” said Chief Master Sgt. Susan Allick, chief of the Palace Chase Program at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. “The program has just eased requirements for the force-shaping program.”

To qualify for this program, applicants must have a re-enlistment code approved for continued military service and meet all the Palace Chase eligibility criteria under the force-shaping rules.

Applications under these

new rules are being accepted until March 12. To be approved, applicants must separate from active duty between May 15 and Sept. 15. Though the normal application process is from seven to eight weeks, under the new rules, officials at AFPC expect to be able to notify applicants of their results within four to six weeks.

“We’ll be working on a first-come, first-served basis,” Chief Allick said. “With the restrictions loosened up on active-duty service commitments, we expect to process a lot of applications.”

Though people in all specialty codes are eligible to apply for the Palace Chase transfers to the Air Force Reserve, air-

men must have graduated from their initial training, qualified as 3-levels and not be scheduled to be retrained. Some U.S. Air Force Academy graduates may be approved for the program. Air Force ROTC cadets may apply to be commissioned directly into Air Force Reserve jobs for six-year commitments, instead of the typical four-year tour of active duty.

For more information about joining the Air Force Reserve, call Master Sgt. Phillip Burleigh at 572-2120 or visit his office at the Military Personnel Flight, Room 221.

People can also visit the Air Force Reserve website at [www.afreserve.com](http://www.afreserve.com). (AFP)





The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from Feb. 4 to Monday.

### Property loss, damage or theft

Feb. 4 – An NCO reported damage to his privately owned vehicle.

Feb. 4 – A spouse reported damage to her vehicle near building 222.

Feb. 5 – A civilian was involved in a minor accident after failing to clear the barriers at the front gate.

Feb. 6 – A civilian was issued a citation for following too closely causing a minor accident on First St.

Feb. 6 – A civilian reported damage to his vehicle after it was hit by government owned vehicle.

Feb. 7 – A dependant reported an 8' x 7' piece of dry wall from car port ceiling had fallen on her vehicle.

Feb. 7 – An airman was issued a citation for inattentive backing causing a minor accident in base housing.

Feb. 8 – An airman backed into another vehicle with her POV in the parking lot of building 333.

Feb. 9 – A civilian failed to observe another vehicle backing causing a minor vehicle accident in the building 29 parking lot.

### Patrol Response

Feb. 7 – An airman was apprehended for driving under the influence.

Feb. 8 – Two airman were apprehended by the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety, one for driving under the influence and minor allowing self to be served and the other for minor allowing self to be served.

Feb. 8. – An officer's spouse reported a verbal altercation with her husband.

**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.

# Remembering the Red Tail Angels



Courtesy photo

**Capt Benjamin O. Davis climbs into an advanced trainer at Tuskegee Army Airfield, Alabama. Davis went on to command the 332d Fighter Group in World War II and later became the first African-American general in the US Air Force.**

by Master Sgt. Greg Henneman  
49th Fighter Wing Historian

Undoubtedly, World War II served as the most important struggle for the United States, and all the free nations of the world, in the 20th Century. People from all walks of life, races and social strata heard the call for service and stood in long lines to join the military. Despite living in a society of Jim Crow laws, which treated them as second-class citizens, over one million African-Americans volunteered to serve.

World War II wasn't the first time African-Americans served the country that denied them equality. More than 5,000 fought for the colonials during the Revolutionary War, with many northern states promising freedom in exchange for military service. About 200,000 fought in the Union Army during the Civil War.

They served in practically all capacities including infantry, cavalry and artillery, and about 38,000 gave their lives. Over 400,000 fought in World War I, including the Harlem Hellfighters regiment and the world's first black fighter pilot, Corp. Eugene Bullard.

Despite a history of more than 150 years of courageous combat service, World War II left African-Americans serving in segregated units and primarily resulted in assignments to support functions instead of being allowed to fight. However, one unit specifically fought to prove the equal capability of African-Americans in combat — the Tuskegee Airmen.

