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Briefly

UTE day

Monday is a wing-wide down day. The wing met its flying goal for the year.

Dining facility hours

The dining hall hours of operations for Monday are:

- Brunch: 7 a.m. to noon
- Supper: 4 to 6 p.m.

The Westerner Dining Facility will be closed Monday.

Vote

There are only 40 more days to election day. The deadline to register in most states is Oct. 3 and 4.

Commissary

The commissary has its biggest case-lot sale starting now through 3 p.m., Sunday. Paper products, cereals and soda are just a few of the 70 sale items.

Thanks everyone

Team Holloman would like to thank everyone from the Alamogordo community for their sponsorship of the Thanks Team Holloman Celebration. Team Holloman truly appreciates your generous and thoughtful contributions of time, hard work, food and drink! It was truly a memorable event.

We thank the local businesses, organizations, agencies, private citizens, and everyone involved.

The camaraderie and good will between the base and the Alamogordo community is superb, and it's a genuine honor to be part of that.

Base prepares for ORI

by 2nd Lt. Melissa J. Stevens
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Holloman has started preparations for the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection.

"Our vulnerability window opens from 15 October to 15 November," said Captain Jason Kalin, 49th Logistic Readiness Squadron Fuels Management Flight commander. "We've started our practice exercises, which is key to seeing what our weaknesses are before the actual ORI."

Mr. Wayne Paddock, wing exercise program manager, said the deployment tasking for the ORI will be 500 to 700 personnel, 350 to 400 short tons of cargo and will comprise about 20 chalks.

The inspection will last approximately two and a half days for mobility operations, one day for transition to combat capability and three days of combat employment, he said.

Captain Kalin said the inspec-

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Airman 1st Class John Paul secures a pallet Wednesday at the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron mobility compound. LRS personnel performed pallet training Tuesday and Wednesday to prepare for the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection.

German AF chief of staff visits FTC

by Senior Airman Martha Whipple
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The German air force chief of staff visited the GAF Flying Training Center here Sept. 16 as part of a tour of German training facilities in the United States.

Lt. Gen. Klaus-Peter Stieglitz, the top-ranking member in the

Luftwaffe, said he was pleased with the operations and joint-training environment.

There are currently 35 Tornado and 15 F-4 Phantom aircraft, and about 800 people who are part of the GAF FTC team. The largest German operation on foreign soil trains with the U.S. forces here.

"The German and American joint

training is a great experience," said General Stieglitz, who had his first experience with U.S. military relations during his fighter pilot training more than 30 years ago. "When I trained in the F-104s and F-4s in Texas, Arizona and California, it was a great experience at that time. I see

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High: 84
Low: 52
TODAY



High: 82
Low: 50
SATURDAY



High: 82
Low: 52
SUNDAY



High: 84
Low: 50
MONDAY

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

Who Let the Dogs Out? Responsible pet ownership

by Col. Gail Colvin

49th Mission Support Group commander

Across the Air Force we take great pride and comfort in the relative safety of our on-base housing communities. In general we feel more secure living inside the gates.

In a recent Air Force Times article, Holloman was cited as one of the safest bases to live. We feel it's safe to allow our children to walk to school, the movies and the shoppette without fear that they will be harmed. We know the community will look out for them. Why? Because we are an Air Force Family, and we have a sense of community rooted in our core values that assures we'll look out for each other.

One of the most emotional issues facing communities across the country is the subject of vicious/unsupervised dogs and what to do about them. Those who allow dogs to run loose or menace neighbors and property are acting irresponsibly.

Safety is our top priority for military family hous-

ing. It's a privilege to reside in base housing; not a right. And pet ownership is also a privilege.

Regulations exist to preserve the safety, peace, health and welfare in base housing. But it takes more than regulations to build a secure environment for all. We all need to work together to minimize the potential for dog attacks. We can't afford to wait until someone is seriously injured.

Pet control problems are on the rise. Security forces receive repeated reports of stray dogs. And sadly, we are all aware of the recent incident where dogs killed another pet. Pet control problems are people problems because it's the owners who are responsible for their animal's actions.

Because of recent incidents related to dog attacks, the wing has initiated a review of all base instructions and policies related to the ownership and control of pets on base. Commanders will take appropriate action if an unprovoked dog attacks or bites a human being or a domestic animal. However, the real issue is personal responsibility.

Owning a pet can be a wonderful experience, but pets are also a big responsibility. Proper animal control is necessary to ensure pets will always be a welcomed part of our base community.

This is about common courtesy and respect for each other—Air Force Family business. Let's all be good neighbors.

On the side

Requirements for pet ownership on base:

- Comply with base guidance
- Register all pets with the base veterinarian by Oct. 31. For more information, call the vet at 572-3303.
- Ensure pets have proper vaccinations
- No breeding of pets (home businesses must be approved)
- Keep dogs on a leash while in public places
- Keep pets in secure, fenced-in yards
- Ensure adequate access to food, water and shelter
- Obey stop and scoop laws
- Don't leave your pet unattended in vehicles

Your vote counts: 10 more days to register

by Lt. Col. Robert DeStasio

Langle Air Force Base, Va.

It has been said before, but it bears repeating: Exercising our right to vote is the most fundamental and important responsibility we have as citizens of the United States. Many Americans will vote in the November elections. Unfortunately, many will not.

Since 1972, less than 56 percent of voting-age eligible people actually cast their votes in federal elections. In non-presidential elections between 1972 and 1996, average voter turn out fell to less than 38 percent. Needless to say, the outcome of the highly contested presidential election of 2000 might have been different had more than 52 percent of eligible voters cast their ballots.

This year's federal elections will decide the president and vice president, more than 30 seats in the U.S. Senate and the entire House of Representa-

tives. The people who are elected into these positions will create policies that govern our way of life. Those who choose not to vote give up their chance to influence those policies as they are formed.

As active members of the military community, we have sworn to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic." It's what we do every day, whether we are at our home station or deployed. The Constitution, specifically amendments 15 and 19, gives us the priceless right to vote. I find it ironic that in Afghanistan, Afghans are being murdered simply because they registered to vote. Yet, in America, the home of Afghanistan's liberators, voting has seemingly become almost an afterthought.

