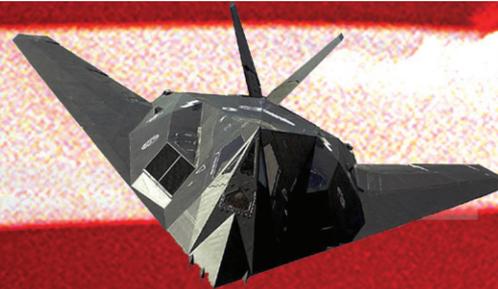


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Briefly

Congratulations

Team Holloman salutes the following first lieutenants who were promoted to captain:

John Burrows, 49th Security Forces Squadron; **Donin Helmick**, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Vikki Thompson**, 49th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron; **James Winkleski**, 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Paul Portillo**, 846th Test Squadron.

Yard of the Month

The following are the June Yard of the Month winners:

Zone 1: Tech. Sgt. Charles Hawkins, 49th SFS.

Zone 2: Senior Airman Jennifer Ochoa-Cruz, 49th AMXS.

Zone 3: Tech. Sgt. Alvin Earp, 49th Fighter Wing Military Equal Opportunity Office.

Zone 4: Lt. Col. Skip Hinman, 49th Operation Support Squadron.

Zone 5: Tech. Sgt. Timothy Peedin, 49 LRS

Zone 6: Staff Sgt. Jason Abshire, 49th Communications Squadron.

Final flight

Col. Rich Treadway, 49th Fighter Wing vice commander will touch down at 10 a.m., July 16, at hangar 301 for his retirement ceremony following his fini flight. A reception will follow at the Officers' Club.

Parking is limited at hangar 301, so visitors are encouraged to park at the Officers' Club. There will be a shuttle to the event.



Courtesy photo

Putting out the fire

Airman 1st Class Shane Rickert and Senior Airman Randall Fairbanks put out a fire after a mortar attack, which injured 11 soldiers, at Baghdad International Airport, Iraq. Airman Rickert is deployed from Holloman, and Airman Fairbanks is deployed from Barksdale Air Force Base, La.

AETC commander visits HAFB

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

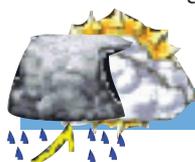
The Air Education and Training Command's top official visited Holloman June 29 and 30 to view how the 372nd Training Squadron's Detachment 10 here supports the base in training Airmen to maintain the F-117A Nighthawk.

Gen. Donald Cook toured the detachment, inspecting how the facility takes pipeline students from Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, and trains them to receive their three-level training on the upkeep of the stealth fighter. General Cook noted that training personnel is why AETC is the foundation of today's Air Force.

"If we don't recruit the right

people at the right time and get them trained in the right technical school, then our Air Force will pay," General Cook said. "Our Airmen, in terms of aptitude, are right on target for each of our different career fields. The Air Force is going at a good pace and AETC provides the right Airmen for the right job."

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High: 95
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SATURDAY



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SUNDAY



High: 95
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MONDAY

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

**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*. 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.

- Housing office*2-3981
- Housing maintenance*2-7901
- Medical clinic*2-5991
- Finance*2-5107
- Services*2-3528
- Commissary*2-5127
- Fraud, waste and abuse*2-3713
- BX*479-6164

MDG offers sports physical day

by Capt. John Ledwitch
49th Medical Group

From the backyard to the playing field, more American children than ever are competing in sports. Close to 6 million high school boys and girls take part in team sports on the courts, in pools, on fields and in gyms.

Sports help boys and girls in many ways. When a body is fit, it looks and feels better. But even more important is that fit children stay healthier as adults. With the right guidance, sport activities can promote a sense of personal satisfaction in young people.

Your provider plays a vital role in making sure that your child's sport program, whether in or out of school, gets the right results. Each young athlete presents a unique picture of health, growth, physical maturity, and knowledge of basic skills.

A complete medical exam will highlight your

child's physical strengths and weakness. The physical may help your young athlete choose the sport that will be most rewarding for him or her.

The 49th Medical Group offers appointments for sports and school physicals all year. If your children have not had a physical this year, schedule an appointment from 8 a.m. to noon, July 24. We have set this day aside for complete physicals for the upcoming school year. To make an appointment, call 572-2778 option two. Remember physicals are good for one year, and can be scheduled any time.