Trained at Tuskegee Army Air Field, Ala., 992 men graduated from pilot training, after which they were assigned to the all African-American 332d Fighter Group in North Africa and Italy.

Military and civilian leaders described the Tuskegee Airmen as an experiment. Many people believed that African-Americans would not even be able to fly a complex fighter aircraft, let alone withstand the rigors of combat. Not only did the Tuskegee Airmen prove they could hold their own, they were credited with over 15,000 combat sorties, destroying 111 German fighters in the air and another 150 on the ground. Pilots from the 332d Fighter Group earned 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 744 Air Medals, eight Purple Hearts, and 14 Bronze Stars.

More important to the war effort, the Tuskegee Airmen armed with P-51 *Mustang* fighters stationed in northern Italy never lost a single bomber they escorted. Proud of their service, Tuskegee Commander Col. Benjamin O. Davis had the vertical stabilizers of their P-51s painted red, bringing a dash of style and the signature nickname, the "Red Tails." However, after about 100 bomber escort missions with no losses, the American bomber crews referred to the Tuskegee Airmen pilots as the "Red Tail Angels."

Today, the Red Tails remain one of the Air Force's most important and historic units. In fact, on Feb. 2, 2004, the 332d Air Expeditionary Wing moved from Tallil Air Base in southern Iraq to Balad Air Base, near Baghdad, where the wing serves on the front line of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

# New Mexico's first female vet calls Holloman home

by Airman 1st Class  
Stephen Collier  
*49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

The sun shines through the cracked blinds of the animal-filled office, spreading a soft and gentle light across a room full of potentially hazardous needles, blades and test tubes. But, the stainless steel utensils and glass cylinders do no harm to the fur-covered cats and dogs as they are controlled by the steady and experienced hands of New Mexico's first female veterinarian who serves Holloman's Veterinarian Clinic.

Dr. Frankee Page-Eliot, a Grand Island, Neb. native, is the base veterinarian clinic medical officer who supervises and manages animal services offered to Team Holloman members as well as German air force servicemembers and their dependents once a week. Dr. Eliot said her inspiration to work with animals came at an early age.

"I read a book in junior high about women and veterinary medicine," Dr. Eliot said. "During World War II, schools were taking women all the time because men were going overseas. But, after reading about the war-time vets, I knew what I wanted to do."

She graduated from the Colorado A & M four-year veterinarian school in 1956. Dr. Eliot was only one of two females to be accepted to the program in several years, mainly because of her gender. Even with the times, Dr. Eliot said the situation sounded worse than it really was.

"Back then, we had to deal with nasty jokes by the male students and even the professors," she said. "One of the main reasons schools were reluctant to take women was because of all the soldiers coming back from Europe and Korea who wanted to take advantage of the G.I. Bill to become vets."

Along with finishing her animal studies, which included anatomy, biology, bacteriology and virology, Dr. Eliot married

her husband, Dr. Theodore Eliot, who was studying at the University of Arizona to also become a veterinarian.

School finally ended for the Eliots and they were faced with a life-altering decision: where do they go from there? With no desire to settle down in Colorado and many other places too expensive, the veterinary couple set their sights on Los Alamos, N.M.

"Los Alamos was still a pretty confined area because of the nuclear research still being conducted there in the late 1950s," Dr. Eliot said. "The vet hospital in town was owned by the government and put out on a bid. A fellow from Albuquerque purchased the bid, but his wife didn't want to move to Los Alamos. He then hired us to take over the vet clinic."

Not only did the Eliots manage the Los Alamos Laboratory's veterinarian hospital, they also became the community's first civilian veterinarians. While living in the military community, the Eliots opened another practice in Las Cruces. As they began establishing themselves as prominent doctors, a call to education came their way.

"Our teaching days began in the 1960s with an offer from the University of Oklahoma to become members of their veterinary science faculty," Dr. Eliot said. "Later, we joined the staff of Mississippi State and Ross University on the Caribbean island of St. Kitts in the 1980s."

