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## Briefly

### Lt. Col. promotions

Congratulations to the following majors promoted to lieutenant colonel: Richard Brereton, Michael Chapa, 586th Flight Test Squadron, 8th Fighter Squadron, Regina Goff, 49th Comptroller Squadron, Kenny Munechika, 46th Test Group, Michael Redding, 49th Communications Squadron, Joel Rush, 9th Fighter Squadron, Ronald Rutledge, 8th FS, Kent White, 49th Mission Support Squadron.

### myPay

Leave and Earnings Statements can be accessed at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>. Starting today, hardcopies will no longer be available.

For more information, contact the 49th Comptroller Squadron at 572-3778.

### Goblin patrol

Volunteers are needed to help trick-or-treaters from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Oct. 31.

To volunteer as a cross guard or for neighborhood watch duties, call Senior Airman Genarie Medina at 572-5754.

# ORI

## Countdown

# 30 days

to vulnerability window  
see Page 4 for article

## Wing meets ACC flying goal

by Senior Airman  
Martha Whipple

49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 49th Fighter Wing met its fiscal year Air Combat Command flying hour goal when an F-117A Nighthawk touched down here Sept. 24.

During fiscal year 2004, the wing flew a total of 6,866 flying hours, meeting the ACC requirement.

According to Senior Master Sgt. Donald Poormon, 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron superintendent, it takes a lot of work to get a sortie off the ground.

Troops at the 49th AMXS often work 12-hour shifts to complete routine maintenance and to maintain a mission-capable jet at all times. The wing can be tasked to deploy in short notice and employ immediately worldwide, so Sergeant Poormon said it's critical for Airmen to be ready to meet any challenge and continue to strive to meet the wing's flying goal.

Some of the unit's challenges are

**see GOAL on Page 5**



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Airman 1st Class Stephanie Kretsinger, 8th Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief, marshals in an F-117A Nighthawk Sept. 23 to complete the wing's final sortie of the fiscal year. The wing met its Air Combat Command goal of 6,866 sorties.

## Two Airmen receive Bronze Star

by Ms. Laura Hunt  
Sunburst staff writer

Two vehicle operators from the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron received the Bronze Star for their service in Iraq from February to August.

Tech. Sgt. Michael Sifford and Senior Airman Mazen Abdu were part

of a 15-man team tasked to conduct convoy operations in Iraq.

Airman Abdu was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor for exceptionally meritorious service as a machine gunner and vehicle operator with the 494th Aerospace Expeditionary Force Truck Company in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

On April 8, Airman Abdu's convoy

was attacked. Enemy insurgents ambushed the convoy with rocket-propelled grenades, improvised explosive devices, small arms fire and mortars.

The convoy vehicles got in a box formation to defend themselves. Airman Abdu scanned his line of fire

**see STARS on Page 10-11**



High: 78  
Low: 46  
TODAY



High: 76  
Low: 46  
SATURDAY



High: 80  
Low: 48  
SUNDAY



High: 82  
Low: 50  
MONDAY

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

# New TRICARE contracts result in changes

by Lt. Col. Leslie Ness  
49th Medical Group

As TRICARE continues to evolve, the Department of Defense is working to streamline some processes, eliminate unnecessary steps and control rising healthcare costs. The next generation of TRICARE contracts, known as TNex, will generate some process changes for TRICARE operations; however, there is no change to the benefits.

The TRICARE Service Center at the 49th Medical Group will focus on walk-in customers only. People will be able to sit with a counselor without being interrupted by phone calls. For general TRICARE information, people can still call 1-888-TRIWEST. However, for information specific to a situation at Holloman, visit the TSC for a personal briefing.

Primary care managers will now have direct responsibility for referrals for specialty care. In the past, PCMs sent the referral to the TSC. Now, the 49th MDG Referral Management Center will coordinate specialty care and

get the results back to the PCM. For information about referrals, call the Referral Management Center at 572-1937.

Everyone can help. First, keep information current in the DEERS database. Accurate patient information, including a current address and phone number, is imperative. Visit the Military Personnel Flight or go online to <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/address/index.jsp> to verify and update data.

If a patient is referred to a specialist, an appointment with William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso or with a civilian provider in the TRICARE network will be offered. Patients will receive an authorization letter for a referral to the network with instructions to schedule an appointment and call Triwest at a designated number to activate the referral. Follow the instructions explicitly to preclude



voiding the authorization which could result in receiving a bill for services.

The TRICARE Line for Care duplicates information provided in other venues and is not well received by patient population. Therefore it will be deactivated starting today. People can stop by the clinic to pick up a

Take Care of Yourself or Take Care of Your Child book, which will help people decide when to provide home care and to access the healthcare system. To access over 18 million pages of health information, log on to <http://www.TRICAREonline.com>. Patients needing after hours care can also call 572-2778 to contact the on-call PCM.

For more information, call Lt. Col. Leslie Ness at 572-7989 or 1st Lt. Maria Gilliam-McKinney at 572-7913.