Sports Physicals Day
8 a.m. to noon July 24
572-2778 option two

Airman crashes on motorcycle
She tells her safety story to help other riders

by Airman 1st Class Elizabeth Riedel
49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron

Saturday morning was a great day for a ride. The sun was shining, the air was cool. So, I donned my gear, a helmet, gloves, boots, and jeans with a long sleeved shirt, and went for a ride through the back roads with a friend.

We had been riding for about twenty minutes and were out behind La Luz on one of the older back roads leading towards Tularosa. I had never been out on these roads before, so I was just following my friend and enjoying the ride.

We approached a left turn and he signaled to turn. I was only going about 35 mph, but as I got closer to

the turn, I realized that this turn was a lot sharper than it had first seemed. I needed to be going a lot slower if I was going to take this turn well.

On top of that, there was a ton of gravel all along the shoulder of the road. Here is where my inexperience started causing problems. I had only been riding for about a month, my bike was brand new. With less than 420 miles on my odometer, I wasn't prepared to react properly.

In class we are taught never brake while in a turn; I braked hard. I got scared and I locked up. After I hit the brakes, the gravel slid my tires out from under me and my bike and I both went sliding off the road.

Luckily, I was not seriously injured, just a lot of road rash and some

stitches. Also, I had another rider with me, so we were able to go get someone to take me to the hospital.

The main thing that I learned from this is that gear could have prevented all of my pain and discomfort. My knees and elbows were the only things hurt, aside from my pride and my bike.

Everyone who rides goes down at least once, or at least that's what I was told, but you can decide how much damage is done. Wear your gear, remember your classes, and know where you're riding and who you're riding with.

For more information about required safety gear and classes, contact the 49th Fighter Wing Safety Office at 572-3973.

DUI Update

Days since last DUI **7**
DUIs this year **25**
This week last year **15**

Last six DUIs

- 49 AMXS July 2
- 49 SVS June 23
- 49 OSS June 11
- 49 LRS May 16
- 49 MDG May 16
- 49 LRS* May 15

* Dependent

572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

588 Saves this year
9 Saves this week



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The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from June 28 to Tuesday.

Tickets

Security forces issued seven tickets: one for assault, one for shoplifting, one for no registration, two for no insurance, one for no license and one for failure to stop.

Property loss, damage or theft

June 28: A civilian employee reported a lost key ring with seven keys.

June 30: A family member hit a drainage pole with her privately owned vehicle at Wells Fargo bank.

- July 1: A civilian was involved in a major accident at the intersection of Mesquite and West Gate roads. The driver attempted to make a left turn onto Mesquite Road, but the vehicle was not responsive. The right front axle was pushed into the wheel and the airbags deployed. Estimated cost of damage is \$3,500.

- July 1: An NCO reported damage to his screen door at Valencia Loop.

- July 2: An Airman shoplifted cough and cold medicine from the Base Exchange. The cost of the item was \$5.25.

- July 2: Two Airmen and a civilian were charged with their involvement to damaging another Airman's vehicle. The rear passenger window of a 1997 Mazda Millennium was shattered

and there were scratches from the driver side door around the rear to the passenger side door and on the trunk.

- July 3: An NCO reported scratches to his 2000 maroon Ford Expedition. Estimated cost of the damage is \$3,000. His wife reported she scratched the vehicle which she was the primary owner.

- July 3: A family member was charged for stealing a necklace, valued at \$12, from the BX.

- July 5: An NCO reported damage at the Fitness and Sports Center.

Patrol response

- June 29: An Airman was charged with altering his military identification card and driver's license.

- June 29: Security forces found a civilian sleeping near building 2252. The civilian was sponsored on base by a family member.

- June 30: A military working dog alerted on a contractor's vehicle for possible controlled substance.

- June 30: A housing unit at Guadalupe Loop was unsecured.

- July 1: An Airman and his wife were charged with assault after a domestic dispute.

- July 1: An NCO reported a smoke smell at building 202. The fire department determined the smell was coming from the lights. No further action was taken.

- July 2: An Airman reported he was possibly drugged while in Juarez, Mexico. He accepted a drink from an unknown female.

While en route back to Holloman, he became violently ill. He experienced trouble breathing and loss of movement in his hands. He went to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Facility for further treatment.

- July 2: A civilian reported a pregnant family member was having stomach pains. She declined treatment.

- July 2: A Tops in Blue performer passed out. He was treated and released by the Ambulatory Response Element.

- July 3: An Airman was charged with altering her military ID card.

- July 3: Security forces responded to a verbal altercation/assault at Langley Court. An Airman verbally assaulted a family member, then the Airman wrapped her hands around the dependent's throat and shoved her against the wall.