In 1981, Dr. Eliot was diagnosed with diabetes, forcing him to medically retire from his love of serving animals. After spending two-and-a-half years teaching at Ross Univ., the couple moved stateside where they built a retirement home on the outskirts of High Rolls, N.M.

"We moved to High Rolls and I began working with track horses there," Dr. Eliot said. "After being there a few months, I received a call from the University of Missouri at Columbia to be their anesthesiologist.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

**Dr. Frankee Page-Eliot, Team Holloman veterinarian, performs a check-up. She was New Mexico's first female vet.**

So, we packed up and moved to Missouri."

Five years later, the Eliots moved back to their High Rolls home, where Dr. Eliot passed away in 1996.

Determined to press on, Dr. Eliot became an investigator for the New Mexico Board of Veterinarian Medicine where she investigated complaints against state veterinarians. In 2003, she found an opportunity she couldn't pass.

"I saw an advertisement for civilian vets at Holloman," Dr.

Eliot said. "I applied for the position and the next thing I knew, I was working for the base."

Primarily tasked with the job of servicing the base's K-9 security patrols, the vet clinic also gives Holloman's four-legged friends check-ups and treatments for common ailments such as heartworms and ring worms. Dr. Eliot said it's the nice people who make the vet clinic an invaluable resource for the animals serviced there.

"Holloman has a unique setup because the technicians

are very well trained and oversee the animals much more than I do," Dr. Eliot said. "People who send their animals here are very lucky."

For those interested in becoming military veterinarians, one must look to the U.S. Army as they are the sole provider of veterinarians. Dr. Eliot said getting an education is a must.

"Get your degree," Dr. Eliot said. "By getting your education, it shows you can accomplish something. It shows you can finish."



## Intramural Standings - Basketball

### Small Unit

<u>Team</u>	<u>Win</u>	<u>Loss</u>
49 FW/MSS	5	0
46 TG	5	0
46 CES B	3	2
49 OSS B	3	2
4 SPCS	3	2
746 TS	3	2
49 MXS	1	6
49 CS	1	5
49 CONS	1	5

(Current as of Jan. 22)

### Large Unit

<u>Team</u>	<u>Win</u>	<u>Loss</u>
49 OSS A	5	1
49 CES A	5	1
49 MXS	2	3
49 LRS	2	4
49 MDG	2	3
8 AMU	2	3
49 MMG	2	3
9 AMU	2	3
49 SFS	1	4

(Current as of Jan. 22)

### Over 30

<u>Team</u>	<u>Win</u>	<u>Loss</u>
49 MDG	5	1
49 CES	5	0
46 TG	3	2
49 LRS	3	2
49 MXS	1	4
49 SFS	1	4
4 SPCS	1	5

(Current as of Jan. 26)

## World of Sports

The Intramural Winter Golf Tournament Finals are scheduled **Thursday** at the Apache Mesa Golf Course.

Badminton lessons and play are open to the public for free from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday and Wednesdays at the Fitness and Sports Center



## BRIEFS

### Golf sale

Apache Mesa Golf Course is having a 10- to 50-percent off sale on equipment and accessories today and Saturday.

### Chess club

The Whispering Sands Community Center is holding an organizational chess club meeting at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday. Anyone age 6 and above that is interested in learning to play chess or competing in tournaments is invited to attend.

For more information, call 572-7476.

### Freedom banquet

The 44th Annual Sertoma Freedom Banquet begins at 6:15 p.m., Feb. 21 at the Alamogordo High School cafeteria. Tickets are available at Alamogordo Federal Savings and Loan, First National Bank, Western Insurance and from all Sertoma Club members for \$16.

### LOAC briefings

The Legal Office provides Law of Armed Conflict briefings at the base theater at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., Wednesday and Feb. 25. Sessions last approximately 35 minutes.

All active duty military members are required to attend LOAC training if they haven't completed it since May 31, 2003. Anyone scheduled to deploy is required to attend a briefing. The training can be attended through a mass briefing or online linked from the Holloman homepage at the 49th Fighter Wing Judge Advocate site, or at any legal office brief that might be scheduled at a Commander's Call.