## New housing frequently-asked questions

### How will the houses be assigned?

There are 51 three-bedroom and 50 four-bedroom. All housing assignments are made from the waiting lists maintained by rank and bedroom entitlement. There are no separate waiting lists for the new houses. Beginning today, occupants of the 2200, 2300 and 2400 areas may apply for reassignment to a non-cinderblock house.

In order to be eligible, you must meet the following criteria:

- E-1 to E-6 (no line number for E-7)
- Must have two children for the three-bedroom
- Must have at least three children for the four-bedroom
- Must have at least six months remaining on station
- Must have at least one year retainability in service
- No known PCS, retirement

or separation orders

Eligible applicants may apply at any time.

### Will the government pay for my move from one base house to another?

No. Your move is considered voluntary and is at your expense.

### What if my spouse is pregnant with our second or third child, perhaps making us eligible?

You may apply for the larger quarters based on an increase of dependents at any time with a proof of pregnancy statement from a doctor. If you're already assigned to base housing, the birth of your baby must occur prior to being assigned the larger house.

### What if I have changes in my family status?

Any changes to your family status should be reported to the housing office, especially if you intend to apply for a larger

house. Official documentation, such as a birth certificate for a new child, is required at the time of application.

### My sponsor is TDY, can I apply?

Yes, just bring a General or Special Power of Attorney when you apply.

### What is the process to apply?

Applications are available at the housing office. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Applications that are received on the same day will automatically be prioritized first by rank, then time in grade, then time in service. The day your application is accepted is significant but the time of day that your application is received is not a factor in your placement on the waiting list.

For more information, call the base housing office at 572-3982 or 572-3981.

## DUI Update

Days since last DUI	<b>36</b>
DUIs this year	<b>29</b>
This week last year	<b>20</b>

### 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

**757** Saves this year  
**9** Saves this week



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## Family Advocacy team raises Domestic Violence Awareness

by Ms. Laura Hunt  
Sunburst staff writer

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and 49th Medical Group Family Advocacy is reminding Team Holloman that help is available for those who need it.

“One of the reasons it’s important to recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month is because in a lot of families and communities, domestic violence is a pervasive problem,” said Mr. Geoffrey Hollenbach, Family Advocacy outreach manager. “But it also tends to be a very quiet and secretive problem.”

By letting people know that help is available, they can feel more confident about bringing problems out in the open, Mr. Hollenbach said.

“People are fearful,” he said. “They become less fearful when they know that there are others out there pulling for them.”

From October 2003 through June 2004, there were 54 cases of spousal abuse and 77 cases of child abuse at Holloman, said Capt. Teresa Baptiste, Family Advocacy element chief. Last year’s statistics included 57 spousal and 29 child abuse cases from October 2002 to September 2003.

According to Mr. Hollenbach, a military base is a representative sample of any city. However, on a base there are more opportunities for abuse to be reported.

“This is something that doesn’t happen in the absence of people,” he said. “So if a neighbor hears something, they are probably going to tell someone else. Or a report may come from a supervisor who is really attuned to the person’s needs or a school counselor that is skilled at recognizing abuse.”

The base offers relationship-enhancing programs that can help people deal with their problems before they turn into domestic violence, Mr. Hollenbach said. Communication groups, anger or stress management or one-on-one counseling are only a few programs offered by organizations on base.

If a relationship gets violent, there is help for the perpetrator and the victim. Family therapy, domestic violence groups or the victim’s advocate can help people understand why domestic violence happens and how they can stop the pattern of violence.

“There’s help out there,” Mr. Hollenbach said. “Because victims of domestic violence tend to feel a lot of shame and guilt, taking the first step to getting

help is difficult.

“But the cycle of violence tends to get more severe,” he said. “People need to seek help from any group, through formal or informal resources. There’s absolutely no excuse for abuse.”

### Domestic Violence Victim Advocate

Phone  
572-3633

Pager  
572-7243 #1316

Fax  
572-2126

Family  
Advocacy  
572-7061

Family Support  
Center  
572-7754

Everyone should know how to get in touch with their spouse’s first sergeant and commander

# CES offers ORI tips

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

Since the Operational Readiness Inspection vulnerability window has been narrowed down to Oct. 31 to Nov. 10, preparations are in full swing.

The 49th Civil Engineer Squadron would like to make a few reminders concerning Mission Oriented Protective Posture buddy checks and transitioning between zones.

According to the Airman's Manual 10-100, MOPP, like standardized attack warning signals, quickly increases or decreases personal protection against nuclear, biological, chemical and conventional threats.

Field gear for MOPP includes helmet, web belt, canteen and body armor. Individual Protective Equipment includes chemical defense ensemble. As MOPP levels rise or lower from zero to four, so does the amount of protective equipment an Airman needs.

Airman 1st Class Wesley Lacaze, 49th CES readiness representative, said small details that are vital for complete protection against chemical agents are often overlooked while donning MOPP gear, especially when at level four.

He said the simplest way to ensure these details are taken care of is by using a resource that is available to every Airman: a buddy. Pick anyone nearby and have them check to ensure all buttons are buttoned and zippers are zipped, then do the same for that person.