Civil Arrest

- June 30: An Airman was detained by security forces and turned over to Alamogordo Department of Public Safety for aggravated assault on a household member, aggravated battery and false imprisonment.

- July 2: An NCO was arrested by Alamogordo DPS for driving while intoxicated.

Lost and found

A family is missing their yellow lab, Sugar, who has been missing since July 2. She has a maroon collar. To contact the family, call 479-9612 or call security forces.

If you know of or have any information concerning any of these incidents, 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".

General revises clothing policy in SW Asia AOR

by Staff Sgt. Todd C. Lopez
Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
Public Affairs

All Airmen deploying to the Central Command area of responsibility must now ensure the clothing they pack is in step with a recent dress and appearance policy revision now in effect.

The most significant change requires Airmen to wear either desert camouflage uniforms or physical training gear while on an Air Force installation in Southwest Asia, said Lt. Gen. Buck Buchanan, U.S. Central Command Air Forces commander.

When the Air Force physical training uniform is made available, it and DCUs will be the only authorized clothing for Airmen assigned to units in theater, unless they are specifically authorized to wear something else, the general said.

General Buchanan's new policy ensures the Airmen's attire portrays a positive military image and supports the area's force-protection posture.

"As a military community, we are increasingly taking on the role of U.S. ambassadors," General Buchanan wrote in the policy letter. "We must also ensure protection of our forces. Accordingly, I have reviewed proper order and discipline requirements and force-protection policies, in regards to dress and appearance, to ensure every possible step has been taken to portray a positive military image and to protect the personnel assigned to this command."

At Army installations in the region, the Army dress and appearance requirements, which parallel the new CENTAF policies, will be the standard for deployed Airmen.

Because the Air Force PT uniform is still in development, Airmen are authorized to wear civilian-style PT gear as long as it is conservative, professional and with only minimal and appropriate decoration. Shirts must have sleeves and be pre-

dominantly a solid color. Shorts must reach to the mid or lower thigh and can not be made of spandex, the general said.

For duty-related tasks that require civilian clothing, for military travel in and out of the theater, and for locations where Airmen are authorized to leave the installation for cultural or recreational activities, they must wear conservative clothing. The policy defines "conservative" as sleeved shirts and dress pants or jeans, which fit properly and are a solid, dark color and are in good repair. Shoes should also be conservative and sturdy. Well-maintained sneakers or hiking boots are recommended while open-toed shoes, sandals and "flip-flops" are prohibited.

The policy gives installation commanders the leeway to authorize people to wear civilian clothing for specific official duties or visits, special activities and specialized PT such as swimming, weight lifting, basketball and volleyball. The clothing authorized in these instances will be conservative as defined and posted by installation commanders.

A new policy letter specifically states that Airmen deploying to the AOR should bring only a "minimum amount of civilian clothing," defined as no more than two dress outfits and/or two casual outfits, not including standard or specialized PT gear.

"How military members present themselves both on and off duty continues to be an important part of the effect our presence has at locations across the globe," General Buchanan said. "This policy ensures our Airmen's dress and appearance give the same professional impression that their tireless accomplishment of the mission does every day. And as importantly, the conservative, low profile it creates reinforces our force-protection goals and operations in the theater."

Self Aid and Buddy Care

ACROSS

- 1. Used to hold 4
- DOWN in place
- 7. Use this acronym on unconscious person
- 10. Task to help someone not breathing, briefly
- 12. Oak starter
- 13. Type of bleeding (most dangerous)
- 16. Bo of 10
- 17. Code for Pearl Harbor attack (repeated)
- 18. Crop of a bird
- 19. Timid
- 21. Drunkard
- 22. Together with further examples, in short
- 23. Taxis
- 25. Mil. quick
- 27. Shoe size
- 29. Skating arena
- 30. Pet food manufacturer

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- 33. Long time
- 35. Pub order
- 36. Bump
- 38. Rap doctor?
- 39. Unit of resistance
- 41. Where injured personnel should go, briefly
- 42. ___ gin fizz
- 44. Experimental place?
- 45. Not many
- 46. Type of pressure applied to a bleeding wound
- 48. Pet food maker
- 51. Special tactics team for SFS
- 54. Great Lake
- 55. Last result to control bleeding
- 57. Grain; barley
- 58. South central German city
- 59. Tax examination
- 63. Chinese statesman Mao ___-tung
- 64. "The Greatest"
- 65. Dangerous state caused by pain, blood loss

