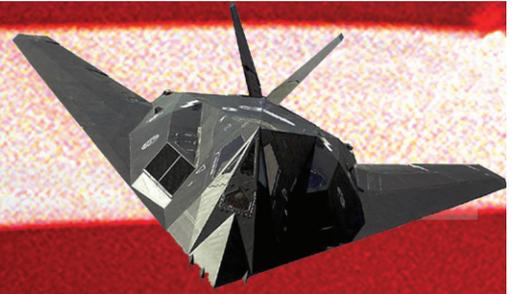


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Briefly

Cub Scout party

Cub Scout Pack 124 will have a registration pool party for boys in first to fifth grades from 9 p.m. to midnight, today at the base pool.

A parent must attend with the child.

For more information, call 479-9744.

JAG office closed

The Legal Office will be closed from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., today.

For emergencies, call the on-call JAG at 430-6401.

Claims closed

The claims office will be closed for end of year processing from Sept. 13 to 20. New claims will not be accepted during this time. However, if a claim is at its two-year mark, it will be accepted. If this is the case, contact the claims office for immediate assistance.

The office will continue to accept Department of Defense Forms 1840, pink forms.

For more information, call 572-3625.

Oktoberfest

The Oktoberfest is from 3 to 11:30 p.m., Oct. 16.

Tickets are available at the Outdoor Recreation Center, Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce, Otero Federal Credit Union and White Sands Mall.

For more information, call 572-2612 or 572-6159.

Maintainers train at Kunsan

by Master Sgt. Val Gempis
Air Force Print News

Wearing chemical warfare gear is nothing new for F-117A Nighthawk maintainers from the 49th Maintenance Squadron. Airmen from the 49th Fighter Wing have been to almost every "hot spot" in the world supporting Air Force global missions.

About 300 Airmen and their stealth aircraft from Holloman are currently deployed at Kunsan Air Base, South Korea, as part of an air and space expeditionary force rotation to the Pacific region.

The deployment is giving the Airmen a firsthand look at where they someday may have to fight. Master Sgt. Lyle Gillogly, an aircraft section chief, is paying attention to his surroundings as he surveys the flightline through his gas mask.

"This is a rare opportunity for us to participate in wartime training in a place where we might

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Photo by Master Sgt. Val Gempis

Staff Sgt. Brian Hennard, 49th Maintenance Squadron crew chief, conducts an end of runway check on an F-117A Nighthawk stealth fighter at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. About 300 Airmen from Holloman are currently deployed to Kunsan supporting AEF operations in the Pacific Region.

CFC kicks off at Holloman AFB

by Senior Airman
Martha Whipple
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Holloman's Combined Federal Campaign kicks off to raise donations for various charities Sept. 15.

"The Combined Federal Campaign is a great way to help organizations at Holloman, in the local community

and worldwide," said 2nd Lt. Denny Shofner, wing project officer. "Practically every Air Force member and federal employee can find a charity that directly impacts his life or his families' lives."

The results of their donations are seen at the Youth and Teen Center, the D.A.R.E program and 13 other local charities.

CFC dollars help reduce the cost for some of the programs offered by the center, thus improving the quality of life for youth and their families.

The money also allows the Youth and Teen Center to offer a low-rate membership fee of \$1 per month. The Youth and Teen Center offers a

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High: 95
Low: 64
TODAY



High: 95
Low: 64
SATURDAY



High: 88
Low: 60
SUNDAY



High: 90
Low: 62
MONDAY

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

Importance of voting — the power of your vote

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

Around the world, the Airmen of our United States Air Force continue to make a difference. From the collapse of the Soviet Union and Desert Storm more than a decade ago to our global planning and execution of air and space power today, Airmen have done more than their part for our nation. In the coming months, we need to make a difference in another way. We all need to exercise the privilege only enjoyed by free nations — the privilege of voting.

Most of you have been deployed in an Air Expeditionary Force since you have been in the Air Force. You have seen our way of life compared to others in troubled parts of the world. While we as Americans are not without our problems and issues, if all the borders of all the nations of the world were open to all people, where do you think most would choose to reside? There is little doubt that it would be in the Land of the Free.

There have been many books written in recent years about our founding fathers — the men who wrote the powerful words that forged a new nation. In our Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson penned a phrase that is the cornerstone of our democratic institutions and makes us unique among nations. He wrote, "Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just power from the consent of the governed." It is this idea of the "Consent of the Governed" that empowers each of us in the form of our vote.

Many of us have experienced some obstacles to voting while serving in the armed forces. The absentee voting system has traditionally been fraught with challenges, but we have been working hard to minimize the red tape. With Airmen and their families serving around the globe, many suffer from delays in mail service — another obstacle to reg-

istering and voting. Our leadership in the Department of Defense has worked with the U.S. Postal Service to give priority to voting materials in the mail system. To facilitate the voting process, we have also created a user-friendly voting link called "Airmen Votes" on our Air Force Link Web site for you and your families to use. The "Airmen Votes" icon on the Air Force Link Web site, www.af.mil, will guide you to all the information you need to register to vote, file an absentee ballot request, and send in an absentee ballot. In most cases, all you need to do is fill out a postcard and mail it in. Guidance is available for all states and territories and for those Airmen living overseas. Your family members who are eligible to vote can use this web link as well, including children away from home while attending school. If you still have questions, contact your Voting Assistance Officers — they are available to address your voting questions or concerns. We want to make voting as easy as possible.

The Secretary of the Air Force, Dr. Jim Roche, and I are dedicated to ensuring every eligible Airman has the opportunity to vote. As Airmen we have all taken an oath to support and defend the Constitution that guarantees our right to vote. As a nation we accept divergence of opinion and candidates with different views. I encourage you to avail yourself of the right to vote for candidates and on the issues of your choice. No other single act is so fundamental to our form of Government. Please register. Please vote.