Our military lifestyle may complicate the voting process, but help is available to those who want it. Contact a unit vot-

ing representative about voting. A list can be found on the Holloman Intranet. Also, important voting information is listed on the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at www.fvap.gov.

If you are one of the 48 percent of eligible Americans who are happy to sit by and let the other 52 percent make policy that affects your life, by all means, stay at home — but don't be surprised or disappointed if the people elected and the resulting policies aren't to your liking.

Most people wouldn't let someone else take away their input in choosing a car or picking out their clothes. Why let someone else choose your leadership?

Personally, I can't fathom why so many people decide not to participate in choosing their own government. Many non-voters say, "My vote doesn't count."

In truth, the only vote that doesn't count is the one that isn't cast.

DUI Update

Days since last DUI	28
DUIs this year	29
This week last year	19

Last six DUIs

- 49 AMXS Aug. 25
- 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

744 Saves this year
18 Saves this week



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Exercise like the bullets are real

by Lt. Col. Ward Juedeman
9th Expeditionary Fighter
Squadron commander

“Exercise, Exercise, Exercise ... Alarm Red, MOPP 4” broadcast on Giant Voice surely invokes fond memories for most Holloman service members.

As the ORI season approaches, you’ve probably heard it’s time to get into the exercise mindset. This is a realistic attitude that ensures you’re ready and able to make the most of your participation in any exercise, regardless of the scenario. Unfortunately, this mindset can be difficult to obtain, takes time to do properly, and often only lasts the duration of the exercise.

This can be problematic as exercises aren’t a means to an end, but a means to win — to win in any conflict or contingency in which the 49th Fighter Wing is tasked.

Geographic proximity to the threat, Periodic Peninsula Combat Employment/Readiness Exercises (PENCEREs), and Wolf War Days over the last two months at our deployed location in South Korea lend immediacy to this mindset that goes above and beyond the traditional.

The Kunsan Ability to Survive and Operate Guide drives home that point. It’s a guide “designed to give you information on preparing for and surviving conflicts if they arise. Being the second-most forward deployed wing in the USAF creates a challenge in everything we do.” This attitude is imbedded in the wing motto: “Defend the Base, Accept Follow-On Forces, Take the Fight North.”

The most recent Wolf Pack Warrior exercise newsletter echoes this theme by saying the chemical threat at Kunsan is real and keeps the Wolf Pack in a seemingly constant state of exercise.

Accordingly, the Korean peninsula exercise schedule is



Photo by Master Sgt. Val Gempis

End of runway crews prepare a 9th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron F-117A Nighthawk for a night exercise flight at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

robust and the exercises realistic. As a result they’re much more important than the grade. How well you play the game, how well you adapt and live by a realistic exercise mindset may very well be the difference between life and death during actual combat operations.

It should be no different at Holloman. Certainly, we’re more isolated and the daily threat of attack is low, but within a matter of hours virtually any Team Holloman member could easily be deployed to areas in the world where that is not necessarily the case.

Case in point — Major Jose “El Guapo” Pinedo, a former 9th Fighter Squadron pilot, is currently deployed to South-west Asia flying F-16s.

“The daily mortar attacks on the base keep things interesting, and it feels like a never ending Phase II with all the alarms,” he said. “Fortunately, we’ve been getting only two attacks or so a day, versus the 8 to 10 they were getting as recently as a week ago.”

Our guidance is clear and very specific. It states that commanders and supervisors, be responsible and prepare your troops. It’s the duty of every Team Holloman member to be prepared to deploy and execute the wartime mission at a moment’s notice. To successfully prepare and foster the proper state of mind, consider the following:

- Take each exercise seriously. This may be your only

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Photo by Master Sgt. Val Gempis

Lt. Col. Dean Wright, an F-117A Nighthawk pilot lands his aircraft after a mission at Kunsan Air Base, South Korea. About 300 Airmen from Holloman are currently deployed to Kunsan supporting Pacific Air Force training operations.

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chance to practice before you, too, are under the threat of actual mortar fire or chemical attack. Don't waste it, capitalize on a unique and valuable training experience.

- Treat it like the real thing. You may be able to fool the inspectors for the exercise, but you won't fool the threat. Attention to detail is critical. An unbuttoned overgarment, a poorly sealed gasmask, or a delayed response to incoming fire could mean the difference in combat. React realistically to every scenario as if you're actually executing the wartime mission, and take that scenario to a logical conclusion.

- Minimize simulations. There will be no simulations in combat, so by eliminating simulations wherever possible during an exercise, you're ensuring the most realistic test of your capabilities possible.

- Attitude counts. Displaying the proper sense of urgency is the tried and true approach, but it's only part of the picture. Your level of effort, sense of motivation and pride of accomplishment are

all key factors in winning the war, exercise or combat.