- 66. He-Man's female alternate, ___-Ra
 - 67. Essential for staying hydrated, cautious using for injuries
 - 68. Calif. time
- DOWN**
- 1. Sinister
 - 2. USAF "dog fight" pilot
 - 3. Neither's partner
 - 4. Used to cover a wound
 - 5. Cruciform symbol
 - 6. What an injured person shouldn't do
 - 7. Used in a MARK I kit during a 23 DOWN
 - 8. What a heart does
 - 9. Tailmarking on a/c of 302nd AW
 - 10. ___ blanche; free reign
 - 11. Identify
 - 14. Massif in the Pennine Alps
 - 15. Item to help reduce swelling
 - 20. Animal native to Tibet
 - 23. Catastrophic events that necessitate SABC
 - 24. Short, flat, slight-headed nails

- 26. Foreign objects in bloodstream
- 28. Do to legs when treating for 65 ACROSS
- 32. ___ Lady, title of the Virgin Mary
- 33. Tokyo, formerly
- 34. Mining goal
- 35. Frankincense
- 37. Compass dir.
- 40. Jackrabbit
- 43. Unit of currency in Angola
- 45. Specialty
- 46. Pesticide banned in '70s
- 47. Type of duty?
- 48. Cash machine
- 49. Averse
- 50. Check for this on unconscious person
- 52. Burlly
- 53. Sheer machine-made net of silk; used for veils
- 56. Sultan
- 59. Cleopatra killer
- 60. Pauses
- 61. Speck
- 62. Ring result, briefly



Courtesy photo

General Donald Cook, commander of the Air Education and Training Command visited Holloman June 29.

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Along with training Airmen in the maintenance career field, Team Holloman members are supporting various deployments including a recent deployment to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. General Cook said deployments such as these are a sign of times.

“Depending on your expertise,” he said, “Air Force members will deploy for 90 to 180 days and in some cases, even a year. We all must be prepared for the shift in the air expeditionary force cycle from 90 days to 120 days.

“We are doing great work around the world to bring freedom to many countries,” the general said. “It can be painful, but it is truly the right thing to do.”

General Hal Hornburg, Air Combat Command commander, has stated that AETC prepares Airmen to do their jobs while ACC provides experienced instructors to the training command. General Cook said

General Hornburg couldn't be closer to the truth.

“The relationship between the two commands couldn't be better,” the general said. “Both commands work very closely with Air Mobility Command and Air Force Special Operations Command as well. Everybody needs to pay back to the Air Force and one way our members can do this is by doing an instructor tour in AETC. We want the very best Airmen to teach in our school houses. We are only as good as the people who train us.”

General Cook left Holloman noting that the mission here is unique and essential to the country.

“For Holloman, stealth combat takes precedence,” he said. “Between here and Whiteman Air Force Base, Kan., home of the B-2 Spirit stealth bomber, we are adapting to the mission everyday. It takes an entire wing, no matter what your mission may be, to get lethal weapons on target. No one does it better.”



Photo by Mr. Tom Fuller

On the right track

Mr. Cody Shaw backfills the new pavement while Mr. Doug Rahn rolls the fresh asphalt at the Holloman running track. Alamo Earthworks and Paving is re-surfacing the track. The new track will have a shock absorbing surface made from ground up tires. The construction is estimated to be complete on Sept. 2.

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Photo by Capt. Danny Roper

Two responders from the Holloman Fire Department carry a simulated victim from the accident scene to a triage area during the wing's MARE June 30.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jessica Thornton

The 49th Civil Engineer Readiness team performs decontamination procedures on members of the EOD entry team during the annual MARE June 30.

All in a day's work

by Senior Airman
Martha Whipple

49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Team Holloman trained for the worst June 30 during the Major Accident Response Exercise.

The 49th Fighter Wing

Plans and Inspections office teamed up with base leadership to simulate an in-flight emergency involving a C-17 AC carrying simulated nuclear munitions.

The annual nuclear munitions exercise tested the wing's ability to respond to an accident that radiation hazards may be present.

"The exercise provided valuable opportunity for many new members of the disaster control group and battle staff to familiarize them with Holloman's accident response procedures," said Mr. Wayne Paddock, 49th Fighter Wing Exercise Program manager. "Overall the exercise proceeded smoothly with each response agency clearly demonstrating its capabilities."

Left: A Holloman Fire Department responder applies direct pressure to a simulated bleeding leg wound.



Photo by Capt. Danny Roper



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jessica Thornton

A 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal entry team member checks a simulated nuclear munition for radiation hazard during the wing's MARE.