On the Battle Dress Overgarment jacket there are two draw strings a short distance from ei-

ther side of the bottom of the zipper that should be tied and all cargo pockets should be secured.

Another thing to check for is a good seal when wearing the gas mask and resealing the gas mask carrier to prevent further contamination.

After an attack the split-MOPP concept can be applied. This is a tactic that divides the base into multiple sectors or control zones and assigns threat-based alarm conditions and MOPP levels independent from one another.

According to AFMAN 10-100, the concept provides commanders with the flexibility to respond to threats in specific areas and continue operations within other areas that are unaffected by the incident or at lower risk from the threat.

Airman Lacaze said a few basic guidelines to follow when transitioning between zones are: knowing which zones are dirty or clean, limiting travel in and out of contaminated zones to prevent cross-contamination and only moving between zones at a transition control point.



Courtesy photo

**An Airman works in Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear during a Phase II exercise.**

Also always follow the instructions of the unit control center for movement between zones and contact the UCC before leaving or entering zones.

Each zone transition should be marked with a sign stating the zone designator, the zone MOPP level, time and date of posting and any individual actions. If the sign contradicts given guidance, contact the UCC for clarification.

Following these guidelines will allow the base recovery actions to be conducted more efficiently and will help save lives.

## WEAR

- MOPP 0: Mask carrier, field gear (web belt with canteen and helmet)
- MOPP 1: Overgarment, mask carrier, field gear
- MOPP 2: Overgarment, mask carrier, field gear, footwear covers
- MOPP 3: Overgarment, mask and hood, field gear, footwear covers
- MOPP 4: Overgarment, mask and hood, field gear, footwear covers, gloves

## CARRY

- MOPP 0: Overgarment, mask and hood, field gear, footwear covers, gloves
- MOPP 1: Footwear covers, mask and hood, gloves
- MOPP 2: Mask and hood, gloves
- MOPP 3: Gloves



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

**Airman 1st Class Stephanie Kretsinger, 8th Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief, completes a post-flight inspection on an F-117A Nighthawk after it completed the wing's final sortie of the year Sept. 24.**

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weather, maintenance, scheduling and deployments. Many Airmen from the 9th Aircraft Maintenance Unit deployed to South Korea in June, so the remaining 9th AMU maintenance team combined with the 8th to meet this year's command sortie requirement.

"The AMU teams have worked together cohesively to accomplish the wing's fiscal year flying mission," Sergeant Poormon said. "Without these Airmen putting their all into each day's work, we couldn't get a jet off the ground. It's a good feeling when the team accomplishes the goal it worked so hard to achieve."

Sergeant Poormon said it's a wing-wide effort to reach ACC requirements. He said the din-

ing facilities have accommodated Airmen who work late shifts, the Military Personnel Flight has extended hours and helped the units, just to name a few.

"When the mission requires, the Airmen had to rely on BAS for lunch," he said. "That stands for 'bring a sandwich.' But, everyone understands the mission is first. The wing relies on each unit. Every unit is a piece of the puzzle, and if one piece is missing, the mission doesn't get accomplished."

The Airmen were rewarded for accomplishing this year's flying hour program with a wing utilization day Monday, a day off to reward a job well done, Sergeant Poormon said.

