

# Sunburst

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## Briefly

### Congratulations

The following first lieutenants have been selected for captain.

**William Ball**, 49th Medical Support Squadron; **Joel Yarvis**, 49th Medical Operations Squadron; **Kristy Young-Peter**, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Herman Gaskins Jr.** and **Kevin Newton**, 49th Contracting Squadron; **Vincent King Jr.**, 49th Fighter Wing; **Sarah Yates**, 20th Fighter Squadron; **Juan Lavarreda-Perez** and **Nathan Pifer**, 49th Operations Support Squadron.

### Correction

The 49th Fighter Wing met the flying goal for the fiscal year: 6,684 sorties and 10,850 flying hours.

### Goblin Patrol

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

To volunteer, call 572-5754.

### Open house

The ribbon cutting ceremony for 101 new houses is at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday at 209 Agave Court.

# ORI

Countdown  
23 days

to vulnerability window  
see Page 10 for article



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

**Master Sgt. Mark Parish, 9th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, embraces his wife, Kim, Wednesday after returning from the 49th Fighter Wing's deployment to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Sergeant Parish part of a 300-person team that deployed in June.**

## Troops return from Pacific

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

More than 300 members from the 9th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron returned this week after a three-month deployment to Kunsan Air Base, South Korea.

"This deployment, part of the Pacific Command Theater Security Package, gave the 9th EFS the unique opportunity to train and integrate with combat forces away from home-station," said Lt. Col. Ward Juedeman, 9th EFS commander. "It provided a rare first-hand look and appreciation of deployed employ-

ment considerations, ranging from weather to base infrastructure support, that impact our daily operations – increasing our overall flexibility and wartime readiness."

The 9th EFS faced challenges like language barriers, learning new skills and being away from family. But, throughout the deployment, 9th EFS personnel have the opportunity to grow both professionally and personally, Colonel Juedeman said. Working alongside F-16 aircraft and their personnel affords the 9th EFS troops a chance to recall and relearn skills that they may not have used since their last base or tech school.

"Practicing in this environment gives the troops a well-rounded idea of what can be expected in this region," he said. "We are relied upon to be prepared and answer the call of duty whenever and wherever it may occur."

Colonel Juedeman said the 9th EFS performed from day one of the deployment in an outstanding manner. Operations and maintenance cooperation was at an all-time high, sortie generation and training went exceptionally well (when the weather allowed), and morale soared due to the real-world mission executed in theater.



High: 75  
Low: 50  
TODAY



High: 75  
Low: 49  
SATURDAY



High: 76  
Low: 50  
SUNDAY



High: 76  
Low: 52  
MONDAY

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

# Safety comes first

by Ms. Laura Hunt  
Sunburst staff writer

The 49th Fighter Wing Safety Office is asking Team Holloman members to give them one second during the three-day weekend.

Mr. Jerry McDermott, Ground Safety manager, said if drivers gave themselves one extra second to react to dangers on the road, 95 percent of accidents would be prevented.

“Instead of using the two second rule when distancing yourself from other vehicles, use the four second rule,” Mr. McDermott said.

There are a million and one things that take that second of reaction time away, like eating, putting on makeup or searching for a new CD, he said.

People underestimate risk and overestimate their ability to control it, Mr. McDermott said.

If Team Holloman members need to do something that takes their attention away from the road, they should pull over, he said.

Although the 101 critical days of summer campaign has ended, September and October have the highest number of motor vehicle accidents for Team Holloman members. This is especially true during Columbus Day weekend.

“Everyone is trying to take a last vacation while the weather is still nice,” Mr. McDermott said. “We’re hoping this year we can increase awareness so everyone is safe while participating in activities.”

## Holloman Hotline

572-7500



Brig. Gen. Kurt Cichowski

The Hotline is your direct link to the 49th Fighter Wing commander. If you’ve tried to solve the problem yourself and haven’t been able to get results, call 572-7500 or e-mail

cc.hotline@holloman.af.mil. Before submitting a Hotline, please give the appropriate agencies a chance to work out the problem.