NCO rescues two people from river

by Capt. Brandon Lingle
Air Force Personnel Center
Public Affairs

When a staff sergeant from the systems programs office at the Air Force Personnel Center here went to a local river for a relaxing tubing trip recently, he was not expecting to save the lives of two people from the rain-swollen waterway.

Floating down the usually calm river on an innertube is a common pastime in nearby New Braunfels.

But a normal day on the river came to an abrupt end for Staff Sgt. Boyd Myers, a Web applications developer, when he reached the bottom of a manmade water slide portion of the river called the "Tube Chute."

"Normally the chute isn't that intense, but with the higher water it was much faster than normal," he said.

Sergeant Myers had just reached the bottom of the

chute and was caught in an eddy when he heard frantic screams from a nearby woman. Then he realized that an 8- or 9-year-old girl had fallen off her tube and was caught in the rapids.

"I saw the little girl come up for a moment, but she was knocked back under water by other tubers and then became trapped under her own tube," said the sergeant, a frequent tuber. "I will never forget the look of fear that was on her face. That's when I decided to leave my tube and try to swim through the rapids to get her."

"He dove under the water, grabbed the little girl, battled through the currents and the people, and swam her to the side," said DeAnn Little, another tuber who witnessed the rescue.

"Luckily, I was able to get to the girl by swimming underwater," Sergeant Myers said. "The current under the surface almost brought me

right to her, but I had to fight the currents to get her to the side."

Upon realizing that the girl's mother was also caught in the undertow, he swam back into the churning water to attempt to rescue her as well.

"When he got to the mother, she was panicking and basically wrapped him up," Ms. Little said. "He was somehow able to get her over to the wall too."

"Rescuing the mom was a lot more difficult," Sergeant Myers said. "I had to fight the current to get to her."

Had he not acted as he did, the little girl and possibly the mother would have drowned, Ms. Little said.

"I know that anyone would do what I did; I just happened to be there," Sergeant Myers said. "The fact that I may have helped a child to be able to play with her friends today is more reward than anything I could receive."



Photo by Capt. Brandon Lingle

Staff Sgt. Boyd Myers revisits the river in New Bransfels, Texas, where he rescued a mother and daughter from its rapids. He is a Web applications developer at the Air Force Personnel Center at nearby Randolph Air Force Base.



Photo by Senior Airman Martha Whipple

The Holloman Hero submission form is now online.

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

www.mil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html

Holloman Hero

Senior Airman Asher Norwood

49th Communications Squadron

Duty title: Assistant NCOIC, communications focal point

Time in service: Seven years and seven months

Time at Holloman: One year and two months

Hometown: Chicago

Personal and career goals:

My personal and career goals are to finish my bachelor's degree and apply for law school.

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

The Air Force has afforded me the opportunity to be a year out from obtaining my bachelor's degree. The Air Force has taught me what it means to have perseverance. No matter what life brings my way, I have to be determined to make it to my goal and accomplish it with excellence.

Why is serving important to you?

The Air Force has been one of the most powerful and impacting parts of my life for two reasons. I have seen just how much we mean to those in less

fortunate countries who only dream to have the freedoms that we so apathetically take for granted. Second, there is not a day that goes by that I don't see my family and think "I would die to ensure their safety." This is why serving has taken on such new meaning for me.

Core value portrayed: "Service before Self"

Norwood has become an integral part of the communications focal point after only a few months on the job. By becoming my go-to-person for weekly communications status briefings, he provides in-depth information for all of wing leadership. Norwood displays his commitment to excellence on a daily basis through professional customer service to all Team Holloman members and through his constant dedication in pursuit of his bachelor's degree.

– Lt. Col. Alford Cockfield
49th Communications Squadron commander

Techno expo

The Alamogordo Public School hosts the annual Technology ReBoot Camp from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., August 2 – 5 at Mountain View Middle School, 300 South Canyon Road.

For more information, call 439-3270 extension 151.

Keystone news

Holloman's Keystone Club has a Summer Youth Olympics July 30 and 31 at the Fitness and Sports Center. The event is a joint project with the Boys and Girls Club of America and Nickelodeon to tackle the issue of youth obesity.

The event will have an opening ceremony and an awards banquet on July 31. A National Kids Day will be 1 to 4 p.m. July 31. Olympic competitions include track and field, swimming, gymnastics, BMX racing, skateboarding and much more.

Youth can sign up for the Olympics at the Youth and Teen Center by July 16. Cost is \$5 and includes the price of a T-shirt. The Keystone Club also needs volunteers for judging, setup, and activities.