# Hispanic-American History

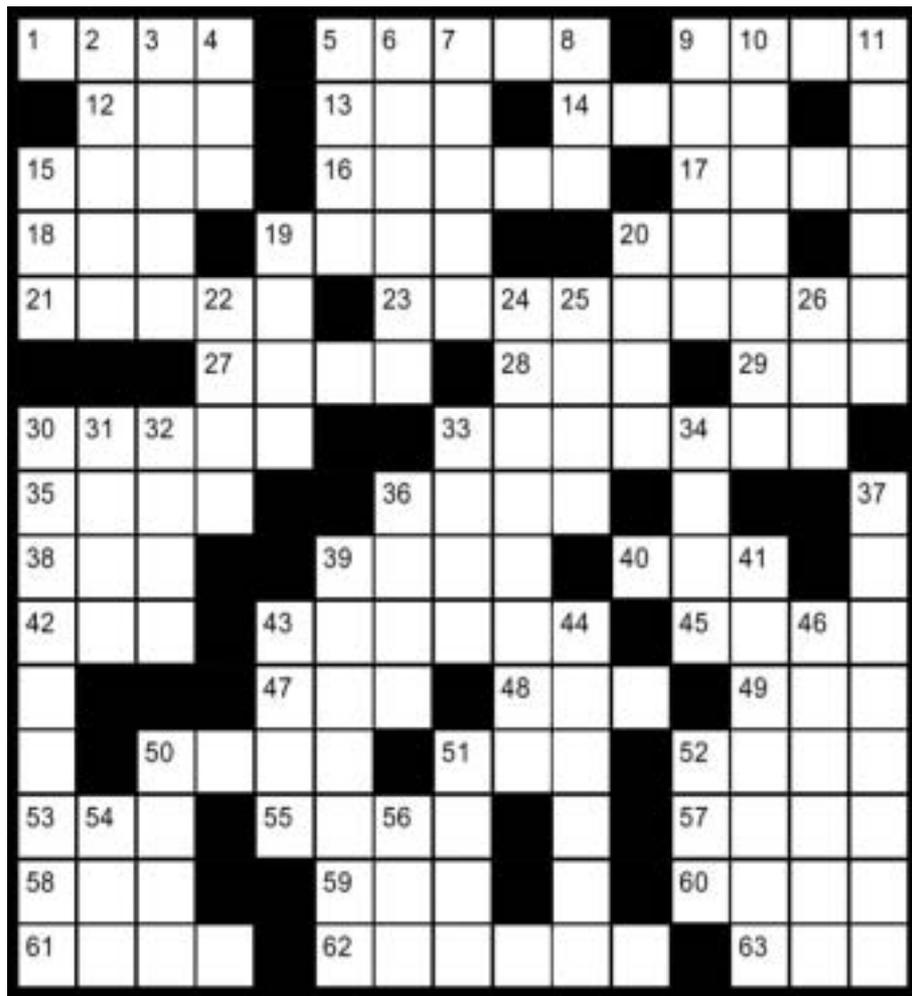
**ACROSS**

- 1. Mexican-American former US Secretary of Transportation and Energy
- 5. Spanish-American Nobel Prize winner in Medicine and Physiology (1959)
- 9. First person
- 12. Allow
- 13. Musical group \_\_\_ Na Na
- 14. One of the 5 Ws
- 15. Inlet
- 16. Of the ocean below 6,000 meters
- 17. Shakespeare play *King* \_\_\_
- 18. Mock
- 19. Own
- 20. Mil. abbreviation for information gathering and observation
- 21. Concise
- 23. Bolivian educator who fought for equality; *Stand & Deliver*

- 27. "Queen of salsa;" Cuban singer Celia \_\_\_
- 28. \_\_\_ *Abner*
- 29. Promotions
- 30. Acquit
- 33. Massed closely together
- 35. Bridge
- 36. Florida school, in short
- 38. Internet provider
- 39. Alaska city
- 40. Sphere
- 42. Compass dir.
- 43. Puerto Rican actress is 1 of only 2 to win Tony, Grammy, Emmy, Oscar
- 45. Luxuriant
- 47. Alt. to street
- 48. Explosive
- 49. Type of plane
- 50. Assistant
- 51. Snakelike fish
- 52. Singer Braxton
- 53. Org. that governs Olympic Games
- 55. Italian-born fashion designer Schiaparelli
- 57. Soon
- 58. Everything

- 59. \_\_\_ Alamos, NM
  - 60. Nothing more than
  - 61. Supreme Greek god
  - 62. Abided by
  - 63. \_\_\_ Francisco, CA
- DOWN**
- 2. Run off, as in marriage
  - 3. Definitive "no!"
  - 4. Dined
  - 5. Safety org.
  - 6. Mexican-American leader who started United Farm Workers of America
  - 7. Greek underworld
  - 8. Auger
  - 9. Popular form of Latin-American dance music
  - 10. Forever
  - 11. Cuban American playwright who has won 6 Obie Awards
  - 15. Feline
  - 19. German mister
  - 20. Infections
  - 22. Racket
  - 24. First Puerto Rican baseball player to be named MVP
  - 25. Aboriginal of Japan
  - 26. Mil. acronym for temporary

- assignment
- 30. First Costa Rican-American to become astronaut
- 31. Noted Cuban-American composer and conductor Tania \_\_\_
- 32. Fashion magazine
- 33. British title for a woman
- 34. British title for a man
- 36. Golf shout
- 37. First Cuban-American woman elected to Congress; Ros-\_\_\_
- 39. First Puerto Rican and woman to become US Surgeon General
- 41. Cuban-American ballet dancer to be first American to win Gold Medal
- 43. Earned
- 44. Connected, as in Internet
- 46. Spanish lady
- 50. Org. concerned with individual rights
- 51. Relieve
- 52. \_\_\_ o'shanter; type of hat
- 54. Bullring cheer
- 56. Cry





The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from Sept. 22 to Monday.

### Tickets

Security forces issued 10 tickets: three for no insurance, one for no registration, two for inattentive backing, one for assault, one for limitations on backing and two for failure to stop.

### Property loss, damage or theft

- Sept. 22: There was a minor accident between two privately owned vehicles in the building 274 parking lot. A driver hit a car while backing out of a parking space.

- Sept. 23: An Airman reported his POV was damaged in the dorm 330 parking lot.

- Sept. 23: An NCO reported her POV was damaged in the building 15 parking lot.

- Sept. 23: An Airman reported her POV was damaged in the dorm 330 parking lot.

- Sept. 24: There was a minor accident between two POVs in the dorm 342 parking lot. The two drivers were backing out of parking spots and hit each other.

- Sept. 25: There was a minor accident between two POVs at Luna Loop. A driver was backing out of his driveway and hit another car.