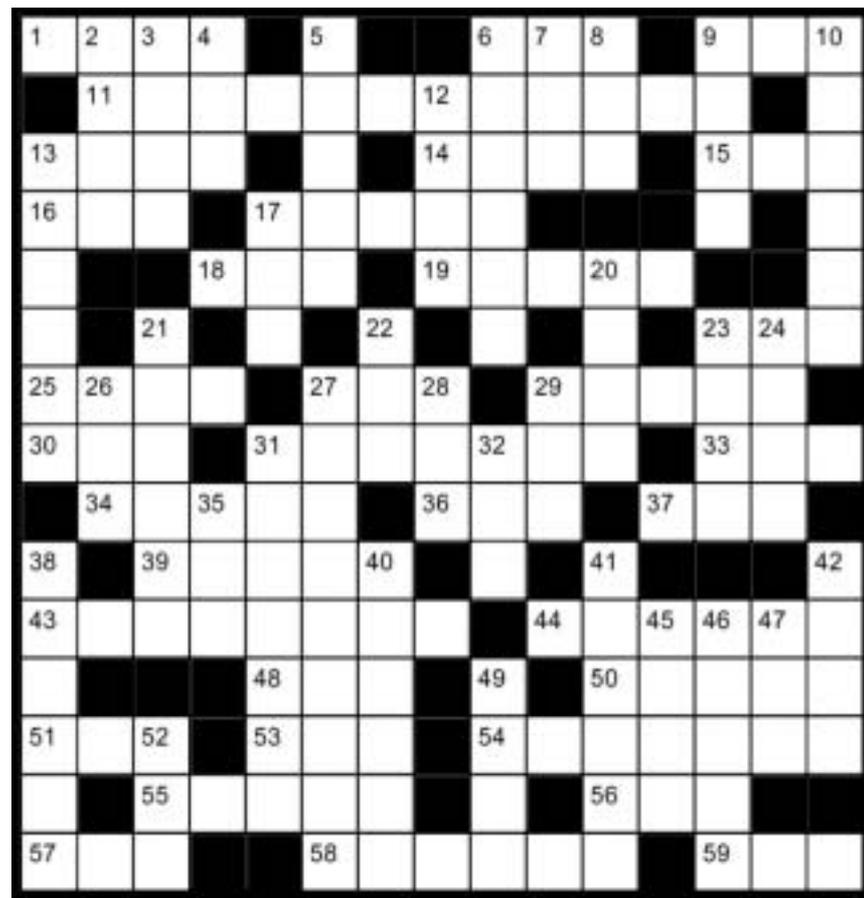
- Train like you intend to fight. If you wouldn't do it in combat, critically examine if we should do it in an exercise. Conversely, if we would do it in combat, why isn't it in the exercise? Certainly, there will be some understandable and unavoidable peacetime "exercisisms", but by putting ourselves in the realistic exercise mindset and making that frame of mind a part of our daily training activities, in exercise and out, we will ensure our readiness posture remains high.

- Understanding the importance of exercise preparation is key, as is the link between that preparation and combat employment. It's interesting how prophetically accurate our Holloman ATSO Guide can be. It states that exercises are designed to prepare both organizations and individuals for combat. Learning, practicing, and executing the information . . . is critical to survival during wartime situations, peacetime contingencies and exercise conditions.

Airmen Heroes: Medal of Honor recipients, Vol. II

ACROSS

- 1. Art movement
- 6. Military bed
- 9. Appendage
- 11. Airman Medal of Honor recipient Capt. Edward V. _____ (WW I)
- 13. Distance measurement
- 14. _____ buco; Italian veal dish
- 15. Hound
- 16. Penn movie *Sam _____* (two words)
- 17. Aroma
- 18. British explorer John _____; charted Canadian Arctic coast
- 19. Mirror
- 23. Strategist Karl _____ Clausewitz
- 25. British title
- 27. Bomb that doesn't go boom?
- 29. Airman Medal of Honor recipient Maj. George A. _____ (Korea)
- 30. Roadway, in short
- 31. Airman Medal of Honor recipient Col. Leon W. _____ (WW II)
- 33. Stallone's nickname
- 34. Brief vivid portrayal or depiction
- 36. Bristles found on spikelets of grass
- 37. _____ Paulo, Brazil
- 39. Sandberg and Lewis
- 43. The physical attraction or joining of two substances
- 44. Airman Medal of Honor recipient 2Lt Lloyd H. _____ (WW II)
- 48. Lubbock, TX school
- 50. People who don't tell the truth
- 51. Beginning of British ships
- 53. Roddick's org.
- 54. Airman Medal of Honor recipient 2Lt William E. _____ (WW II)
- 55. Bewilder
- 56. Travel org.
- 57. Pig's pen
- 58. American inventor of incandescent lamp
- 59. Caviar



DOWN

- 2. Region
- 3. Carpe _____; seize the day
- 4. Dramatize
- 5. Truce
- 6. Airman Medal of Honor recipient Brig. Gen. Frederick W. _____ (WW II)
- 7. Army comm. source
- 8. Ring result
- 9. St. Louis landmark
- 10. Airman Medal of Honor recipient 2Lt John C. _____ (WW II)
- 12. Airman Medal of Honor recipient Maj. Richard I. _____ (WW II)
- 13. Airman Medal of Honor recipient Maj. Bernard F. _____ (Vietnam)
- 17. Droop
- 20. Cardinal great Musial
- 21. Cleft
- 22. Expression of surprise
- 23. MasterCard rival
- 24. Capital of Norway
- 26. AF person responsible for launching, landing aircraft
- 27. Airman Medal of Honor recipient Lt. Col. James H. _____ (WW II)
- 28. Basic building block of man?
- 29. Actor Johnson of *Nash Bridges*
- 31. Airman Medal of Honor recipient Maj. John L. _____ (WW II)
- 32. Region that includes Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, etc.
- 35. _____ West; actress known for sultry stage persona
- 38. Airman Medal of Honor recipient 1Lt Jack W. _____ (WW II)
- 40. _____-up; improved, as in car engines
- 41. Ruler of Muslim land, especially in Ottoman Empire
- 42. Former USA foe
- 45. Site of Great Pyramids
- 46. _____ the Horrible
- 47. Previous to; before
- 49. Hebrew prophet of the eighth century BCE
- 52. State



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from Sept. 14 to Monday.

Tickets

Security Forces issued 10 tickets: one for failure to obey a traffic sign, one for a vehicle left unattended and running, two for limitations on backing resulting in an accident, one for expired registration, one for being parked in a non-designated area, one for failure to stop, one for trespassing, one for inattentive backing and one for following too close.

Property loss, damage or theft

- Sept. 14: There was a minor accident on Saber Road. A motorcycle rider was making a left-hand turn when the vehicle in front of him started to make a U-turn. The rider had to swerve to miss the car and he slid out of control.

- Sept. 16: There was a minor accident between two privately owned vehicles on 49er Avenue.

- Sept. 16: There was a minor accident between two POVs in the Bowling Alley parking lot. A driver backed into another vehicle.

- Sept. 16: There was a minor accident between two government-owned vehicles in front of building 1236A. A driver backed into another vehicle.