LOAC briefings for medical, security forces and flying units are scheduled through each commander at a later date.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Jose Bautista at 572-7217.

### Deployed family/friends

An open meeting for families and friends of deployed military personnel is 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Monday and March 1 and 18 at Gerald Champion Regional



Photo by Senior Airman Sara Shively

### Protect and serve

**Senior Airman Carrie Brausieck, 386th Expeditionary Financial Management Office, poses in a humvee. Airman Brausieck is deployed to Jaber Air Base, Kuwait from the 49th Comptroller Squadron.**

Medical Center's private dining room.

For more information, call Ms. Paige Viscarra at 443-7891.

### Static display

This month's static display is 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday at hangar 500.

### Thrift Store sale and hours

There is a Thrift Store sale from 9 a.m. to noon, Feb. 21. Regular hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Consignment hours are 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays and Thursdays. When consigning furniture or large items, call the manager at 479-4342 to ensure space availability.

### Black history events

- Story time: 11:30 a.m., every Tuesday in February at the base library.

- Food tasting: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., today at the chapel. Donation of \$4.

- Black movie: Saturday and Feb. 14, 20 and 28 at base theater

- Luncheon: noon, Feb. 27 in the officer's club. Guest speaker is Brig. Gen. Treasurer Steele, AAFES vice commander.

- Gospel extravaganza: 1 to 5 p.m., Feb. 28 in the chapel.

The Black History Month trivia ques-

tion for this week is:

Noted African-American intellectual and civil rights activist W.E.B. DuBois was a founding member of which organization in 1910?

The winner is chosen on a first-come, first-served basis. The prize is a \$20 gift certificate from the Base Exchange. Forward all answers to *valerie.smith@holloman.af.mil* by Thursday.

For more information, call Ms. Linda Robinson at 572-1214.

### HOSC scholarships

The Holloman Officers' Spouses' Club awards \$10,000 in scholarships to local students planning to attend an accredited school during the 2004-2005 academic year. Scholarship amounts vary from \$500 to \$3000 per student. Applications are available at the family support center, base education and training services, base library and local high schools. Applications may also be requested by e-mail from *Dloriwlsln@aol.com* or *Immunoz@charter.net*. The deadline is March 15.

For more information, call 479-9725 or 479-1019.

### Bioenvironmental move

Bioenvironmental Engineering Ele-

ment has moved to the clinic, building 15. The phone numbers for the element will remain the same.

For more information, call 572-7938.

### Red Cross

The Red Cross schedule of classes is as follows:

- Babysitters training: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 21.

- First aid training: 9 a.m. to noon, Feb. 24.

- Adult CPR: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Feb. 26.

All classes are at the Alamogordo branch, 700 E. First St., #765.

For more information, call the Holloman Red Cross at 572-7066.

### Security Forces spouses

The Lady Defenders will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday in the Community Center. Bring a friend. No food at this meeting.

### Drug Demand Reduction

The Drug Demand Reduction Program performs random drug tests every month. The numbers this week are:

Number Tested This Year: 1,250

Positive Drug Tests This Year: 5

Positive Drug Tests Last Year: 16

# B On the IG SCREEN



**Barber Shop (PG-13)**

7 p.m., today

**LOTR: Return of the King (PG-13)**

6 p.m., Saturday and noon and 6 p.m., Sunday

**House of Sand and Fog (R)**

7 p.m., Thursday

# What's going on in the Tularosa Basin and beyond...

## Bereavement

Bereavement for families and friends meets from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday and March 3 and 17 at Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center in the private dining room.

For more information, call Ms. Paige Viscarra at 443-7891.

## Speaking skills

Toastmaster's, a group that helps people polish up on speaking and speech-making skills, meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the CAPPED center, 907 New York Ave.

## Cancer survivors

Cancer survivor's group meets from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday and Feb. 24 in the Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center private dining room.

For more information, call Paige Viscarra at 443-7891.