### Patrol response

- Sept. 23: A civilian was arrested at the main gate for driving under the influence.

- Sept. 23: An NCO turned himself in for assaulting his wife.

- Sept. 24: An NCO and his spouse were charged with mutual assault.

- Sept. 25: An officer reported two Airmen had been harassing another Airman since July.

- Sept. 27: An anonymous person reported that a vehicle was on fire in the shopette parking lot. The vehicle caught fire because of faulty wires.

- Sept. 27: An Airman reported that she and her dog heard a suspicious noise at her front door on Eddy Loop. Nothing was missing and no damage was found.

- Sept. 26: An anonymous caller reported a cat was hit by a car and was hiding in the engine of another car in the Holloman Intermediate School parking lot.

### Scam alert

A scam e-mail has been circulating that looks like it comes from CitiBank. The e-mail states that due to a large number of identity thefts, CitiBank customers must confirm their banking details by clicking on a link.

If you get an e-mail that warns you that an account of yours will be shut down, don't reply or click on the link in the e-mail. Contact the company cited in the e-mail using a telephone number or Web site address you know to be genuine. Avoid e-mailing personal and financial information.

Review credit card and bank account statements as soon as you receive them to determine whether there are any unauthorized charges.

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

## Tommy Dorsey

The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at the Tays Special Events Center.

For more information, call 437-2202.

## Highway cleanup

There is an Adopt-A-Highway cleanup on Saturday.

After the cleanup there is a hot dog picnic for the participants hosted by the Alamogordo Breakfast Lions from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday at Active Fun Golf Games and Go Carts with free drinks.

For more information, call Mr. Chuck Galusha at 434-6296 or e-mail [chuckg@zianet.com](mailto:chuckg@zianet.com).

## Mustang Club

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

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

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

For more information, call 434-4381.

## 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 more than 50 arts and crafts vendors, local apples and apple products, food, kids' stuff and entertainment. Admission, parking and ambience are free.

For more information visit [www.highrollsfestivals.com](http://www.highrollsfestivals.com) or call (505) 682-1151.

## Military widows

The Society of Military Widows are forming a chapter in the Tularosa Basin.

For more information, call 434-3299.



**Science Fair**

There is a Science Fair from 5 to 7 p.m., Nov. 18 at the Holloman Middle School. Volunteers are needed to display and explain a type of science utilized in their field.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Theodore Holzhausen at 572-0229 or e-mail [theodore.holzhausen@holloman.af.mil](mailto:theodore.holzhausen@holloman.af.mil).

**Special Olympics**

Volunteers are needed for the Special Olympics from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 16. No experience is necessary. Sign up by Oct. 8. Volunteer training is 3 p.m., Oct. 9 at the Fitness Center Juice Bar.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Anthony Bradway at 430-8902 or e-mail [anthony.bradway@holloman.af.mil](mailto:anthony.bradway@holloman.af.mil).

**Trinity Site tour**

There is a tour of Trinity Site Saturday. Trinity Site is where the first atomic bomb was tested on July 16, 1945.

For more information, call White Sands Missile Range Public Affairs at (505) 678-1134 or (505) 678-1700.

**Open house**

The ribbon cutting ceremony for new military family houses is 8:30 a.m., Oct. 13 on Agave Court, located off Arnold Avenue. One of the houses will be open to the public after the ceremony until 2 p.m.

**HOSC Thrift Shop**

The Thrift Shop will be open 9 a.m. to noon, Oct. 16. Consignments will not be accepted on this day.

**Donut sale**

The Keystone Club has a “Krispy Kreme Donut” sale. Place orders until Oct. 15 with delivery Oct. 19. Cost is \$7 per dozen for glaze, chocolate or half and half. Funds will be used to help the



Photo by Airman 1st Class Larry E. Reid Jr.

**Get in line!**

**Senior Airmen fall into formation during a practice reveille ceremony for Airman Leadership School graduation at the Mayo Professional Military Education center here Sept. 15. ALS is a five-week course that prepares Airmen for NCO responsibilities. Twenty-eight Airmen graduated from the most recent course.**

Keystoners attend the 2005 National TEEN Supreme Keystone conference in March at Orlando, Fla.

**Tech Expo**

The Technology Expo is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 19 in the Sierra Lounge of the Officer’s Club. All personnel and contractors are invited to attend at no fee.

For more information, e-mail Ms. Kathryn Stephenson at [Stephenson@ncsi.com](mailto:Stephenson@ncsi.com) or call (301) 596-8899 extension 245.

**Heat conversion**

Housing maintenance will begin conversion from evaporative coolers to heaters on Oct. 15.

Someone over the age of 18 must be at the quarters at the time of the conversion. If no one is at the quarters on the scheduled day, call and reschedule on a first come first serve basis after Oct. 26. People with newborns or medical conditions that would like their heat turned on sooner should call 572-7901.

The conversion schedule is:

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.

**Construction zone**

*Main gate*

There is a new traffic pattern at the main gate. Both inbound and outbound traffic lanes are 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. This traffic pattern shift will be implemented until further notice.