- Sept. 16: An NCO reported her car was damaged in the parking lot of building 29. She pulled into a parking space and caught her front bumper on the cement

parking space marker.

- Sept. 17: An NCO reported her vehicle was damaged at building 888. She saw a woman in a white van hit her sport utility vehicle while it was parked in front of the building.

- Sept. 17: An Airman reported his tool box, tools and remote control car were stolen from the dorm 336 parking lot.

- Sept. 18: An Airman reported he was awakened by a noise at 10:30 p.m. He noticed his window was open and the screen was ripped.

- Sept. 19: An NCO reported the roof of his carport fell on his POVs.

- Sept. 20: There was a minor accident between two POVs in the parking lot of building 786. A driver hit another vehicle while trying to avoid a vehicle that was in the wrong lane of traffic.

Patrol response

- Sept. 14: A family member reported that her spouse hit her in the jaw during a verbal argument.

- Sept. 17: A family member reported that someone was trying to get in her house on Hidalgo Loop through the back door. A civilian was located in the area and was charged with trespassing. The civilian said he was visiting a friend on the base and was leaving.

Civil arrest

- Sept. 15: An Airman was arrested by the Alamogordo Department of Public Safety on a warrant for failure to appear in court.

Base teen center encourages youth to eat healthy, exercise

by Ms. Laura Hunt
Sunburst staff writer

The Youth and Teen Center is having a day of fitness challenges from 1 to 4 p.m., Oct. 2.

“Let’s Just Play” is a nationwide event that will inform parents and youth about the importance of healthy eating habits and exercise, said Mr. Dan Salinas, Youth and Teen Center teen coordinator.

The event, for youth age 6 to 18, will include a hula hoop contest, obstacle course, football

throw, polo soccer, rope climbing and many other physical fitness activities.

Parents are encouraged to attend with their children.

According to Mr. Salinas, young people would rather play video games than be physically active.

Without proper diet and exercise, within 10 to 15 years young people increase their risk for heart or other medical problems, he said.

Youth can stay healthy by watching what they eat and exer-

cising, Mr. Salinas said.

“Many overweight kids today don’t eat healthy meals,” he said. “It’s easier to just go to a fast food place or eat junk food to get by at dinner or lunch. A health and fitness plan can play a major role in their health for the rest of their lives.”

Anyone interested in participating in the event can sign up for “Let’s Just Play” at the Youth and Teen Center.

For more information about the event, call the Youth and Teen Center at 572-3753.

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the experience is still ongoing at Holloman and continues to grow.”

The experience began to grow when the 20th Fighter Squadron relocated to Holloman after George Air Force Base, Calif., closed in 1992. Negotiations between the secretary of defense and federal minister of defense determined Tornados would be relocated to Holloman, but operate under the German air force. In 1996, the Germans officially established a training center here.

The German mission includes basic weapons system, instructor pilot and advanced tactical trainings. Also, the GAF Fighter Weapons Instructor Course allows experienced aircrews to prepare for Immediate Reaction Forces on combat missions in crisis areas.

“The Luftwaffe is embedded into Holloman’s mission,” the general said. “We feel very well accepted and part of Team Holloman and the Alamogordo community.”

The Germans are friends among friends at Holloman and throughout the local community.

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tion will be divided into two phases.

The first phase will consist of the deployment line where both airmen and cargo will be processed.

“We have to get all of our forces together, cargo included, go through the deployment line and load on a simulated aircraft,” he said. “After that there will be one day of transition while we’re building up Base X.”

The main purpose of the transition day is to get all personnel, equipment and facilities ready to conduct combat operations, said Mr. Paddock.

All forces will be considered deployed during the second phase of the ORI, and it will consist of performances of combat employment, mission support, and the ability to survive and operate.

Mr. Paddock said the unit will be evaluated on its ability to employ combat forces and provide the sustained deployed mission support during wartime or contingency operations.

The unit will also be evaluated on its ability to meet Air Force standards for mission sustainment and mission capability restoration at the deployed location following a chemical, biological or conventional attack. The inspection will also evaluate the wing’s response to weapons of mass destruction employment.

During Phase II the inspection team will test the unit with a variety of scenarios including ground attacks, sniper attacks, enemy aircraft warnings, conventional missile attacks, chemical missile attacks and chemical/conventional mixed attacks.

“They’ll be testing us on how we react to certain situations,” Capt Kalin said.

To prepare for those situations, the 49th Fighter Wing Plans and Programs will stage an Operational Readiness Exercise from Oct. 18 to 28.

First Lt. Stacy Nimmo, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron flight readiness officer, said the ORE is a combined Phase I and Phase II internal exercise that will test the wing’s ability to deploy and to survive and operate during contingency operations.

She said every functional area will be tested on its individual specialties before the ORI to pinpoint any problem areas.

Mr. Paddock said informa-

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Capt. Jason Kalin
49th LRS Fuels Management
Flight commander

tion concerning ORI preparations is getting out to the base public.

Mr. Paddock conducted a Battle Staff Training meeting Wednesday for all commanders and staff agency chiefs informing them of what to expect during the ORI.

He also briefs ORI information and tips at weekly wing staff meetings Wednesdays at the conference room in building 29.

Other information for ORI preparation can be found on the Intranet, the Commander’s Access Channel and in the Airman’s Manual.

Unit Deployment Managers can pick up copies of the Airman’s Manual for their units from Civil Engineer Readiness Flight.

“It takes a wing effort to get a good grade,” Captain Kalin said. “If the focus is there in the wing, which for us it is, then we’ll be good. I think we’re doing well now and that we’ll be fine for the ORI.”

Air Force dedicates memorial

by Tech. Sgt.
David A. Jablonski
Air Force Print News

Soaring 270 feet into the sky over America's capital, three stainless-steel spires forming an equilateral triangle will memorialize the U.S. Air Force.

The ground-breaking ceremony and site dedication for the Air Force Memorial was Sept. 15, in Arlington, Va. The ceremony included speeches by Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper, Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche, Chairman of the Air Force Memorial Foundation Ross Perot Jr., Virginia Congressman James P. Moran and Senator Ted Stevens from Alaska.