I urge you to exercise your right to vote. If there was any doubt that every vote counts, past presidential elections have proved that it does! Just a few votes can decide the outcome of an election. As we pave the way for democratic governments in Afghanistan and Iraq, it is only fitting that we provide an example of democracy in action by engaging in

the democratic process at home. We protect democracy through our military duty and service to our country, but we also protect democracy when we vote. Democracy only works when people fulfill their obligation to cast their ballot.

This year, Americans will have the opportunity once again to exercise that right by going to the polls to vote for the President and Vice President, members of Congress, as well as thousands of local officials. Even if you are stationed far from your home of record, you can vote through the absentee ballot process. This is true whether you are stationed one state away or deployed to another country.

The absentee voting process is not without problems, but we are working to minimize them. As a result of America's global posture, many of our Airmen deployed in combat environments and other locations do not receive timely mail services. The Department of Defense has coordinated efforts with the U.S. Postal Service in order to better serve these members and their voting needs.

Secretary Roche and I are dedicated to ensuring every eligible Airman has the opportunity to vote. Historically, Airmen lead the public at large in exercising this fundamental right and duty of citizenship. We'd like to see this trend continue. To this end, voter assistance officers reside within each of your units who are responsible for answering your questions about elections and facilitating the voting process.

Voting is now easier than it has ever been before. If you'd like to register to vote or get information on voting procedures then access <http://www.fvap.gov>. This Web page provides simple instructions on what to do. In most cases, all you need to do is fill out a post card and mail it in. Guidance is available for all states and for those Airmen living overseas. Furthermore, contact your voting

assistance officers — these people are available to address your voting questions or concerns.

We all have an important voice that should be heard and heeded by our government. When we go to the polls, we can express our views through the democratic process. As members of the world's greatest Air Force, we labor so that others may vote; let's make sure we exercise that same right. See you at the polls!



DUI Update

Days since last DUI	3
DUIs this year	29
This week last year	16

Last six DUIs

- 49 AMX Aug. 24
- 49 GAF Aug. 7
- 49 SFS July 25
- 746 TS July 18
- 49 AMXS July 2
- 49 SVS June 23

* Dependent

572-RIDE works!

Calls made are lives saved

661 Saves this year
11 Saves this week



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Our unique language

by Master Sgt.
Greg Henneman
49th Fighter Wing historian

Serving in the United States Armed Forces is a unique and special calling. Although we may not consciously consider it, we are the continuation of more than 225 years of American military service and sacrifice. Our uniform, traditions and history set us apart as members of the profession of arms.

Similar to other professions, Airmen speak a unique and distinctive language. Like most things we do, the words we use are more than just a distinctive way of saying things—they are rooted in our military heritage.

Many of our Air Force-specific terms come from the First World War, as canvas skinned biplanes engaged in battles over no-mans land. *Sortie* is one of the most common words heard around any air force base. Initially, pilots would depart on what was called “a mission.” However, American Airmen adopted the term *sortie* from the French, “to go out.” To this day, a single aircraft taking off is called a *sortie*. Other common words such as *ace*, *joystick*, *nosedive* and *dogfight* were originally coined during the first air war.

While many words originate from the early days of aviation, others predate the history of our nation. For example, the first use of the word *cockpit* came from the sport of cockfighting and dates back to the 1580s. Shortly thereafter, the word naturally attained a connotation as being related to any scene of grisly combat. Beginning around 1700, the term *cockpit* referred to a compartment below decks on a naval vessel. This sense of the word, as an often confined space used for control purposes, was first applied to aircraft around 1914.

Airman is one of the more contemporary terms in our vocabulary, officially adopted by the Air Force in 1952. However,



Courtesy photo

Lt. Col. Tim Auer prepares for a sortie in the cockpit of an F-117A. The terms lieutenant colonel, cockpit and sortie are deeply-rooted in military history.

the title dates back to the World War II sacrifices of bomber crews, many of whom trained at Alamogordo Army Air Field, who went on to give their lives over the skies of Europe and the Pacific.

Like many of our military traditions, the moniker *sergeant* (Latin for *serveant*) came from the British military. While the British have used the word since the 13th Century, *sergeants* served at the core of American service since the US Army and Marine Corps adopted the title in 1775.

Titles for officers also carry centuries old histories. From the French, the word *lieutenant* literally means “placeholder,” as lieutenants traditionally stood in place for se-

nior officers. The rank of *colonel* carries a French spelling, but a Spanish pronunciation, which explains why the title sounds different than it looks on paper. The senior commander of a large war-fighting unit, *general*, comes from the Latin *generalis*, which means pertaining to a whole unit. Appropriately, in 1775, General George Washington became the first person in the United States to receive this prestigious title.

Our unique military language has developed over many centuries and is a testament to our cultural heritage. The continued use of distinctive words and titles not only shows the respect we have for each other, but also honors the service of those who came before us.

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have to come back and fight a real war," he said. "We can't duplicate this training back home."

"We're learning how to operate overseas," said Staff Sgt. Alex Brown, a crew chief. "It's better to find out the problems now than during a real-world deployment."

After two weeks of orientation and familiarization, the Airmen participated in a week-long exercise to practice defending South Korea against an attack.

"We're learning how to fit in the big structure of Kunsan. This gives us a chance to work in a completely different environment instead of just the desert of New Mexico," said Chief Master Sgt. David Creech, a maintenance superintendent.

One of their biggest adjustments is the weather, the Airmen said. Adjusting from a hot, dry summer to a moderate temperature with extreme humidity takes time. Although working outdoors can be unbearable, it has not stopped the maintainers from doing their jobs.