## Chocolate Buffet

The Flickinger Center for Performing Arts presents a Chocolate Buffet starting at 6:30 p.m., Saturday with a concert at 7 p.m. All tickets are \$15 to enjoy decadent chocolates and mesmerizing music by

Kari Simmons.

For more information, call 437-2202.

## Lake Lucero tour

There is a Lake Lucero Tour at 2 p.m., Feb. 29 at White Sands National Monument. Special fees apply and advanced registration is required.

For more information, call 479-6124 or (505) 679-2599.

## Sweethearts dance

The Sweethearts Tailgate Dance is Saturday at the New Mexico Museum of Space History. There will be a live band and refreshments.

For more information, call 437-2840 or (877) 333-6589.

## Country dance

There is a dance from 7 to 9:30 p.m., today at the Senior Center to the music of "Country Five."

For more information, call 439-4150.

## Relay for life

The 2004 American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is April 30 to May 1 at Grigg's Field in Alamogordo.

The relay kick-off is with

the Harlem Ambassadors (formerly the Globetrotters) at 6 p.m., Feb. 21 at the Alamogordo High School Tiger Pit. Tickets are \$5 for ages 18 and under, \$7 for the general public and \$1 more at the door.

For more information or to purchase tickets for the kick-off event, contact Ms. Beth Markle at 479-6026 or [eam@zianet.com](mailto:eam@zianet.com).

## High Power Match

Otero Practical Shooting Association has an NRA High Power Match at 9 a.m., Saturday at the Sydney Paul Gordon Shooting Range in La Luz. Sign up is at 8:30 a.m.

For more information, call Mr. Butch Rials, 437-3663.

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## Turkey federation

The Noel Southard Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation holds their annual banquet on Feb. 28. The festivities start at 6 p.m. at the Otero County Fair Building. There will be auctions, drawings, door prizes, great food and fun for all.

For more information, call 437-2542.

## Library friends

The Friends of the Library meet at 7 p.m., Thursday in the multi-purpose room of the Alamogordo Public Library. All officers, committee members and other friends are invited to attend.

For more information, call 437-6681, 437-2980 or 439-4140.



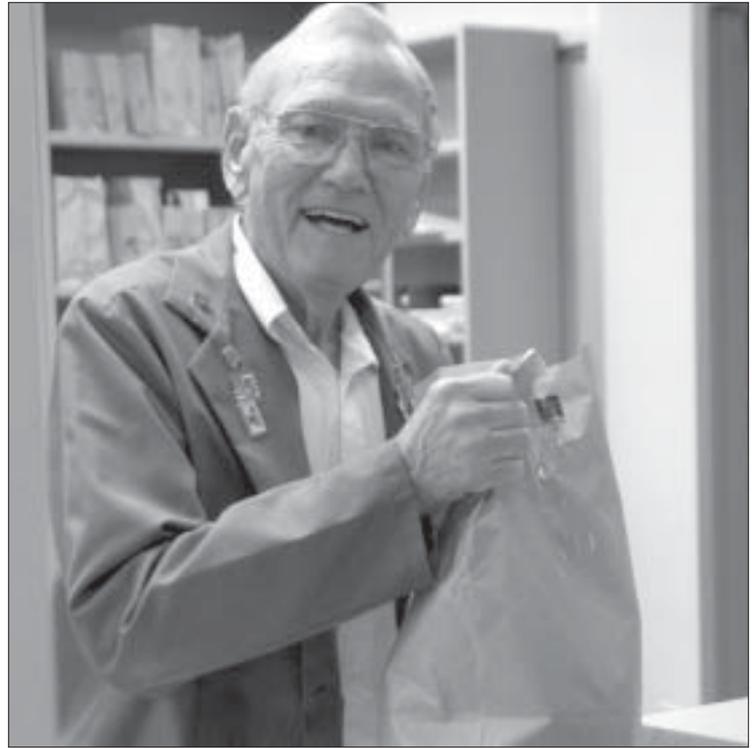


Photo by Laura Pellegrino

**Bob Lee, pharmacy volunteer, gives back to the military and retiree community here.**

## Program helps retirees

by **Laura Pellegrino**  
*Sunburst staff writer*

Hundreds of volunteers help keep Holloman running smoothly every day.