Dozens of air power legends attended the ceremony, some who served shoulder-to-shoulder with the founding fathers of the Army Air Corps.

The ceremony ended three days of events surrounding the Air Force Association's 2004 Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition.

General Jumper explained the significance of the memorial's site.

"That first (test) flight demonstrated (to the Army) by the Wright Brothers took off right over there on the ridge at Fort Myer, and they flew around a pylon ... and returned," General Jumper said, gesturing to the Army installation a few hundred feet to his right.

"It was a demonstration of the most meager capability, but it turned into what we have today that we're most proud of, as we went higher, faster and farther through the decades that have intervened," he said.

The secretary expanded on the symbolism.

"Human beings need symbols," Secretary Roche said. "Symbols are important to us — anyone in the armed forces recognizes that. The beauty of this structure will be like that of all good art: It will mean different

things to different people. To young people who know nothing of air power, it will be a focal point to learn about air power. To others, who are not so young, it will be a memorial to the many accomplishments and deeds of Airmen. To those on active duty, it will be a sign of pride that they walk in the footsteps of great men and great women and that they have an obligation to build upon that. And to others, this edifice will be a symbol of the reaching of American air power, of American space power and of the men and women who make up the U.S. Air Force."

Senator Stevens wrote the legislation that began the Air Force Memorial process 13 years ago. The Air Force is the only service without a memorial in the capital.

"At the request of the Air Force Association, I authored the original legislation to begin this memorial," the senator said. "But I'm sure they had no idea that we'd be standing here some 13 years later. It's been a long process, but we never doubted we'd achieve this goal.

"As I recall from my old Army Air Corps days, we all had mottoes," he said. "The motto of my squadron was: 'We do the impossible immediately — miracles take slightly longer.' This is one of those miracles, because we've succeeded and brought about a memorial to all of those who have served a nation as part of the various air forces."

Following the dedications, the official party evoked another symbol by digging their spades into the ground. Officials then unveiled a marble stone; however, a flyover of modern and historic aircraft was canceled because of rain.

The memorial site lies in a parking lot of the current Navy Annex Federal Office Building south of the Pentagon and next to Arlington National Cemetery. From this point, people can look over the top of the Pentagon and across the Potomac

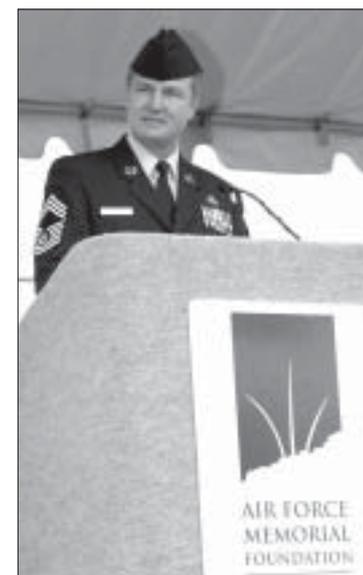


Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray addresses hundreds of people gathered for the official ground-breaking and site dedication ceremony on the site of the future national Air Force Memorial in Arlington, Va. Sept. 15.

River to see the national capital.

The Air Force Memorial design will capitalize on this vantage point.

The array of arcs against the sky will evoke a modern image of flight by jet and space vehicles. At the same time, it will enshrine the past in permanent remembrance of the pioneers of flight who came before and pay homage to those of the future. The three spires will represent the core values: integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do. The spires will be asymmetrical and of uneven height so that the view of the memorial changes from every angle. Each spire will be illuminated.

The memorial's design team featured architect James Ingo Freed, of Pei, Cobb, Freed and Partners Architects, and sculptor Zenos Frudakis of Glenside, Pa.

The Air Force Memorial Foundation is still accepting donations. To make a tax-exempt contribution, or to learn more about the memorial, visit www.airforcememorial.org.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. James Hart

Celebration

Airman Carly Johnson and Col. Andrew Papp cut the Air Force birthday cake before the wing run Sept. 17. The youngest and oldest Team Holloman members cut the cake celebrating the Air Force's 57th birthday.



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

"Frula"

"Frula," the first of the Flickinger Center's 2004-2005 Premier Series, 7:30 p.m., Saturday at the Flickinger Center, 1110 New York Ave. "Frula" is a dance repertoire based on the folk tales and customs of Eastern Europe. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for children.

For more information, call 437-2202.

Book discussion

The Book Discussion Group will discuss Pearl S. Buck's classic, "The Good Earth" 6:30 p.m., Monday at the Open Book. A

classic novel by a Nobel Prize-winning author offers a graphic view of China during the reign of the last Emperor, and tells the story of an honest farmer and his wife as they struggle with the sweeping changes of the twentieth century.

For more information, call 434-2667.

Open house

There is an open house of the Mountain View Riding Club 2 to 6 p.m., Oct. 10 at 146 Griffin Road, La Luz, N.M. Visit the new full-service horse boarding facility with indoor stalls, an in-

door area, an outdoor area and a lodge. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 434-4381.

Mustang Club

The Mustang Club has a "Show and Shine" at 6:30 p.m., every Friday at the Sonic across from the mall.

For more information, call Mr. Damian Orchard 491-7952.

Travels in Peru

Travels in Peru, a presentation and slide show by Mr. Roy McCloud, is 7 p.m., Tuesday at the Alamogordo Public Library, 920 Oregon Ave.

For more information, call 434-2349.

Apple Festival

The High Rolls-Mountain Park Lions Club's 2004 High Rolls Apple Festival is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 16 and 17 at the High Rolls Community Center. It will feature over 50 arts and crafts vendors, local apples and apple products, food, kids' stuff and entertainment. Admission, parking and ambiance are free.

For more information visit www.highrollsfestivals.com or call (505) 682-1151.

Shooting match

The Otero Practical Shooting Association has a Practical Shooting Match at 9 a.m., Sunday at the Sydney Paul Gordon Shooting Range, located at 19 Rock Cliff Road, northeast of La Luz, N.M. Sign up is at 8:30 a.m. The match is open to the public. Match participants will need a centerfire handgun of 9mm/38 or larger, holster, and spare magazines or speedloaders. Approximately 100 pistol rounds will be required.