The F-117 stealth aircraft

take off daily to conduct training over the South China Sea, leaving behind maintenance crews to hone their skills in their temporary home.

Airmen conduct daily inspections, functional checks, troubleshooting and repairs on general, propulsion and pneudraulics systems of the F-117 to ensure the planes fly safely and on time. They also launch, recover and generate aircraft to meet exercise or war-readiness taskings.

Working away from home has allowed the Airmen to build relations with the base F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft maintainers. Because F-16 maintainers are also qualified to work on F-117s, a number of Airmen who used to be in New Mexico are stationed here.

"I started calling this place 'Little Holloman,'" said Master Sgt. Gerald Bies, Holloman's lead production superintendent.

He said knowing people here has made their job a little bit better.

"I just call my friends at the maintenance group if I need help fixing my planes," Sergeant Bies said.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. James Hart

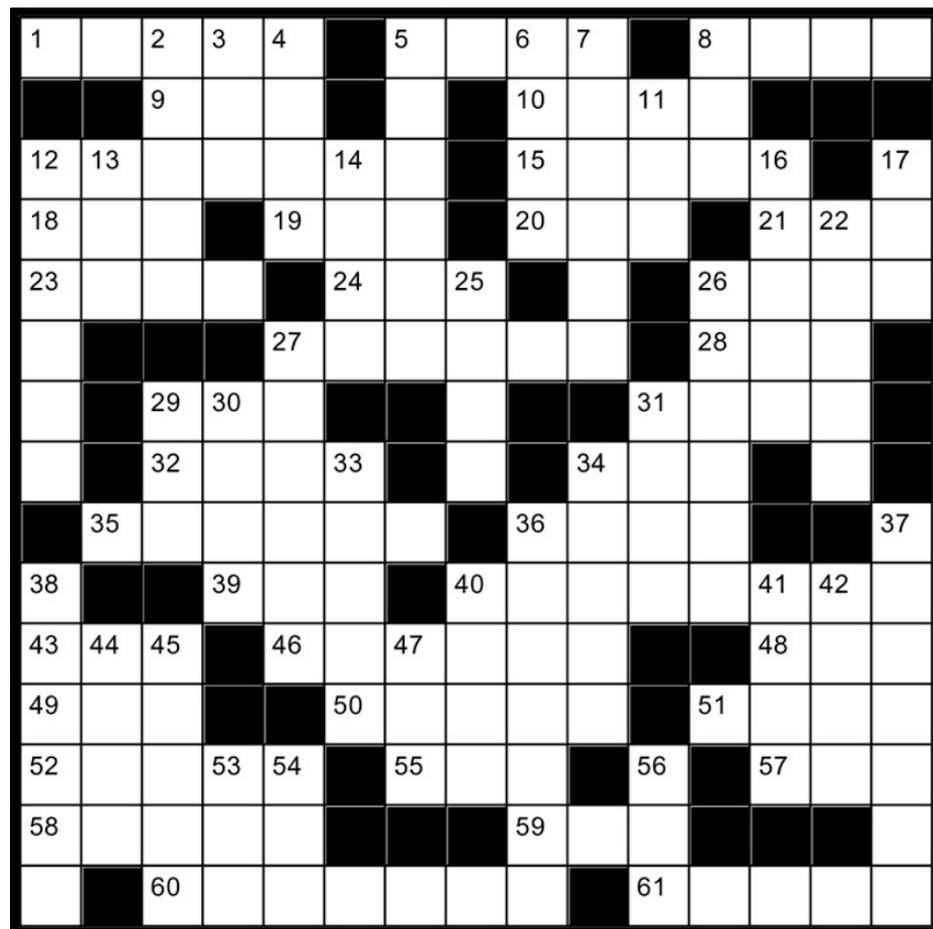
Clowning around

Shell Bell the clown plays with 2-year-old Annie James. Annie and more than 200 people enjoyed a free day at the zoo Saturday. Each family of deployed members received a gift from Family Services. Activities at the Zoo Day included the Jumping Jupiter, face painting and musical chairs.

In the field ...

ACROSS

- 1. Part of discipline to avoid enemy attention (AFMAN 10-100)
- 5. Used to prevent openings, as in doors or vaults
- 8. Vest worn by deployed troops
- 9. Father
- 10. X marks the spot?
- 12. Item worn by food preparer
- 15. Swears
- 18. Bother
- 19. Model Carol
- 20. Attention, with regard to loved ones, briefly
- 21. Field ration, in brief
- 23. Duty, in the Navy
- 24. Body of water
- 26. Dues
- 27. Anchorage
- 28. Popular Algerian music form
- 29. Air carrier, briefly
- 31. Euphemism for d---d
- 32. Singing group Kingston
- 34. Tag carried by deployed military people
- 35. Deployment positions for troops to depart
- 36. Mountain lion
- 39. Each
- 40. Bags given to deploying troops
- 43. Center of a hurricane
- 46. North or South state?
- 48. Fuel type, in short
- 49. Actor Stephen of "Michael Collins"
- 50. Links southwest Asia with northeast Africa
- 51. Indian princess
- 52. Impudent
- 55. Capture, as in crooks
- 57. Sault ___ Marie
- 58. French pancake
- 59. Backtalk slang



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- 60. Deployment bathroom site
- 61. Escape capture from the enemy
- 25. Competent
- 26. Thrifty
- 27. Saluted
- 29. To the ___ degree; infinity
- 30. Covering
- 31. Maple Leaf enforcer Tie
- 33. Tall annual plants used in soups and stews
- 34. Sheikdom of eastern United Arab Emirates
- 36. Type of water deployed troops should drink
- 37. Deployment necessity to prevent illness and improve morale
- 38. Deployment team that handles Personnel Accountability Kits
- 40. "___ Lisa"
- 41. Retirement accts.
- 42. Made of canvas fabric over support poles (GP)
- 44. 365 equals 1
- 45. Art stand
- 47. Relative
- 53. Health resort
- 54. Still
- 56. Mock