For information, call Ms. Matrice Adger at 921-2231 or Mr. Dan Salinas at 572-3753.

Road closure

Due to the re-routing and widening of 49er Road, there will be a road closure on Arizona Avenue from First Street to Arnold Avenue.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Stacy Nimmo, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron, at 572-3066.

B On the
IG SCREEN

The Day After Tomorrow
(PG-13)

6 and 9 p.m., Today

Shrek 2 (PG)

6 and 9 p.m., Saturday

Raising Helen (PG-13)

6 p.m., Saturday

Tickets are 99 cents.



Photo by Mr. Tom Fuller

Bottoms up

La Donna Bussel cools of Bea, nine months, with a drink of water during the Holloman Independence Day Celebration July 2 at the Fitness and Sports Center.

Wiccan/Pagan

A Wiccan/Pagan informational meeting is at noon Saturday at the community center.

For more information about the organization, call Staff Sgt. Megan Savitt at 572-1554.

Assessment

The U.S. Air Force Draft Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact, which analyze a proposal to inactivate the 20th Fighter Squadron here, are available for review at the Alamogordo Public Library, the base library, at the 49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office and online at www.cevp.com.

Chapel Services

Weekday Masses – 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.

- General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.

- Protestant Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., and Catholic Religious Education, 10:45 a.m. at Holloman Intermediate School.

Chapel: 572-7211.

DoD expands anthrax, smallpox vaccination

by **Gerry J. Gilmore**
American Forces Press Service

More U.S. servicemembers, including those serving in South Korea, will be vaccinated against smallpox and anthrax, the Defense Department's senior medical adviser said June 30.

The availability of additional smallpox and anthrax vaccine will allow for vaccinating all servicemembers assigned to U.S. Central Command, and many serving in U.S. Pacific Command, said Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. This includes troops assigned in South Korea.

Dr. Winkenwerder said he could not provide the numbers of troops affected by the policy change, other than saying "tens

of thousands" would be vaccinated. The policy change, he said, was not precipitated by a definite threat increase.

"There is no substantial change to the threat situation," Dr. Winkenwerder said, explaining the increased availability of both vaccines "will provide an additional layer of protection" for servicemembers.

Central Command troops deployed to the Afghanistan and Iraq theaters of operation had been vaccinated against smallpox and anthrax, Dr. Winkenwerder said, but now "all personnel in Central Command" will receive both vaccinations.

Servicemembers serving in selected areas of PACOM, including South Korea, also will receive the anthrax and small-

pox vaccines, Dr. Winkenwerder said.

The cost of administering more smallpox and anthrax shots will run into "the tens of millions of dollars," Dr. Winkenwerder said, but the program would not strain his \$30 billion overall budget.

Medical studies, Dr. Winkenwerder said, have shown that administration of the vaccines poses little threat to servicemembers' health. Since June 2002, the Defense Department has vaccinated more than 750,000 troops against anthrax. That number, he said, increases to an aggregate of more than 1 million if vaccinations administered since 1998 are factored in. Since December 2002, he said, more than 625,000 troops received smallpox vaccinations.

49 MDG seeks patient insurance information

by **Senior Airman Martha Whipple**
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 1991 National Defense Appropriation Act, enables military treatment facilities to bill third party health insurance carriers for the cost of medical care furnished to dependents and retirees covered by civilian health insurance companies, except Medicare and TRICARE. MTFs are required to bill for services provided, such as inpatient stays, and clinical visits. This also includes prescriptions, radiology and laboratory tests requested by civilian providers.

Public law requires that MTFs ask non-active duty patients to determine if they have insurance. The clinic uses the *Third Party Collection Program-Record of Other Health Insurance*, or DD Form 2569, to collect this information during appointments whether you have insurance or not.

The original form is kept in outpatient records and only has to be filled out once a year or when the information changes. People must also pass their insurance information to the TRIWEST office at 479-4500, option five.

While other health insurance coverage is not necessary for TRICARE-eligible patients, reporting health insurance coverage also does not reduce or limit your access to any type of care. There will be absolutely no preferential treatment based on the type of policy or existence of other health insurance coverage.

Patients will not be billed by the MTF for the deductible or any balance remaining after the insurance company pays. In fact, reporting insurance information during MTF visits may satisfy most insurance company's annual deductible without out-of-pocket expense to the patient. This can represent significant savings if you require future treatment in a civilian facility within the specified year.