One of these volunteers, a retired Army First Sergeant, helps keep life running smoothly for more than 6,800 retirees in the community.

As the volunteer Retiree Activities manager, Mr. Butch Brummett helps retirees find opportunities to volunteer, provides counseling and support to retirees and their families and acts as the link between the retiree, civilian and active force communities.

The program was shut down for five years because of a lack of volunteers. Now that the Retiree Activities office is running again, retirees have a place to go for guidance and referrals and they will be kept up-to-date on base retiree activities or special functions.

A retiree newsletter is one of the projects Mr. Brummett is working on, aimed at keeping the local retiree community informed. The newsletter will contain pay, medical and travel in-

formation, as well as other issues of interest to retirees.

Another goal is to plan a retiree appreciation day, hosted by Holloman, to honor those who have served in the armed forces.

According to Mr. Brummett, volunteering isn't about money.

"It comes from the heart," he said. "You have to love to do it."

Because he loves volunteering, Mr. Brummett started offering his free time to the Family Support Center's Family Services program six months ago.

"After watching him work in Family Services, I saw how organized, dedicated and reliable he was," said Lenn Furrow, Family Support Center director. "That's what made me ask if he would be interested in the Retiree Activities manager position."

Mr. Brummett was interested and began preparations for resurrecting the program.

"We're here if retirees need us," Mr. Brummett said. "We can solve their problems or send them in the right direction."

For more information about the Retiree Activities Program, call Mr. Brummett at 572-7754



Photo by Senior Airman Martha Whipple

The Holloman Hero submission form is available online. It can be downloaded at:  
[https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW\\_PA/internal.html](https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html)

# *Holloman Hero*

## Senior Airman Ronnie Lambert

### 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron

**Duty title:** Structural maintenance journeyman

**Time in service:** 4 years, 4 months

**Time at Holloman:** 1 year, 9 months

**Hometown:** Little Rock, Ark.

**Personal and Career goals:** I'd like to make a career in the Air Force (at least 20 years) and would like to earn a degree in musical education to become a teacher.

**What new idea would you implement base-wide to help prevent drinking and driving?**

I would create more establishments on base with hours of operation similar to what you find downtown. Not having to leave base combined with the 572-RIDE program would greatly reduce DUIs, in my opinion.

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

I am most proud of my deployment to Baghdad, Iraq during the last phase of the ground war. As part of a BEAR Base team, I assisted in the beddown of more than 1,300 troops and also provided a dining facility and recreation for the troops of the AOR. My ability to con-

tribute to my fellow comrades instilled in me a great sense of pride.

**Core value portrayed: "Excellence in all we do"**

Ronnie lives the core value "Excellence in all we do." It's easy to excel in just one task here and there, but to consistently perform at a high level in everything he does also takes a high level of commitment.

He showed his dedication during 49th Materiel Maintenance Group's deployment to the Air Mobility Warfare Center to kick off the very first Eagle Flag exercise.

Ronnie instructed hundreds of people on the erection of the Small Shelter System for a 550-person camp. He energized his crews with his personal motto of doing the job right the first time, every time. The first Eagle Flag was a big success, in part because of Ronnie's contribution.

– Lt. Col. Myron Majors  
 49th MMS commander

# Personnel services now available on AF Portal

The days are nearing an end of Air Force members having to remember a notebookful of user IDs and passwords to get into basic online personnel services.

The solution is the Air Force Portal.

“The Portal is a powerful tool,” said Col. Gregory Touhill, director of personnel data systems at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. “We took the personnel applications our military and civilian employees use most often and made them accessible via the Portal.”

Among those accessible on the Portal are virtual out processing, retraining vulnerability lists, civilian employee career briefs and the Employment Benefits Information System.