DOWN

- 2. Dolt
- 3. Acronym for rescuing downed pilots
- 4. American poet ___ Saint Vincent Millay
- 5. Part of discipline to avoid enemy attention (AFMAN 10-100)
- 6. Talk
- 7. Material in helmets of deployed troops
- 8. Limited
- 11. Mythical bird with huge size and strength
- 12. Protect shelters against weapons
- 13. Oklahoma town
- 14. Italian-born fashion designer Schiaparelli
- 16. Slander
- 17. Pay statement needed for deployment, briefly
- 22. Needed to control horse



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from Aug. 17 to Monday.

Tickets

Security forces issued 16 tickets: one for failure to stop, two for careless driving, one for failure to signal left, three for no proof of insurance, one for limitations on backing, one for failure to obey a police officer, one for no proof of registration, five for speeding one to 10 mph over the speed limit and one for speeding 11 to 15 mph over the speed limit.

Property loss, damage or theft

- Aug. 19 – There was a minor accident between two privately owned vehicles

when a driver turned into a parking space and hit a parked car in the parking lot of building 15.

- Aug. 19 – There was a minor accident when a driver parked his government-owned vehicle on an incline in the parking lot of building 21811. The vehicle wasn't secured properly and it rolled and hit the building, causing a dent in the wall.

- Aug. 19 – There was a minor accident between two POVs at the Base Exchange.

- Aug. 23 – There was a minor accident between two POVs on Edwards Court.

Patrol response

- Aug. 21 – An NCO was issued an Article 31 for assault. He was accused of calling another NCO's family member racial names and giving her the middle finger.

- Aug. 22 – An anonymous caller reported a domestic disturbance on Eddy Loop.

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year-round program that provides social, educational, cultural and recreational activities, which maintain and improve mental and physical well-being of Holloman's youth.

"By continuing to receive donations through the CFC, we can better serve the youth of our community by offering some programs free to a limited number of youth," said Mr. Dan Salinas. "The Youth and Teen Center is grateful for all CFC donations. Today's youth are our nation's future leaders, and we must do everything possible to assist them in preparing to become our future leaders."

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education program also received \$560 last year from the CFC.

The money helps us educate Team Holloman about drugs," said Staff Sgt. Freda Page, DARE officer. The donations are used to purchase supplies for instruction like student workbooks, stickers,

pens, key chains and other reminders to keep our youth away from drugs.

For members who wish to donate, but aren't sure what charity, the CFC has an undesignated money fund which is distributed to the local charities.

The CFC is an avenue for Holloman members and federal workers of Southeast New Mexico to donate to charity. Holloman is part of the Southeast New Mexico CFC, which includes Otero, Lincoln, Chaves, Eddy and Lea counties.

An executive order made the CFC a reality and turned an innovative idea into a uniquely effective way for federal employees to help those in need across the community and around the world.

For more information, contact a Combined Federal Campaign squadron representative or the wing project officer at 572-5033.

Airman selected for PJ

by Airman 1st Class
Stephen Collier

49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A 49th Security Forces Squadron member was selected for pararescue training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas Aug. 20.

Senior Airman Bray Danner, security forces patrolman, was selected for the three-month indoctrination course, which will test his physical and mental abilities in a stressful environment.

Airman Danner will leave for Lackland in January to begin his training. After completing the indoctrination course, he will begin 18 months of training including combat diver school in Key West, Fla., and field tactics and medicine training at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

He will also conduct training at various other schools including airborne training and survival, evasion, resistance and escape school.

Airman Danner said he joined the Air Force to become a "PJ"

but wanted to make sure the military was for him.

"Security forces is a challenging career field," he said. "It keeps me motivated and has allowed me to further explore my interest of search and rescue missions."

Before enlisting, Airman Danner taught professional scuba diving, became an emergency medical technician and took on a liking for extreme sports. He said this inspired him to get into search and rescue.

"Pararescue encompasses everything I'm interested in, including scuba diving, sky diving, mountain biking and the medical aspect of saving lives," he said. "For PJs, when it comes to a mission, they don't worry about the politics or the reasons why we are at war. All they know is that there is someone in trouble and they need to be brought home."

Airman Danner's preparations for PJ school began in 2001 with calisthenics, endurance drills and water maneuvers six days a week

to simulate some of the training that will be required of him at the Lackland school. During a deployment to Kuwait that same year, Airman Danner suffered a set back that almost cost him his dream.

"While doing squats, I suffered a hernia that set me back six months in training," he said. "I kept thinking to myself how long it would take me to recover. I didn't want to go home early because I wanted to finish out my tour. Luckily, it was a repairable injury."

As January approaches, Airman Danner said he remains positive in loom of the PJ school.

"You have to look at the end result of what you're doing and the lifestyle you want," he said. "In the military, we live a different lifestyle. Being a PJ is more intense and more high-paced. I keep telling myself it's the job I want to do; where I can affect people's lives and know I can make a difference. That's what gets me out of bed in the morning."



Photo by Ms. Crystal Bender

Fair winner

Ms. Sharon O'Nan, a student at the Consolidated Skills Center since September, won first place in ceramics at the Otero County Fair Aug. 18. Judges also chose a hand-thrown horse hair pot Ms. O'Nan made at the skills center as best piece in all the ceramic divisions.