Providing this information also helps the clinic improve health care services and facilities. The money from insurance collections is used for medical equipment, supplies, renovations and continuing health education.

If you have questions concerning the Third Party Collection Program, please call the Business Operations and Beneficiary Support Flight at 572-5744.

Housing: Commitment to our Airmen

The following is a message from Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff:

The foundation of our Air Force is our people. Caring for them and their families remains one of our highest priorities. One way we're making good on that commitment is by providing safe and affordable housing. We are committed to providing our Airmen the quality of housing that is commensurate with the society they protect. Though privatization, increases in the basic allowance for housing (BAR), and a new dorm standard, we are combating the problems of inadequate housing. There is a myth that the new ways of doing business mean that we have abandoned our commitment of ensuring all Air Force members have access to adequate and affordable housing. Let me assure you that nothing is further from the truth.

Secretary Roche and I are committed to ensuring all Air Force members have access to safe, adequate and affordable housing either in the local community or on our installations.

Providing housing options in the local community is our first target. Since 2000, we have reduced the average out of pocket expenses for members from 18.9% of the cost of housing to 3.5% through annual increases in BAR. We are on track to eliminate these out-of-pocket expenses by next year. These out-of-pocket expenses affect many of the nearly 60 percent of Air Force families who live off base. Through these increases to BAR, you will have a wider range of affordable housing options in the local community.

We are also aggressively targeting the problem of inadequate housing on base. At the beginning of this fiscal year, there were 40,000 inadequate military family housing units, but we plan to eliminate these through partnerships with private developers and military construction projects. Through a process we call privatization, we partner with private developers who will build and main-

tain housing units for Air Force families. These partnership arrangements allow us to provide quality homes more quickly than we can through traditional military constructions. As of today, we have already built 4,934 new homes through privatization. By 2007, we will have eliminated all inadequate housing units in the CONUS, and two years later, we will have eliminated inadequate units overseas. Secretary Roche and I view the increased use of privatization key to meeting these goals so we are working with private developers when it makes sense to do so. In cases where privatization is neither feasible nor cost effective, we will use traditional military construction programs. We also tripled our investment in Air Force-owned housing and improved the size standards to ensure our base homes are comparable in size and quality to homes available in the area.

Although we may use developers to construct, maintain and operate family housing, we have not outsourced our responsibility for the welfare of our families. We have been and always will be committed to providing the best available housing options for our members — but our methods for achieving this goal have changed. These new methods provide greater flexibility to satisfy our housing needs. Increases in BAR provide our members greater flexibility to find housing off base. For base housing requirements, privatization provides us greater flexibility to build and renovate quality units, while ensuring the contractors are responsive to the needs of residents. Currently, we have privatized over 6,000 units, and have a very high rate of resident satisfaction. Over the next three years, we plan to privatize a total of 45,000 units. In many cases, the privatized housing is on base property, or just outside the base, making it as convenient as traditional base housing. Privatization is one tool that enables us to provide qual-

ity housing to meet your needs.

We are equally committed to providing a quality living environment for our young unaccompanied Airmen. We currently have a shortage of nearly 2,400 rooms, but we are making great strides in filling that gap. From fiscal year 1996 through this year, we have spent \$1.3 billion in military construction money for new dormitories, and we plan to spend an additional \$735 million over the next five years. With this money, we will eliminate our room deficit and develop an improved room standard called Dorms-4-Airmen. This improved design provides a larger living/sleeping area and a private bathroom in each room. In addition, the new design improves social interaction by connecting four living/sleeping areas to a large living room and kitchen. Each living room/kitchen area will also have a washer/dryer available to the four occupants. We are also addressing dormitories for technical training. Currently we have a technical training dorm deficit of over 29%, with 40% of our existing technical training dorms having three students in rooms designed for two. However, this deficit will be eliminated by 2009, as we build new dorms each year for the next five years. We have already completed construction of eight new technical training dorms in the last five years and have three new dorms under construction today.

Even as we fight the war on terrorism, we have not lost focus on the importance of quality of life for our Airmen. Providing adequate housing allows Airmen to focus on the mission, knowing that their families have a safe place to live. Ours is the greatest Air Force in the world because of the remarkable people we attract and retain. The old adage that "we recruit individuals, we retain families" has never been more true. I'm proud of the progress we have made in our housing program as we strive to make it worthy of the outstanding for those who make our Air Force the world's best.



Courtesy photo

Left to right: Senior Airman Mark W. Smith, Ms. Susan Daughtery, Senior Master Sgt. Gary Smith, Airman 1st Class Tiffany Smith Woods and Staff Sgt. Tom Woods are part of an Air Force family with a deeply-rooted history in the service.