For more match information, call Mr. Butch Rials at 437-3663. For information regarding the Shooting Range, contact Range Master Jay Frost at 443-9006.



Photo by Senior Airman Dee Ericksonmoen

Keeping tradition

Ms. Carrie Avalos models and preforms a dance native to Brazil at the Hispanic Heritage Folklore Show Friday at the Community Center.

Construction zone

Main gate

A new traffic pattern at the main gate started Thursday. Both inbound and outbound traffic lanes will be shifted to the new constructed paved curve on the west side of the road and a new striping plan will be in place to help direct all traffic. Both inbound and outbound lanes will still have two operable lanes. This traffic pattern shift will be implemented until further notice.

Patterson Drive

Due to the widening of Arizona Avenue Patterson Drive is closed from the Youth Center to the intersection of Arizona and Arnold Avenues. This intersection will also be closed to through traffic and only construction vehicles and commissary delivery trucks will be allowed through.

Road construction has been completed on Arizona Avenue from First Street to the back of the base exchange and the road is now open to all traffic.

Retirement ceremony

Chief Master Sgt. Phillip Aldrich's retirement ceremony is 2 p.m., Tuesday at the Officers' Club. Everyone is welcome to attend the ceremony.

FSC

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

- Local Job Market Orientation: 1 to 2:30 p.m., Monday
- Basic Investment: 8 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday
- Advanced Investment: 8 to 11 a.m., Wednesday
- Conflict Resolution: 1:30 to 3 p.m., Wednesday
- Heart Link: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Thursday
- Marketing Yourself for a Second Career: 9 to 11:30 a.m., Thursday

For more information, call the FSC at



Photo by Staff Sgt. Kenneth Lustig

Left, right, left

Children from the Child Development Center celebrated the Air Forces 57th birthday with a parade Sept. 17. Children age 6 weeks to five years participated in the event.

572-7754 or visit the Web site at www.mil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc.

Heat conversion

Housing maintenance begins conversion from evaporative coolers to heaters on Oct. 15. Since the heaters cannot work with the coolers still in operation, the coolers will be turned off and the heaters checked and turned on for the winter. Once the heat is turned on for the cold season, housing will not return to turn on the cooler during hot days.

Someone over the age of 18 will have to be at the quarters at the time of the scheduled conversion. If no one is home

that day, rescheduling will be on a first-come first-serve basis after Oct. 26. If anyone has a newborn or medical condition and would like their heat turned on sooner, call the Housing Maintenance Service Call Desk at 572-7901.

The conversion schedule is as follows: Oct. 15, 2210A-2227D and 2400-2415B; Oct. 18, 2228A-2249B and 2416A-2441; Oct. 19, 2250A-2269A and 2442-2486B; Oct. 20, 2269B-2299B and 2487-2489B; Oct. 21, 2300A-2308A and 2501A-2540; Oct. 22, 2308B-2354A and 2541A-2589; Oct. 25, 2354B-2393B and 2585A-2599. Rescheduled appointments will be done Oct. 26, 27, 28 and 29.

If you have any questions regarding the conversion schedule, call the Housing Service Call Desk at 572-7901.

SHARE coffee

There will be a social coffee for the Holloman home schooling group Sharing Homes and Resources for Education at 7 p.m., Thursday at Plateau Espresso. The purpose of the coffee is to get together for encouragement, to share ideas, informally discuss problems, suggest home schooling strategies and have a chance to chat.

Don't bring children. This is for home schooling moms and dads. R.S.V.P. to Ms. Silvi Sullivan via e-mail at kevnsilv@charter.net by Wednesday if you plan to attend.

"Macbeth"

The National Endowment for the Arts brings the Alabama Shakespeare Festival and its production of "Macbeth" to Holloman Oct. 20 and 21.

For more information on Shakespeare in American Communities or the National Endowment for the Arts, call the NEA Office of Communications at (202) 682-5570 or visit the NEA Web site at www.arts.gov.

Oktoberfest

The Oktoberfest is from 3 to 11:30 p.m., Oct. 16 at the German air force maintenance hangar.

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

Thrift shop

The Thrift shop is having a sale Tuesday and Thursday. All white-tagged items will be 50 percent off. Shoes and books will be 25 cents.

Consignments are accepted from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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

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6 and 9 p.m., today

The Princess Diaries 2 (G)

Noon, Saturday

YU-GI-OH The Movie (PG)

6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday

Tickets are 99 cents.



Balloons prepare to lift off from White Sands at the 13th Annual White Sands Balloon Invitational Saturday. More than 80 balloonists from across the southwest, California and New Zealand participated in the event.



Right: Mr. Murphy Miller, Balloon Invitational launch director, clears a balloon for launch. The invitational took place Saturday and Sunday with launches from White Sands and the Riner Steinhoff Soccerplex. There were more than 2,000 spectators at the White Sands launch Saturday.



A balloon launches from White Sands National Monument.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. James Hart

Balloons fill the sky at White Sands National Monument during the 13th Annual White Sands Balloon Invitational.

War on terror testing, reinforcing concepts

by Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

The war on terrorism is teaching Air Force leaders important lessons and validating others, said Air Force Secretary Dr. James G. Roche.

It's emphasizing the success of the air and space expeditionary force, the importance of joint operations and the critical contribution of the Guard and Reserve, he said.

Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan underscore the value of the air and space expeditionary force, a highly specialized force Secretary Roche said is "able to respond in an instant's notice to be able to go great distances.

"We used to think that the most important thing was our base back home in the United States," the secretary said. "But increasingly, it is our performance in an expeditionary setting that is the most important thing that we do."

Frequent operational deployments keep Airmen in AEFs trained for whatever missions come their way, Secretary Roche said. When the Air Force flew into Afghanistan during the first night of Operation Enduring Freedom, for example, he said, 70 to 75 percent of the Air Force pilots involved had already been combat tested. This was from 12 years of patrolling the northern and southern Iraqi sky during operations Northern Watch and Southern Watch using the AEF concept.