If you want to pass on praise for a job well done, contact the supervisor or commander directly who can provide the appropriate recognition to the individual or group. The unit commanders and agency chiefs want to help. Let them try first.

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

# Oh deer! Be safe on the roads

by Maj. James Knight  
49th Contracting Squadron commander

It happened as we were returning from our traditional family road trip. We were driving through the piney mountains of western New Mexico just past dusk, and we were trying to make it home by 10 p.m.

My wife and I were just discussing what part of the vacation my three girls would remember. Was it Grandma’s house? Montezuma’s Castle? Maybe the hotel and swimming pool in Flagstaff?

It was a little rainy, and we’d seen the highway warning signs for deer and even saw a large herd near the road.

I slowed down to be safe, but was still traveling about 45 mph. Then out of nowhere (you’ve heard that before) the deer was bouncing off the grill of my car.

I never really thought it would hap-

pen to me, and I certainly hadn’t pictured it happening like this. I immediately stopped the car to check the damage.

Though my Grand Wagoneer is pretty stout and body damage was minimal, the grill was caved in, and the radiator had sprung a few leaks and was now spraying antifreeze like a squirt gun.

Now, with a car that wouldn’t hold water, I needed to get to the next town.

My flares were in the garage – presumably because I needed space for the kid’s swimming fins.

We called the county sheriff to report the incident as we limped to the next town. I felt lucky that since the radiator hadn’t completely failed, we were able to make it home by adding water at every truck stop between Datil, N.M. and Alamogordo, which is about 200 miles.

In hindsight, I know I could have been better prepared. Now I wish I re-

membered to keep flares in the car. I wish I remembered to put extra water in the car. I wish I slowed down even more after seeing all the warning signs – all the things that are standard safety tips doled out regularly by our Air Force safety reps.

The rest of the trip home, and for the next few days, the girls recounted the accident in their own words. From the safety of their car seats, they’d seen the whole thing. Phrases like “deer got donked,” “deer can’t find her mommy,” “Dad donked deer and deer’s dead!” Wonderful, I thought.

I now know what my kids will remember about the vacation. And I’m sure I’ll remember to be better prepared next time we head out on a road trip.

It’s deer season, drivers are reminded to be vigilant and drive safely. For more information, log on to the New Mexico Game and Fish department Web site at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

## DUI Update

Days since last DUI **43**  
DUIs this fiscal year **0**  
This week last year **0**

### 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

**13** Saves this fiscal year  
**13** Saves this week



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# Awareness can save lives

**Maj. Wendy L. Murray**  
49th Medical Group

October is national breast cancer awareness month. Breast cancer remains second only to skin cancer as the most common cancer afflicting women.

Despite millions of research dollars and national attention, the exact cause of breast cancer remains unknown. Many advances in technology await Food and Drug Administration approval at this time. Currently, the best detection methods remain self-breast exam, clinical breast exam and mammography. Women are recommended to begin self-breast examination at age 20. They should ideally examine their breasts on a monthly basis to be able to detect and report any changes to a health care provider. Although rare, men should also immediately notify their health care providers of any suspicious changes in their breast tissue. Additionally, women should receive clinical breast exams, from a health care provider, during annual examinations. Suspicious or abnormal changes that are reported by the patient or found by a health care provider should be referred for mammography or ultrasound. Mammography has been well documented in the literature to decrease breast cancer mortality. Although a recent subject of debate, the American Cancer

Society and National Cancer Institute recommend screening mammograms starting at age 40. Women with a family history of breast cancer in a first degree relative are encouraged to begin mammography 10 years prior to their relative's age of diagnosis.

To inform those not aware, Holloman mammography services have recently changed. All mammograms and ultrasound are now being done at Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center, by referral only. Referrals and examinations can be obtained through an individual's Primary Care or women's health provider by appointment. Before going to GCRMC, it's very important to first check out any prior mammography films from the radiology department at the clinic here. These older films will be needed at GCRMC for comparison, enabling them to better detect any early changes.