*Patterson Drive*

Patterson Drive is closed from the youth center to the intersection of Arizona and Arnold avenues. This intersection will also be closed to through traf-

fic and only construction vehicles and commissary delivery trucks will be allowed through.

**“Macbeth”**

“Macbeth” will be performed by the Alabama Shakespeare Festival 6 p.m., Oct. 20 and 11 a.m., Oct. 21.

Location to be announced.

Tickets are free and can be picked up at the community center.

**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.

**B**On the  
BIG SCREEN



**Without a Paddle (PG-13)**

6 and 9 p.m., today

**Alien vs. Predator (PG-13)**

6 and 9 p.m., Saturday

**Open Water (R)**

6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday

Tickets are 99 cents.





# AF continues efforts to locate POWs, MIAs

by Tech. Sgt. James Brabenec  
AFPC Public Affairs

Having returned from New York to commemorate National POW/MIA Recognition Day recently, Master Sgt. Cheryl Wells and Mr. Barney Frampton of the missing persons branch at Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas continue their efforts to account for Air Force POWs and MIAs.

Sergeant Wells and Mr. Frampton work to bring closure for the families of the 1,600 Airmen POWs and MIAs lost during the Korean, Cold and Vietnam wars.

Special events such as the recognition day educate the general public on this issue, but that is only a fraction of what the Airmen and civilians do here on a daily basis.

The branch keeps detailed records on each POW or MIA along with all family correspondence until each individual case is closed.

"We've only recently gained access into some areas where the Korean War was fought - a war that happened more than 50 years ago," said Sergeant Wells, program manager for the missing persons branch. "As an active duty NCO, it's reassuring to know our government will never give up on its POWs and MIAs. I'm proud to be a part of that level of commitment."

Wearing a silver POW/MIA bracelet, Sergeant Wells demonstrates her personal commitment to locating missing servicemen daily.

Since her arrival at the missing persons branch in 2003, she chose to wear the bracelet, with the name Senior Mas-

**"It means a lot to me to know another one of our warriors is home, and that his family can now be at peace."**

**Mr. Barney Frampton**  
*Missing Persons Branch*

ter Sgt. James H. Calfee etched into it, until his remains are recovered.

"This job includes a lot of travel, and though it is inconvenient especially with airport security checks, I never take my POW/MIA bracelet off," said Sergeant Wells. "It is a fantastic way to educate people and will serve as a reminder of Sergeant Calfee and his family long after I leave here."

Branch members regularly contact and update families of POWs and MIAs through regional meetings and national conferences.

In addition to these gatherings, they answer all manner of correspondences from family members of POWs and MIAs on a daily basis.

Through this contact, branch members get to know these people and the lives they live.

These connections provide an extra reward to these Air Force professionals.

"Having worked here 14 years with these families, the most gratification I get is when we identify a POW or MIA," said Mr. Frampton, senior liaison officer for the branch. "It means a lot to me to know another one of our warriors is home, and that his family can now be at peace. That takes a little burden off my heart."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

## Teamwork

Members of the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron complete pallet training during the squadron's exercise Sept. 21. The squadron is preparing for the upcoming Operations Readiness Inspection.

# Families with high school seniors may get to stay

Sixty-three Air Force families with a child entering their senior year of high school this year will get to stay additional time at their current duty stations thanks to a recently implemented policy.

The High School Seniors Assignment Deferral Program allows senior master sergeants and below, and officers up through the rank of lieutenant colonel, to apply for a one-year assignment deferral. Back-to-back deferrals may be possible and military-married-to-military spouses may also apply.

Even with the changes, officials said the mission comes first and will be the overriding factor in granting deferrals.

"Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis," said Col. Jennifer Hesterman, chief of assignment programs and procedures at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air

Force Base, Texas. "There's a balance between mission needs and helping our families, but our goal is to approve as many requests as possible. We'll work with people as we always have."

To be eligible, the student must be a dependent of, and living with, the Airman requesting the deferral; he or she must also be enrolled in the Defense Department's dependent enrollment system, according to Colonel Hesterman.

Officers may apply before they receive an assignment, and enlisted members may apply only after receiving an assignment, according to Master Sgt. Letty Inabinet, superintendent of assignment procedures and programs at AFPC.

Application requests that cannot be supported initially by the assignment NCO or officer will be reviewed and validated by the respective AFPC assignment division chief for

that Airman's career field to ensure this is the right call for the member and the Air Force.

Officials estimate that annually 20-25 percent of officers and senior noncommissioned officers have children entering their senior year of high school and, perhaps, one third of those could be eligible for assignment in a given year.

The recent policy change makes official what was already being done informally whenever possible in the past, according to Colonel Hesterman.

In some cases, assignments teams were already successfully working with Airmen to allow families stability when children were coming up on graduation, she said.

For more information or to complete an application, Airmen should contact either the local military personnel flight or their commander's support staff. (AFPN)

# Heed Hatch Act rules

As the election season swings into high gear, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel has filed complaints against two federal employees deemed in violation of the Hatch Act.