NCO retraining

The Air Force has announced the start of the 2005 NCO retraining program. The 2005 NCORP aims to retrain approximately 1,098 NCOs from AFSCS with overages to shortage AFSCS. The voluntary phase of the program will run through Sept. 30.

For more information, call the MPF at 572-5047.

Scholar program

The OLMSTED Scholar Program provides the opportunity for active duty members to study abroad, obtain a master's degree in a foreign language and gain an in-depth understanding of the history and social, political, cultural and economic characteristics of a foreign country.

The OLMSTED nomination board is scheduled for Nov. 17. Headquarters AFPC must receive applications no later than Oct. 15. Interested officers should mail their application directly to HQ AFPC/DPAPDE, 550 C Street West, Suite 32, Randolph Air Force Base, 78150. Officers must submit the ADSC statement of agreement IAW AFI 36-2107 with their package. Application procedures can be obtained from the officer developmental education Web site <http://afpc.randolph.af.mil/pme>, by calling the military personnel flight at 572-5047 or Mr. Ray Ontiveros at 572-0369.

More information about the program can be found at www.olmstedfoundation.org.

Legal closure

Due to training, normal walk-in legal assistance will not be available from 2 to 4 p.m., Thursday.

Munitions area closed

The Munitions Storage Area will be closed for inventory Sept. 13 to 17. Review all munitions requirements for this period and submit issue requests no later than noon, Monday to the 49MXS/MXMWMA for pick-up on or before Sept. 7. Only bona fide emergency requests ap-

proved by the Maintenance Group commander will be honored during the inventory.

For more information, call munitions accountability at 572-1612 or 572-1613.

MDG closure

The 49th Medical Group will be closed Sept. 3 to observe the Air Combat Command Family Day and Sept. 6 to observe Labor Day. The clinic will open Sept. 7 for routine appointments. For medical emergencies, call 911 or proceed to the emergency department at Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center. Anyone with a medical condition that they are unsure of should call the on-call provider at 572-2778 or the TRICARE Line for Care at (888) 887-4111.

HOSC Thrift Shop

The Holloman Officer's Spouses Thrift Shop will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sept. 7. The store's operating hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. During the first week, select items are discounted. This season the store has set prices for many items such as men's and ladies' clothing. Consignments will be accepted starting 10 a.m. to noon, Sept. 14.

ACC survey

Air Combat Command Services Marketing is conducting a survey to determine if some Temporary Lodging Facilities units should be set aside as pet-friendly. Current Air Force guidelines restrict pets from being housed in base lodging; however, a year-long test is being conducted at Ellsworth Air Force Base to determine the feasibility of a change in policy. Visit the Web site http://ice.disa.mil/survey_library/go.cfm?Pets to take the five-minute survey by Wednesday.

Airman's Attic

The Airman's Attic, run by the Holloman Enlisted Spouses' Organization, needs volunteers for clean-up at 9:30 a.m., today. The clean-up is necessary because people litter and drop off unserviceable items at the attic.

For more information about volunteering, call 921-0074 or e-mail doris@militarywives.com or dorisandmark@msn.com.

Road closures

49er Road

Due to the rerouting and widening of 49er Road, there will be a road closure on Arizona Avenue from First Street



Photo by Tech. Sgt. James Hart

Fast food

Airman 1st Class Scott Shockey, 8th Fighter Squadron, purchases food from the Mirage Grab 'n' Go store in the dining facility. Sandwiches, salads, drinks, chips, candy bars, ice cream and other snacks are available at the store. The Grab 'n' Go store hours are 5 to 7:30 a.m. for breakfast, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. for dinner and 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. for the midnight meal.

to Arnold Avenue.

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

Eglin Court

There will be a road closure on Eglin Court until Sept. 7 due to construction of a new manhole and lateral line installation. Residents of Eglin Court will have one entrance accessible during the construction.

MDG lot closure

The resurfacing of the 49th Medical Group parking lot has begun. Expect closures to the parking areas on the north and east sides of building 15. Parking on the pharmacy side will not be affected. Patients can park in the staff

parking area on the south side of the building during this time. The project will last several weeks.

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 and Catholic Religious Education resumes normal schedule starting Sept. 12.

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Catwoman (PG-13)

6 and 9 p.m., today

A Cinderella Story (PG)

6 and 9 p.m., Saturday and 6 p.m., Sunday

Tickets are 99 cents.

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

Names in the stars

The New Mexico Museum of Space History is providing an opportunity for people to "write their name in the stars" for a limited time only. The museum, in conjunction with the St. Louis Science Center and the Ansari X-Prize Foundation, is offering interested persons the opportunity to fly their names aboard SpaceShipOne, the X-Prize contestant scheduled for launch on Sept. 29 at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

For \$10 your name will be flown on the initial flight on Sept. 29 and the second flight, which must be launched by Oct. 10. Once the flights are completed the X-Prize Foundation will send participants a certificate commemorating the event.

Names collected will fly on another competitor's spacecraft if SpaceShipOne doesn't make the prize-winning flight.

The New Mexico Museum of Space History is now signing up participants. The deadline for registering your name is today.

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

Artist tour

There is an Alto Artists Studio Tour 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday in Alto, N.M.

For more information, visit www.altonewmexico.us, e-mail altoartistsstudiotour@valomet.com or call (505) 336-7469.

Relay for Life benefit

"Murder on the Trail" performed by the El Paso Mystery Troupe is 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday. The show is an interactive dinner western comedy mystery. This is an American Cancer Society Relay for Life benefit. A silent auction, door prizes and VIP packages are available. Each ticket includes a western-style meal. Dinner tickets are

\$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Matinee tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children 12 and under. Ms. Melissa Hedger is selling tickets at Holloman. E-mail her at melissa.hedger@holloman.af.mil.