"We were able to raise the pond of competence across our whole Air Force," Secretary Roche said. "So when we were called on to go to war, we didn't have to train anybody."

Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom are also helping speed up what Secretary Roche called "a natural evolution" toward joint operations among the military services.

"We make a point that the Air Force will never fight alone. And the Army has the same po-

sition. They are never going to fight alone," the secretary said. "Therefore, it is natural that we do things in a joint way."

The war on terrorism has caused the services to focus on who was doing what and who could do it most efficiently, a process Secretary Roche said helped eliminate duplication.

Airmen are already playing key roles supporting land forces, Secretary Roche said, not only in terms of getting the troops to the battlefield, but also supporting combat missions.

Besides providing precise, close-air support for ground troops, Secretary Roche said the Air Force works through its air commandos to provide direct, on-the-ground support to Navy SEALs and Army special forces troops.

He said the Air Force has learned the value of working closely with ground troops.

"Our relationship to land forces is a key to our future," he said. "So we are not just space. We have to think and work closely with land forces, special operations forces, Marine Corps (and the) Army so that they recognize that we are there for them."

The war on terrorism is also proving the value of Air Force technology, including unmanned vehicles and remotely piloted aircraft, he said.

"These things bring something to the battle that manned aircraft cannot," he said.

They are able to operate at long ranges and demonstrate "digital acuity," which Secretary Roche said means they do not tire as a human would.

But one of the most valuable features of unmanned vehicles and remotely piloted aircraft, Secretary Roche said, is that they never come home draped in an American flag.

Secretary Roche said close-air support delivered by precision weapons from very high altitudes is another critical asset the Air Force is delivering to the war on terrorism.



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Holloman Hero

Senior Airman Joy Harrington

49th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Duty title: Flight Service Center technician

Time in service: Three years, six months

Time at Holloman: Six months

Hometown: Dublin, Ga.

Personal and Career goals: I plan to finish my degree in physical education and become a certified personal trainer.

Why is serving in the Air Force important to you?

Serving in the Air Force is important to me because it gives me a sense of pride to know we have a mission that not only impacts us as a whole, but impacts the world.

We are mission-capable worldwide, and I'm happy to be a part of that.

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

During my short, but interesting career, I've had the privilege to serve in Operations Southern Watch. Being there, gave me a sense of pride to be an American and to serve in the U.S. Air Force. Being able to help others in need is enough in itself to be proud.

Core value portrayed: "Excellence in all we do"

The core value, "Excellence in all we do," best describes Airman Harrington. She consistently exceeds the standard and excels in all she does.

Her enthusiastic and can-do attitude enables her to succeed and encourages others to do the same. As an F-117A Flight Service Center technician, she has very quickly and skillfully mastered all of her assigned duties.

Airman Harrington constantly strives for perfection, as she plays a vital role in Repair Cycle Operations.

Airman Harrington processes serviceable and unserviceable due-in-from-maintenance assets and monitors their status ensuring accurate and time Repair Cycle rates.

– **Maj. James McClellan**
49th LRS commander

Leaders, compelling mission keep Air Force strength high

by Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service



Air Force leaders are struggling with a problem.

The service has 20,000 more people than it

is authorized. And as its leaders work to pare the numbers by 16,000 by the end of fiscal year 2005, Airmen and would-be Airmen are standing in line to enlist or re-enlist.

“It’s a fascinating problem for us,” said Air Force Secretary Dr. James G. Roche. “Where people might think that because we are at war, we might be having difficulty with recruiting and retention, we have the opposite problem.

Secretary Roche said he and other Air Force leaders “have to pinch ourselves” as they acknowledge the service’s attraction to current and would-be Airmen.

“Our Airmen are staying more than they have in the past, pilots are returning, and our recruiting numbers are so high that we (have) to throttle it back in terms of not allowing as many to come on active duty,” Secretary Roche said.

New recruits are increasingly being channeled into “stressed” career fields, those high-demand specialties that need more manpower, Secretary Roche said.

The Air Force’s numbers problem boils down to the fact that the service has strong leaders who create a situation in which “Airmen don’t want to leave,” the secretary said.

“I’m dealing with a prob-

lem, but I keep laughing because I am terribly proud of our Airmen and the leadership of our first sergeants and our sergeants and our chiefs and our officers,” he said.

Compounding the situation, he said, is a strong emphasis on quality of life for Airmen and their families — from improved housing, to higher pay, to better education and family-support programs.

But Secretary Roche said

“One of the greatest motivating things for human beings is to recognize that others depend on them and that they are terribly, terribly important.”

Dr. James G. Roche
Air Force secretary

he believes one of the most compelling reasons for joining and staying in the Air Force is the opportunity to play a meaningful role in the war on terrorism.

“One of the greatest motivating things for human beings is to recognize that others depend on them and that they are terribly, terribly important,” Secretary Roche said.

He said deploying to forward positions in the terror war — something more Airmen are doing in the air and space expeditionary force — drives home the point that “they are doing something very special for their country.”

Airmen “feel very good about that — and they should,” Secretary Roche said. “It makes them walk a little taller wherever they are.”

HMS wins three in a row

Undefeated Falcons beat Panthers 34-6

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

The Holloman Falcons sent the Gadsden Middle School Panthers packing for Anthony, N.M., as they pulled off their third straight win of the season 34-6 Saturday here.

The Falcons opened their offensive drive with an 18-yard return. Quarterback Parker Hinman handed the ball off to running back Justin Cole who rushed for 45 yards to the end zone.

Hinman lobbed the ball to receiver Damon Gandy for a two-point conversion, giving the Falcons an early lead 8-0.

The Panthers received the ball and ran to the 40-yard line. Cornerback Zachary Facio answered back with the team's only touchdown.

The Falcon offense continued to dominate the field with another handoff to Cole for a 68-yard run to the end zone to lead 14-6.

The Falcon defense shut down the Panther's running game for the rest of the first half, allowing the Falcon offensive line to put in motion three back-to-back running plays. The Falcons scored their third touchdown from the two-yard line. They led 20-6 at the half.