The complaints address the use of "politically partisan electronic-mail messages while on duty," OSC officials said.

The Hatch Act regulates DoD employees' and service members' participation in politics. The recent violations focus on e-mails sent to about 15 recipients in one case and more than 70 in the other.

"The use of Internet and electronic mail is second-nature to almost everyone and has become a favorite and effective campaign tool, even more so

perhaps than four years ago," said Scott Bloch, OSC head. "I want to remind federal employees to be vigilant about following the Hatch Act, because we will consider this activity a form of electronic leafleting and thus a violation of the prohibition on partisan political activity in the workplace."

Partisan political activity is defined as activity directed toward the success or failure of a political party or candidate for a partisan political office or partisan political group.

Participation in politics is not completely forbidden; however, active-duty military and executive-branch employees need to be aware of the rights and restrictions that the Hatch

Act imposes on such activity. What is allowed and disallowed can be a bit confusing.

Servicemembers are under the most restrictions. They may attend political meetings or rallies, but only as spectators and not in uniform. They are not allowed to give political speeches, serve in any official capacity in partisan groups or participate in political campaigns or conventions.

They are also not generally allowed to campaign for political office.

In its essence, the Hatch Act prohibits federal executive-branch employees from engaging in political activity while on duty or wearing an official uniform, officials said. *(AFP)*

## Carrying over 'use or lose'

Active-duty Airmen who were unable to take annual leave this past year because they supported contingency operations will be allowed to accumulate more than the normal 60 days after the fiscal year ends.

Members unable to use leave due to their support of contingency operations may be eligible for special leave accrual. Those affected can retain up to

120 days of leave until the end of fiscal year 2005, according to personnel officials.

"This program is meant to enable people to take leave they've earned," said Senior Master Sgt. Don Taylor, superintendent of customer support operations at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. "In order for the program to work as planned,

though, those affected need to take not only the leave they are carrying over now, but also the leave they will earn during the next fiscal year, or they may lose leave next year."

Those who meet the criteria for having excess leave should contact the military personnel flight, customer service element at 572-7277, for additional information. *(AFP)*



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

# Holloman Hero

## Airman 1st Class Bobbi Holmes

### 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron

**Duty title:** Supply management apprentice

**Time in service:** One year, nine months

**Time at Holloman:** One year, five months

**Hometown:** Cape Girardeau, Mo.

**Personal and Career goals:** My personal and career goal is to pursue a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and serve in the Air Force as a special agent for the Office of Special Investigations.

**Why is serving in the Air Force important to you?**

Serving in the Air Force is important to me because not everyone can say they've done something above and beyond for their country, especially in

the world we live in today. Just the thought of helping our country during the War on Terror is rewarding enough. Nobody can take away my sense of pride by serving in the world's greatest Air Force

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

I'm most proud of completing my CDCs in three months and scoring 90 percent. This may not be much to others, but the majority of Airmen take six to 12 months to complete their CDCs. I've always taken pride in myself by going above and beyond what is expected.

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

Airman Holmes exemplifies

"Excellence in all we do."

She displayed unmatched initiative and willingness to learn during daily operations, ensured consistent success over peers assigned to the Storage Element. She is a future leader in the making.

Not only has she excelled on duty, she also volunteered time to help the base community. She volunteered as a cross guard near the schools to help provide a safe corridor for students.

Airman Holmes also played on the AMMO softball team.

She strives for the best in every endeavor.

– Maj. James McClellan  
49th LRS commander

# Troops get a helping hand

by Airman 1st Class

Stephen Collier

*49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

Disabled troops returning from the war on terror have a new ally to help them get back on their feet and into a productive lifestyle.

Homes For Our Troops, a non-profit group, builds specially-adapted homes for disabled veterans, mainly of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

The idea for the organization came to HFOT founder Mr. John Gonsalves about one year ago while he was watching a nightly news story of a soldier who lost both of his legs in a rocket-propelled grenade attack.

He wanted to help. As a licensed construction supervisor who has been in the trade for 20 years, he said he felt the best thing he could contribute to these heroes would relate to housing needs: to build adapted homes or to help adapt existing homes.

Mr. Gonsalves, president of HFOT, said helping these troops get back on their feet was the organization's main concern.

Mr. Gonsalves visited some of the injured soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, a hospital in Washington.

"It's truly an unbelievable feeling," he said. "When I traveled to Walter Reed, some of the injured soldiers gave me some gifts for the work Homes For Our Troops have done. One soldier gave me the Secretary of Defense coin he received in Baghdad. It's just amazing what these guys are like."

Since then, HFOT has begun construction on a custom home for Army Sgt. Peter Damon, who lost both of his arms when a Blackhawk transport helicopter's landing gear ex-

ploded. Sergeant Damon was serving with his unit at Balad Air Base, Iraq.

After meeting with Mr. Gonsalves, Sergeant Damon was convinced this was the best for him, his wife and children Jennifer and Danny.

"This is a huge burden lifted off my mind right now, if we can get it done," said Sergeant Damon.