For more information, call Ms. Cathy Schreck at 434-8834 or Ms. Vickie Clark at 437-1327.

Church camp out

The 35th Annual All-Church Camp out is Sept. 3 to 6 at Grace United Methodist Church. This family oriented event is open to all members and friends. The weekend will include camping, hiking, bluegrass music and Christian oriented family activities. Rev. Bill Sylskar is a featured speaker. Reservations are required.

For more information and to make reservations, call 437-7640.

WSNM volunteers

White Sands National Monument needs volunteers to work at the Heart of the Sands Nature Center and Interpretive Boardwalk. Volunteers will be trained to assist park rangers in interpreting the natural history of the park to visitors. Volunteers will learn about the plants, animals and geology of the dunes, the history and mission of the National Park Service and how to answer visitors' questions about the park. Volunteers should be willing to work a minimum of four hours per week. A training session for volunteers is scheduled for Sept. 7, 8 and 9.

For more information call Mr. John Mangimeli at (505) 479-6124 or (505) 679-2599 extension 230.

Day of Caring

United Way of Otero County's annual Day of Caring is Sept. 23.

For more information, call 437-8400.

Documentary being filmed in Alamogordo

by 2nd Lt. Shantece Wade
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The Lighthouse Group will film the documentary "14 Days in America" between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m., today at the Otero County Fairgrounds.

The filmmakers want to interview and film military members and civilians for the documentary. The final documentary will include short interviews of those chosen.

The documentary focuses on America and how it functions as a diverse country working together as one. The film also examines people and places through the interviews done over 14 days and locations, including New

York City, Las Vegas, Nev. and San Francisco.

Otero County Film Liaison Joan Griggs said the whole concept is to have people come as they are. Anyone interested should go to the filming in their ordinary work uniform.

The filmmakers are focusing on the social, emotional and economic issues at each location.

The documentary's purpose is to inspire unity and understanding during a time of uncertainty and change.

For more information about "14 Days in America," call 1-866-OUR-FOTO or visit www.14daysinamerica.com.

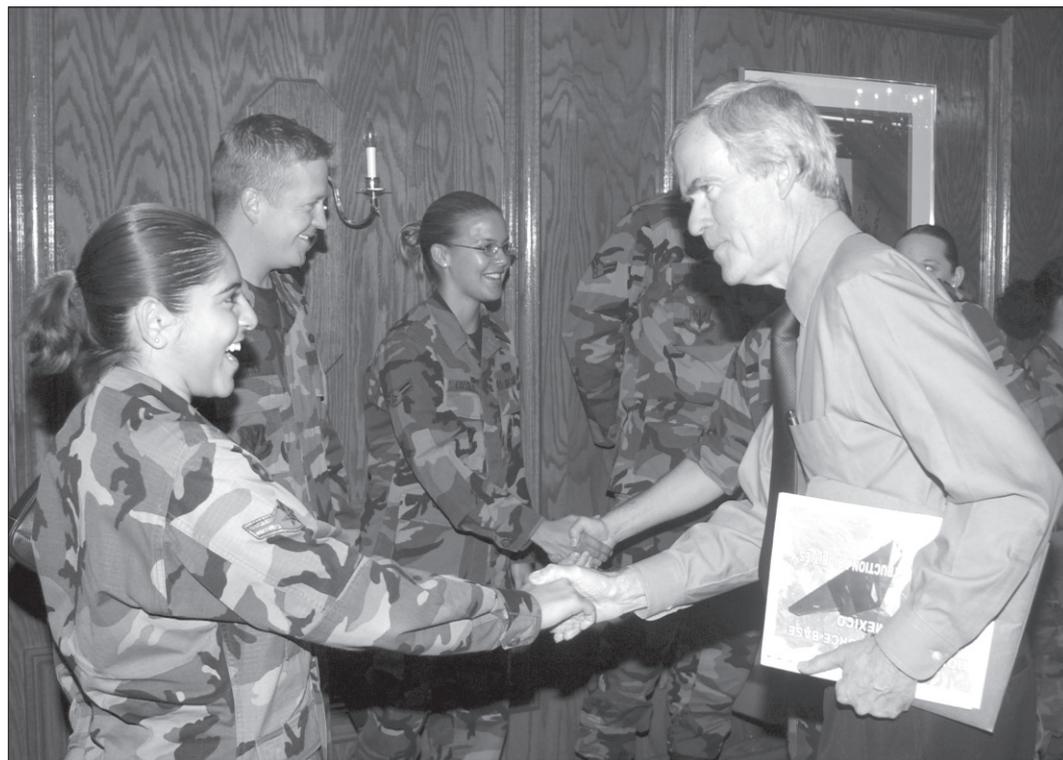


Photo by Airman 1st Class Jessica Thornton

Visit from the Senate

Airman 1st Class Maria Herrera, 49th Maintenance Operations Squadron database manager, shakes hands with Senator Jeff Bingaman. Senator Bingaman had breakfast with 8 Airman during his visit to the base Monday. Senator Bingaman came to base to see the F-117A Nighthawk, the new base housing and to visit with Airmen who recently returned from deployment.

The politics of Holloman's political activism

by Capt. Daniel Watson
49th Fighter Wing Legal Office

The 2004 Presidential election is fast approaching and there is sure to be an increased focus on politics in the upcoming months. But before you wear your finest campaign button to work, you should be aware that your status as a military member or civilian employee affects how you exercise your political rights. The following is intended as a practical guide to assist you during this election year.