The Falcons kicked off the second half, allowing Matthew Martinez plenty of running room for a 35-yard return. The Falcon defensive line held the Panther push, forcing turnover mid-field.

Fullback Marcus Cole ran for 45 yards into the end zone, bumping the score to 28-6.

The Panthers had one last chance to score, but the Falcons defensive linemen sacked Samaniego and forced a fumble.

The Falcons recovered and ran in a 10-yard touchdown ending the game with 34-6 on the scoreboard.

Otero Federal Credit Union and Wells Fargo bank donated



Holloman Middle School Falcons took the field Saturday beating Gadsden Panthers 34-6.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Falcon running back Jordan Seale rushes for a first down during the Holloman Middle School's 34-6 win over the Gadsden Panthers Saturday. The Falcons are 3-0.

the new scoreboard to Holloman Middle School before the game.

The Falcons defeated the Chaparral Middle Tiger Cubs 26-14 and Ruidoso Middle War-

riors 18-6 earlier last month to help remain 3-0 for the season.

The Falcons play at 10 a.m. Oct. 2 against the Mescalero Chiefs.



German air force 2nd Maintenance Squadron coach Lutz Heimback helps player Jarreg Maj stand up after being illegally tackled by a 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron player during intramural soccer action Sept. 16.

GAF wins by forfeit

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

The German air force 2nd Maintenance Squadron defeated the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron 5-0 Sept. 16 during intramural soccer play at the sports complex.

LRS midfielder Kevin Soloman forced his team off the field when he illegally tackled GAF midfielder Jarreg Maj.

The GAF led off first, taking the ball deep into LRS territory. Andy Karl pushed past Abisai Fuentes and passed to Franko Pulera for the first of five goals.

LRS pushed back into the GAF backfield when a pickoff by defender Sebastian Hess gave the GAF a straight away back into the net for a 2-0 lead.

Hess contributed to the GAF

onslaught as he rocketed the ball up the field against LRS. A swift pass to Frank Kremer sank another goal for GAF, putting a deeper gap in the score 3-0.

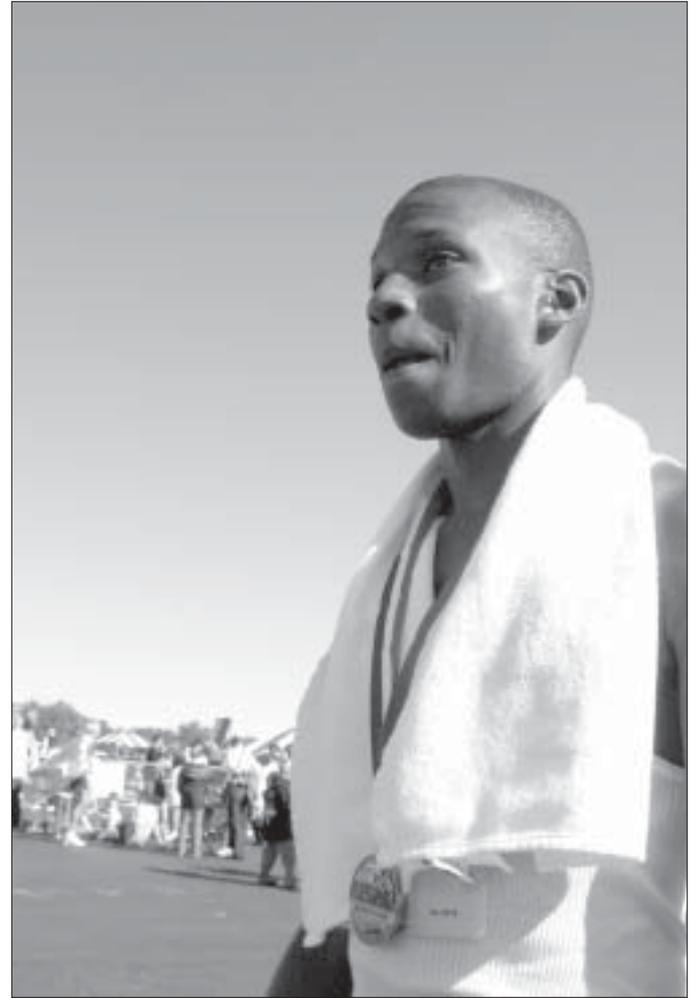
Kremer's quick assist to Maj put his teammate in scoring position as he smacked the ball into the net for a fourth score.

After halftime, the LRS team moved the ball forward but a tough GAF defense picked off the ball.

Two minutes remained and speed demon Maj slid the ball into the net for a set lead of 5-0.

The GAF's offense stole the ball once more, but LRS goalie Daniel Hawkins stopped the play.

Soon after, Soloman was called for the illegal tackle and, after reviewing the penalty, each referee agreed. LRS lost by a forfeit.



Courtesy photo

Gold-medal effort

First Lt. Alonzo Chapman placed 67th in the 13.1-mile half marathon, finishing in 1:36:33. More than 3,800 runners from 48 states and 10 countries ran in the eighth annual Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Sept. 17. The race drew approximately 2,000 spectators, according to organizers, who were assisted by more than 1,800 volunteers.



Stealth Triathlon

The Stealth Triathlon starts at 8 a.m., Oct. 3 and includes a five-mile run, 25-mile bike ride and an 800-meter swim. Pre-registration is today at Outdoor Recreation. Cost is \$25 for individuals and \$50 for teams. After today, cost is \$35 and \$60.

For more information, call ODR at 572-5369.

Tennis tourney

The annual Otero County Closed Tennis Tournament is Oct. 9 to 10 at the Oregon Park courts, Alamogordo. Events will be available for all skill levels. Entry forms are available at the Oregon Park courts and the Holloman Fitness and Sports Center.

For more information, call 434-1949 or 682-1134.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. James Hart

Back on track

The 49th Fighter Wing vice commander, Col. Andrew Papp and 49th FW Command Chief Master Sgt. Dale Barton re-opened the track Sept. 17. The \$194k project started in May and included replacing asphalt with a shock-absorbing surface made of recycled tires. The astroturf field at the track cost \$660k.