Air Force family serves through four generations

by Mr. Robert Smith
Retired Air Force serviceman

Back in 1918 when Leon G. Smith of Flint, Mich. enlisted in the Air Arm of the Signal Corps, he had no idea he was starting anything unusual or was to be involved in anything of an unusual nature during his life.

He worked at Ft. Monmouth, N.J., with Dr. deForest as a member of his drafting team on electronic design. He was in on several firsts in his life with the Air Arm of the Signal Corps. He was to oversee the first permanent installation of a radio in an aircraft. He installed it in the front seat cockpit of a Standard Bi-plane.

It included welding the case in the airframe structure of the aircraft, cutting an approximately six inch buttonhole in the fabric in the bottom of the aircraft, through which to feed the antenna, and also modifying a hand-cranked generator by removing the generator and substituting a pulley for the generator and winding 250 feet

of wire on the pulley and tying a lead weight to the end of the antenna wire so it would pay-out into the wind beneath the aircraft

Mr. Smith had five children of which three served in World War II from 1943 until 1946. The oldest, Dr. Arthur L. Smith, DDS was a B-24 pilot with the 450th Bomb Group of the 15th Air Force, better known as the Cottontails.

He was shot down over the Ploesti Oil Fields and was a prisoner of war for about eight months. He was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross, two Air Medals and a Purple Heart.

The next son, corporal Mark W. Smith, was a cadet when they closed the program and he became a clerk typist and a hydraulics specialist in Propellers during the war.

The third son, Sgt. Robert G. Smith also joined the Air force and was a member of the first class to graduate from the Crash-Rescue and Firefighting School at Lowry Air Force Base, Texas in January 1947. He also worked

civil service for 24 years in Audio-Visual Services at Sheppard and Holloman Air Force bases.

An unusual thing happened upon the death of the second son, Mark, in March 2004, when at his funeral the honor guard was made up of his son, Senior Master Sgt. Gary L. Smith, his grandson Senior Airman Mark J. Smith,, his granddaughter Airman 1st Class Tiffany Smith Woods, and her husband, Staff Sgt. Tom Woods, and all family members, who did the flag ceremony during the graveside service for him at Ft. Logan National Cemetery, Colo. Gary has recently retired from active duty as a Crash-Rescue Firefighter and Assistant Chief of the Fire Service at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

This is a four generation Air Force Family that fully expects that there will be more who will be serving sometime in the future.

The family, including its ancestors, has served in every war in the history of the United States.

Taking care of their own:

Airmen donate \$6.7 million

Airmen have given more than \$6.7 million to this year's Air Force Assistance Fund campaign, \$800,000 more than last year.

The fund raises money for four Air Force-related charities that benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired Airmen, surviving spouses and families.

"The 2004 campaign raised more money than any other since 1989 when we had twice as many people in the Air Force," said John Lowrance, project officer for the campaign. "The generous gifts donated by our active-duty, Guard, Reserve and retired members shows a real appreciation for the help these charities provide our Air Force family."

This year's campaign was helped by 18,000 new contributors. About 71 percent of donations are designated for the Air Force Aid Society, the largest of the four charities, Mr. Lowrance said.

"It's great news that this year's AFAP campaign was the most successful in years, and as a result, lots of Airmen and their families will benefit from these generous contributions," said retired Lt. Gen. Mike McGinty, Air Force Aid Society's CEO. "Once again it proves that Gen. Hap Arnold's 'Airmen-helping-Airmen' philosophy lives on in today's Air Force."

Airmen can contribute to one or more AFAP charities through cash, check or payroll deduction. Besides the Air Force Aid Society, charities include the Air Force Enlisted Foundation, the Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

This was the 31st year for the campaign. For more information on the AFAP, visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund and scroll down to the AFAP section. (AFPN)

Overseas returnee quarterly assignment listing available Tues.

The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for overseas returnees and CONUS mandatory movers for November 2004 to January 2005 requirements will be available Tuesday.

Individuals need to work through their military personnel flights to update their preferences by July 29. Airmen will be notified of their selection by mid-August.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements, by Air Force Spe-

cialty Code and rank. Members are instructed to review, prioritize and update their assignment preferences based on the EQUAL list.

People can view the lists on the AFPC home page at

<https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm> or the MPF at 572-7277. Those on temporary duty during the advertising period can contact the nearest personnel office for assistance.