The desire to maintain a politically neutral military requires that military members avoid partisan politics. However, this does not mean that you are banned from the political process. As a military member you may: register and vote as you choose;

express personal opinions about candidates and issues; attend political meetings or rallies as a spectator when not in uniform; join a political club and attend its meetings when not in uniform; display a political bumper sticker on your personal vehicle; wear political buttons when not in uniform or on duty and make monetary contributions to political organizations or committees. However you may not: use official authority to solicit votes for a particular candidate or to solicit political contributions; run for public office, with the exception of certain positions on school boards; participate in partisan political management; attend any partisan political event as an official representative of the Air Force; speak on behalf of a party or candi-

date on any radio or television program, or before a partisan political gathering; actively promote political dinners or fund-raising events or display large political signs, banners or posters on privately owned vehicles. And, of course, you cannot use contemptuous words against the President or other high officials. Further guidance on permissible and impermissible political activities for military members can be found in Department of Defense Directive 1344.10 and Air Force Instruction 51-902.

The political activities of civil servants are governed by The Hatch Act, 5 U.S.C. 7321-7326. Federal workers must make certain that their actions do not create a conflict or the appearance of a conflict with the impartial

performance of their official duties. Accordingly, the political activities of federal workers are more restricted than employees in the private sector. As a civilian employee you may: be a candidate for public office in a nonpartisan election; register and vote as you choose; express personal opinions about candidates and issues; join or contribute money to political clubs or organizations; attend political rallies, meetings or fund-raising functions and campaign (to include distributing literature) for or against candidates in partisan elections. However, you may not: be a candidate for public office in a partisan election; solicit or discourage the political activity of anyone who has business before your agency; engage in political activity

(to include wearing political buttons) while on duty, while in a government office, while wearing an official uniform or while using a government vehicle; use your official title while participating in a permitted political activity or solicit or receive political contributions. Further guidance on permissible and impermissible political activities for civilian employees can be found in the Jan. 21, 2004 Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum entitled "Civilian Employees' Participation in Political Activities."

With these simple dos and don'ts in mind, you should be able to fully exercise your political rights. However, if you need further guidance in this area, submit a written question to the ethics section of the legal office.

Deploying Airmen should register to vote

by Master Sgt. Ron Tull
AFPC Public Affairs

Airmen deploying between now and the general election Nov. 2 should consider registering to vote with their deployed unit address before departing according to voting officials at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

Registration is accomplished by completing a Federal Post Card Application Standard Form 76. Some states will accept the form electronically or by fax. The form and all the state rules can be found at the Web site www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/airmenvotes.

“Registering in advance

means the balloting materials will be waiting for them at their forward location,” said Mr. John Lowrance, assistant voting action officer for the Air Force. “Deploying members who do not yet know their deployment address or cannot release it, will need to take some additional steps.

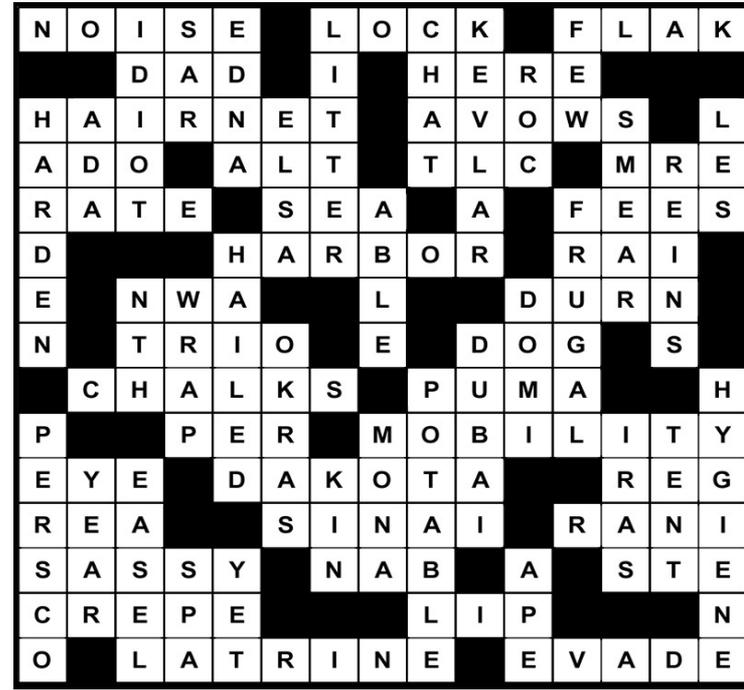
“They’ll need to file an SF 76 explaining in the remarks box that no address is available. This will prevent the state from sending balloting materials. All states are different, but many will not resend balloting materials,” he said.

When people find out their address or if there is a change of address while deployed, they will

need to send another FPCA SF 76 with their new APO/FPO address checking off “Mail Absentee Ballot To” (item 4). In the remarks section people should include the dates they will be absent, enter their old address and write in block letters the words “OLD ADDRESS.”

Under the updated address the applicant should write in block letters “NEW ADDRESS.” “The bottom line is to know your state rules and not make your ballot come looking for you,” Mr. Lowrance said.

For more information, contact a unit voting representative. A list of UVRs can be found at Holloman’s Intranet.



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Program aims to help military spouses become teachers

by **Samantha L. Quigley**
American Forces Press Service

Spouses to Teachers, the Defense Department's latest endeavor to help military spouses interested in teaching, is serving a similar purpose as the popular Troops to Teachers program, an official said.

DOD officials established Troops to Teachers in 1994, and responsibility for the program was recently transferred to the U.S. Department of Education. Troops to Teachers was created to help recruit quality teachers for schools that serve low-income families throughout America, according to the

Troops to Teachers Web site.

Troops to Teachers laid the groundwork for Spouses to Teachers in providing individual state information, said Mr. Michael Melo, director of a Spouses to Teachers pilot program in Virginia, and director of Virginia's Troops to Teachers program.