“Now, an airman deployed anywhere in the world has access to his or her personnel records through the

Portal,” he said. “Especially with so many high-demand applications available, it’s time everyone got an account.”

By logging on to the Air Force Portal, users will have “reduced sign-on” access to 14 of the most used personnel Web services, like the virtual Military Personnel Flight and civilian employment pages that enhance mission capability for today’s war-fighter, said the colonel.

The Air Force Portal is located at [www.my.af.mil](http://www.my.af.mil).

“Users won’t have to remember several passwords and input them every time they want to get into a particular application anymore,” said Colonel Touhill. “Instead, airmen can log into the Portal when they come to work and use the available applications all day long.”

The personnel-related Web applications now available include:

*Military:*

- Virtual Military Personnel Flight
  - Air Force Officer Qualification TestScore
  - Military Personnel Data System Status Website
  - Reporting Instance of Production Password Change Utility
  - Reserve Management Vacancy System.
  - Retraining Vulnerability Lists for NCO Retraining Program
  - Virtual Out Processing
  - Web Based Testing
- Civilian:*
- Career Brief
  - Electronic Official Personnel Folder
  - Emergency Medical Data System
  - Employment Benefits Information System
  - Employment
  - On-line Career Program Registration

Having reduced sign-on access from desktop computers to personnel

information saves people from having wait in line at their local personnel flight, said Colonel Touhill. Now for many of those services, users won’t have to remember separate passwords, he said.

“We love the idea of helping people get the information they need to do their jobs quickly, securely and without the hassle and risk of maintaining a long list of passwords,” said the colonel.

The Air Force chief of staff has said he wants all Air Force people to establish a Portal account by April. Establishing an account takes only a few minutes, officials said.

Once logged into the Portal, people can access the military and civilian self-service personnel features at the “Careers” tab.

For more information about the Portal or any of the online applications, call the Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775. (*AFPC*)

# Officials limit reenlistment window to three months

by Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter  
*Air Force Print News*

Air Force personnel officials are changing the re-enlistment eligibility window beginning March 5.

The new policy requires active-duty airmen to re-enlist within three months of their term of service expiring, a change from the 12-month window currently in effect.

“In our effort to shape the force, we continue to seek areas that will give us greater management oversight,” said Master Sgt. Maria Cornelia, the Air Force’s chief of retention and bonus programs at the Pentagon.

“We want our airmen to understand that we’re not discouraging re-enlistments,” Sergeant Cornelia said. “By reducing the eligibility window, Air Force officials will have a better picture of how many re-enlistments we can expect

within a given period.”

Narrowing the window will also assist officials with forecasting requirements for personnel programs such as selective re-enlistment bonuses, career job reservations and retraining, Sergeant Cornelia said.

This policy shift is not something new, but a return to the policy in place before 2001. The eligibility window was expanded from three to 12 months during a low-retention period.

Getting a better picture of retention indicators will greatly enhance our ability to optimize personnel programs,” Sergeant Cornelia said.

Airmen will still be authorized to re-enlist earlier than three months from their term of service expiring because of service-related requirements, such as a re-assignment and promotion.

Local military personnel flights have more information.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

## Sparks fly

**Senior Airman Aaron Herrera, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Structures Shop, uses a metal grinder to smooth the edges of a weld for a hand rail.**

# Test uniforms hit the streets

by **Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski**

*Air Force Print News*

Airmen at two bases will get a first-hand look at the proposed new utility uniform Feb. 9 when the tiger-striped blue-, green- and gray-patterned ensemble begins its wear-test phase.

Officials will deliver the distinctive uniforms to testers at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and Langley Air Force Base, Va. A uniform board official provided an update on the utility uniform and also released details about the fitness uniform.

This is the largest wear test the Air Force has done. Typically an item goes through a wear test at a maximum of three bases and 300 people. This test will be conducted at nine bases with 700 airmen participating.