A second house will also be built for Marine Lance Cpl. James Crosby. Corporal Crosby was struck by a piece of shrapnel from a mortar round, paralyzing him from the waist down. Corporal Crosby said he couldn't believe the outpouring of support by citizens.

"It makes me feel great that there is finally an organization like this out there," he said. "I can't believe how many people have donated to this. I'm glad someone has stepped up to create this organization. America needs it."

Mr. Gonsalves said he hopes HFOT will be in existence for many years to come.

"I hope that when the Homes For Our Troops is mentioned, people will know who we are," Mr. Gonsalves said. "Hopefully this will go on long after I'm gone. I've done a lot of jobs but this is the toughest and most rewarding of them all."

The war on terror is something the American people should all be a part of — not just the people on the front lines in Afghanistan and Iraq, Mr. Gonsalves said.

"As Americans, we have a responsibility to do more for our veterans who are out there fighting every day and putting their lives on the line," he said.

For more information about the organization, log on to [www.homesfortroops.org](http://www.homesfortroops.org).



Courtesy photo

**Capt. Adrienne Miller (left) and 1st Lt. Jillian Broadway help to restore the Flickinger Center's porch during the United Way's Day of Caring Sept. 23.**

## Holloman helps community

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

More than 370 Team Holloman members completed 76 volunteer activities during the 14th annual United Way Day of Caring Sept. 23.

Joined with local contractors, volunteers traveled to Cloudcroft, La Luz and Alamogordo where they rolled up their sleeves and helped out seniors, disabled citizens and underprivileged youth.

Ms. Ann McCullough, Alamogordo United Way chief professional officer, said volunteers from Holloman make the difference during this day of volunteerism.

"Holloman has always played

a major part," Ms. McCullough said. "Out of 400 volunteers, 371 came from the base. We couldn't do it without them."

Jobs around the community included the replacement of ceiling tiles, welding and masonry work at the Children in Need of Services facility. Other volunteers traveled to the Center of Protective Environment Safe house where they replaced kitchen flooring, trimmed trees and painted walls. Both organizations provide counseling and services to the local community.

Master Sgt. Steve Jones, 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron first sergeant and Day of Caring base coordinator, said the relationship between the base and the local community makes it

easy to lend a helping hand.

"The Day of Caring helps to increase the bond between the two communities," Sergeant Jones said. "The Airmen had a great time helping out the people they live around."

Ms. McCullough said the Day of Caring was important for Airmen because it gave them a chance to interact with civilians they normally wouldn't meet.

"Not only does this day promote community involvement, but the Airmen get to meet people in the community," she said. "It would be easy for young people at Holloman to think of the base as a college campus. We try to give these Airmen the opportunity to see what Alamogordo has to offer."







Photo by Steve Brown

**Matthew Peterson chips onto the green during the 2004 Armed Forces Golf Championship at Fort Carson, Colo. The Air Force won the four-day match.**

## AF takes top honors at golf championship

The Air Force golf team won the 2004 Armed Forces Golf Championship at Fort Carson, Colo., Sept. 21 to 25.

The host Army team jumped to a three-stroke lead over the Air Force (731-734) after the first day of play. Team's scores are determined by adding the 18-hole stroke total of the six men and three women on the team.

Brian Billingsley, from Robins Air Force Base, Ga., kept the Air Force competitive with his 1-under-par 71, tying Mark Johnson of the Army for the best score of the day.

Tammy Garcia, from Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, led all women golfers on opening day with her round of 84.

Jeff Scohy, also from Wright-Patterson AFB, shot the best round on the second day of play — a 5-under-par 67.

Matthew Peterson, from Offutt AFB, Neb., had a 3-under-par 69, while Billingsley and Arnell Garza, from Fairchild AFB, Wash., came in at 70.

The Air Force also had the top three women's scores of the day with Karin Tjelmeland, from Lajes Field, Azores, with 78 to lead the group.

Garcia and Amy Rongey, from Osan Air Base, South Korea, both shot 81. The combined scores of the Air Force Team

beat the Army's total by 21 strokes, giving the Air Force an 18-stroke lead over the Army after the second day of play.

Scohy's 69 once again led the Air Force team on Day 3, followed closely by 72 from Billingsley, Garza and Barry Cousler, from Offutt AFB. James Logan Gage, from Patrick AFB, Fla., was not far behind with a score of 73. Rongey's 86 led the women on Day 3. These scores contributed to the Air Force's overall 41-stroke lead going into the final day of play.

Peterson's 70 led the Air Force on the final day of competition. Scohy, Cousler and Garza all shot 72, while Billingsley ended the tournament with a 73.

Rongey led the women with an 84. The Air Force claimed the team title with a 2,793-stroke total, followed by the Army (2,842), the Navy (3,000), and the Marine Corps (3,096).

Scohy topped all competitors with his four-day total of 283, followed closely by Billingsley's 286. This earned them gold and silver medals for the championship.

Tjelmeland was the top female golfer with her four-day total of 341. Army won the women's silver medal with a 342 total, while Garcia won the bronze medal with 344. (AFPN)