Spouses to Teachers is currently a pilot program in six states: California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Texas and Virginia. The program was prompted by military spouses who were already teachers or interested in teaching, but were facing difficulties finding certification requirements and job

information when they moved, said Gary Woods, acting director of DOD educational opportunities.

The program would offer information, counseling and guidance to eligible, interested individuals, they said. Initially, eligibility is limited to those with a bachelor's degree who are spouses of active-duty servicemembers and members of the Selected Reserve or Individual Ready Reserve on extended duty.

It will also offer limited financial assistance to help defray the costs of meeting state certification requirements in the pilot states.

On the future Spouses to Teachers Web site and in offices that will be handling the program, the goal is to provide information on teacher-certification requirements within a state. They will also have information on what kinds of jobs are available and share that between the system they are currently teaching in and systems they may be transferring into, Mr. Woods said.

These sources also aim to make spouses aware of additional course requirements for certification or credentialing within the new state and make sure spouses know where they can turn for potential financial

assistance to pursue those courses.

"Because of the network we have from Troops to Teachers with the Department of Education, with the school districts, with the colleges, we're able to provide that information that the spouses need on what they need to do to be certified in a particular state," Mr. Melo said.

The national Troops to Teachers Web site is the best source of information right now, they said. A Spouses to Teachers Web page is scheduled to launch Wednesday. It will link from the national Troops to Teachers site.



World of Sports

The 49th Maintenance Squadron softball tournament is today to Sunday. For more information, call Ms. Barbara Willis at 572-2060.

The Fitness and Sports Center's bench press competition is Monday. To sign up or for more information, call 572-3229.

Letters of intent are being distributed for the following sports Wednesday:

Bowling
Tennis
Winter Golf

The LOIs are due to the Fitness and Sports Center no later than Sept. 9. For more information, call 572-3229.

The 2004 intramural flag football and soccer seasons begin Sept. 8. Groups and squadrons are encouraged to come out and cheer on their team.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Stretching for success

First Lt. Alonzo Chapman, 49th Fighter Wing Manpower office, stretches for his early morning run Tuesday. Lieutenant Chapman is training to run the half-marathon at the Air Force Marathon Sept. 18 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Oh. He will be joined by First Lt. Vincent King to represent Holloman.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Left centerfielder Eddie Tootle, 49th Materiel Maintenance Group, connects with the ball Aug. 18 during his team's 19-9 championship win against the 46th Test Group.

BEARing the brunt of defeat 49th MMG crushes 46th TG 19-9

**by Airman 1st Class
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The powerhouse, large unit 49th Materiel Maintenance Group A team defeated the 46th Test Group 19-9 Aug. 18 in the 2004 intramural softball championship game at Vandenberg Field.

MMG was stalled from the get-go as an equally-matched defensive TG team held them back. An RBI by Jimmy Kreitner helped MMG slip out of the first inning up by one.

Ready to put runs on the board themselves, TG was stopped cold by a double play. TG's Mike Zollars ran in before the third out of the inning to tie the game 1-1.

After holding back MMG in the second inning, TG tacked on



the first home run of the game with a center-field fence hit by Jason Alvarado for a one-run lead.

Moving into the third, MMG's Kreitner smacked a homer of his own helping to bring in teammate Allen Pratt. After two more runs in the third, MMG was halted 5-2.

The lead shifted back to the TG after a homer by Jerre Riordan and a big hit into left field by Eddie Thompson that brought in three runs.

MMG took to the field in the

fifth where they began to inch away from the competition with two homers by Bobby Rowe and Chris Mello followed by one more run for a 9-6 lead.

After shutting down TG with another double play, MMG didn't look back as they added 10 more runs with help from a three-run homer by Rowe and a missed catch by TG second baseman Zollars. Eddie Tootle scored last for MMG with an RBI before their third out.

TG could only put three more runs on the board, ending the game and the season 19-9.

MMG's Chris Mello chalked up his team's success to old-fashioned team work.

"We've always pulled together in a bind for a win," he said. "We played hard and we all stayed together right up to the end."

Women's soccer falls 4-1 in exhibition match

Lleane Grimditch scored two goals to propel defending Sun Belt Conference Champion Denver over the U.S. Air Force Academy team, 4-1, Aug. 20 in their soccer exhibition openers here.

The Denver Pioneers scored the first goal 42 seconds into the match and never looked back. Holly Huppert took a pass from Laura Mann on the right side and fired from 5 yards out past Air Force goal keeper Jennifer Drew for the opening score.

The Pioneers made it 2-0 at the 8:50 mark as Air Force

Falcon defender Jennifer Ford's pass back to Drew missed its mark and ended up in the Falcon's net. Grimditch was credited with the goal, and Taryn Hemmings got the assist.

Denver made it 3-0 six seconds before the half as Diana Brunkhardt bent a shot from 25 yards out straight-on over the Falcon defense.

It became a 4-0 game as Grimditch, the reigning Sun Belt player of the year, also curled a shot from 24 yards out over the Air Force defenders at the 50:47 mark.

Air Force got on the scoreboard with 22 seconds left to play when Christin Brodie took a pass from Elaine Tatarek and sent a shot over the keeper from 25 yards out to make it a 4-1 match.

Denver dominated the Air Force squad that saw nine freshmen play in their first collegiate exhibition match, as the Pioneers out-shot the Falcons 10-8 and had the decisive edge in corner kicks 10-1.

The Falcons open the 2004 regular season here Aug. 29 against Northern Colorado. (AFPN)



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Bumpin' for fitness

Senior Airman Anthony Hyland bumps a volleyball during unit physical training Wednesday. The volleyball and basketball courts are reserved throughout the week for squadron and unit physical fitness. For times and dates of reservations, call the Fitness and Sports Center at 572-3229.