“The Air Force is asking us what we need in a utility uniform and this is our opportunity to give our feedback,” said Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Dean, chief of the Air Force Uniform Board office. “One thing people should understand is that this is simply a test, nothing about the uniform is set in concrete. And that is why we need to get that feedback from the participants and via the Web site.”

The Web site is expected to be operational in April. The decision to launch the site in April was driven by a desire to allow testers time to wear the uniform. Officials also wanted others to see the testers wearing it and get the chance to ask them questions.

Sergeant Dean is asking people with constructive criticism, who have seen the actual uniform, to log on and answer the questions. Personnel officials will tally the data based on career field.

“For example, as a personnelist, I don’t wear my BDUs on a daily basis, whereas a maintainer or civil engineer

would,” Sergeant Dean said. “We need to make sure we’re looking at the right data in the right context.”

Sergeant Dean said the board will take into account valuable suggestions and opinions that are concrete and have basis.

“We need to make sure we’re not being emotional,” she said. “We need solutions.”

Some solutions are already being addressed in the new design, Sergeant Dean said.

“The best features of the uniform are the permanent-press treatment and actual sizes,” she said. “This uniform is distinctive, easy to maintain and fits better. Our current battle dress uniform comes in four sizes. The new uniform will come in actual men’s and women sizes. Men’s pants will come in sizes 28 to 48 and the shirts will come in jacket sizes 34 to 52; women’s uniforms will come in sizes 2 to 24. It’s going to provide a much better fit.”

The test includes trying out two boots, one in suede and another that is a low-polish, low-shine black leather style. The suede boot will be tested in black, charcoal gray and tan. Sergeant Dean said high-operations tempo caused senior leaders to move away from the requirement to have a high-polish shine.

After the six-month test is complete, data is collected and evaluated to determine how the uniform stood up to conditions. Comments about style, color and a variety of issues will also be taken into consideration.

Sergeant Dean also revealed details about the fitness uniform fit test and planned distribution.

“We have already developed the fitness uniform running suit, shirt and shorts,” Sergeant Dean said. “We need to do a fit test to ensure the patterns and sizes are accurate and will accommodate Air Force needs.”

# Internet voting axed

by Jim Garamone

*American Forces Press Service*

Defense Department officials are axing an Internet voting program because of concerns about security, a Pentagon spokeswoman said Feb. 6.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program, which aids Americans serving overseas in the voting process, will not use the SERVE system in November.

The acronym stands for Secure Electronic Registration and Voting Experiment.

"The department has decided not to use the SERVE program in the November elections because of our inability to ensure the legitimacy of the votes," the spokeswoman said. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz signed the memo on SERVE Jan. 30. The cancellation follows a report by four of the 10 computer security experts asked to test the system. Those four decided the system did not ensure the legitimacy of votes.

The report they issued said there were a number of ways that computer hackers could crack into the system.

Wolfowitz said he will reconsider his decision only if researchers can prove integrity can be maintained, the spokeswoman said.

The program is not new. In

the 2000 election, counties in South Carolina, Texas, Utah and Florida participated in a proof-of-concept demonstration. A total of 84 voters in 21 states and 11 countries voted in those jurisdictions. Department of Defense officials had hoped to expand the program to include about 100,000 voters.

The program was open to U.S. citizens who fall under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act. Congress mandated the program in the fiscal 2002 National Defense Authorization Act. DOD officials will seek legislative relief from the project if it is needed.

The decision does not end Internet voting research, the Pentagon spokeswoman said. Research will continue. Under the project, eligible voters would have been able to register and vote electronically via any Windows-based personal computer with Internet access from anywhere in world. Seven states had signed up for the project: Arkansas, Florida, Hawaii, North Carolina, South Carolina, Utah and Washington.

Overseas voters can still vote by regular paper ballots, or via fax. The Federal Voting Assistance Program has more information on its Web site, and servicemembers also can contact their unit voting assistance officers.



Courtesy photo

## Say ahhhhhhh

To mark Children's Dental Health Month, Staff Sgt. Lakeisha Thomas performs a simulated teeth cleaning at Pope Air Force Base, N.C.