The Health and Wellness Center, located on the second floor of the fitness center, invites individuals to view their display of additional educational materials about breast cancer on a walk-in basis. The HAWC has several incentive items available to those who are interested. The 49th Medical Group welcomes all inquiries regarding breast examination and mammography requests by calling the central appointment line, 572-2778.

## HAWC offers Micro Fit program

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

The Health and Wellness Center now offers a program for Team Holloman to help their exercise routine.

"Micro Fit is a computerized program designed to help determine your overall fitness level," said Ms. Chinda Lucoski, 49th ADOS Health and Wellness Center technician. "It's a safe, fun and effective way to evaluate all areas of fitness."

During the Micro Fit assessment, a trained specialist measures body composition, blood pressure, heart rate, flexibility, strength and aerobic fitness. The results allow the specialist to determine where your fitness level is. Follow up assessments can measure the progress of the exercise program.

By using the test, the specialist can design an exercise program based on your fitness levels and personal

health and fitness goals.

"It's an excellent tool to measure the progress of your exercise program," Ms. Lucoski said. "Or if you don't have a program, it's an excellent tool to get started."

The individual with the desire to exercise has the tools needed to begin a routine workout at the HAWC.

The program is self-driven, she said. "I am here to motivate and offer health and wellness information to participants. For example, exercise myths ... don't believe them! Doing a 'zillion' sit-ups isn't going to flatten your abdomen, although you will have very strong abdominal muscles. If you are working to decrease body fat, a balanced workout including strengthening, cardiovascular endurance and flexibility is ideal."

The program is also a great tool to gain a better understanding of how your body is changing with exercise, she said.

According to Ms. Lucoski,



Courtesy photo

### An Airman is measured during a fitness test.

building strength, decreasing body fat, decreasing stress, sleeping better and gaining energy are all good reasons to get fit. More physically active lifestyles also reduce the risk of heart disease, hypertension, certain types of cancer, osteoporosis, obesity and diabetes.

"Micro Fit is a good place to start a healthier lifestyle," she said. "We're working to improve Team Holloman. The program promotes readiness for the 'fit to fight' Air Force. We work as a team to be ready."

For more information, call the HAWC at 572-5785.

# Additions to myPay help family members

by Airman 1st Class  
Stephen Collier

*49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

The Department of Defense has made additions to the myPay finance system for active duty servicemembers and their family members.

Additions include a Restricted Access Personal Identification Number for spouses to view the servicemember's leave and earnings statement online. Members can also view 12 months of LES statements and start, stop and change financial allotments.

Mr. Jeremy Edgington, 49th Comptroller Squadron finance customer service technician, said the addition to myPay helps eliminate the member's need for a power of attorney while deployed.

"Spouses used to only be able to do specifically what a

power of attorney stated," Mr. Edgington said. "Now they can obtain their RAPIN, access myPay and print out the member's LES. It's much more convenient."

Spouses and trusted individuals can use their RAPIN to view and print LES and W-2 tax statements. A power of attorney is still required to make changes to the member's financial information.

Mr. Edgington said the changes continue to improve myPay.

"MyPay is a valuable tool for all Department of Defense members," he said. "This new addition for dependents is helping to make the system more user-friendly."

Members needing a RAPIN or myPay pin can visit the Web site at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

For more information, call the 49th CPTS at 572-3778.

# Tuition assistance now available for civilians

by Airman 1st Class  
Stephen Collier

*49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

The civilian tuition assistance program provides an avenue for Air Combat Command employees to go to college without paying an arm and a leg.

The program, which began Oct. 1, will pay up to 75 percent tuition costs and mandatory fees to a maximum of \$250 per semester hour for work-related classes. The annual tuition assistance ceiling is \$3,500.

Mr. Velmo Holm, base training and education services chief, said the program benefits ACC civilians by tailoring their education toward their career.

Civilians who want to enroll in a course can sign up at the education office. Those interested must submit an approval letter from their supervisor stating they're eligible and that the

class is duty related.

Those eligible for the program can take courses through nationally-accredited schools on and off base that are recognized by the Air Force.

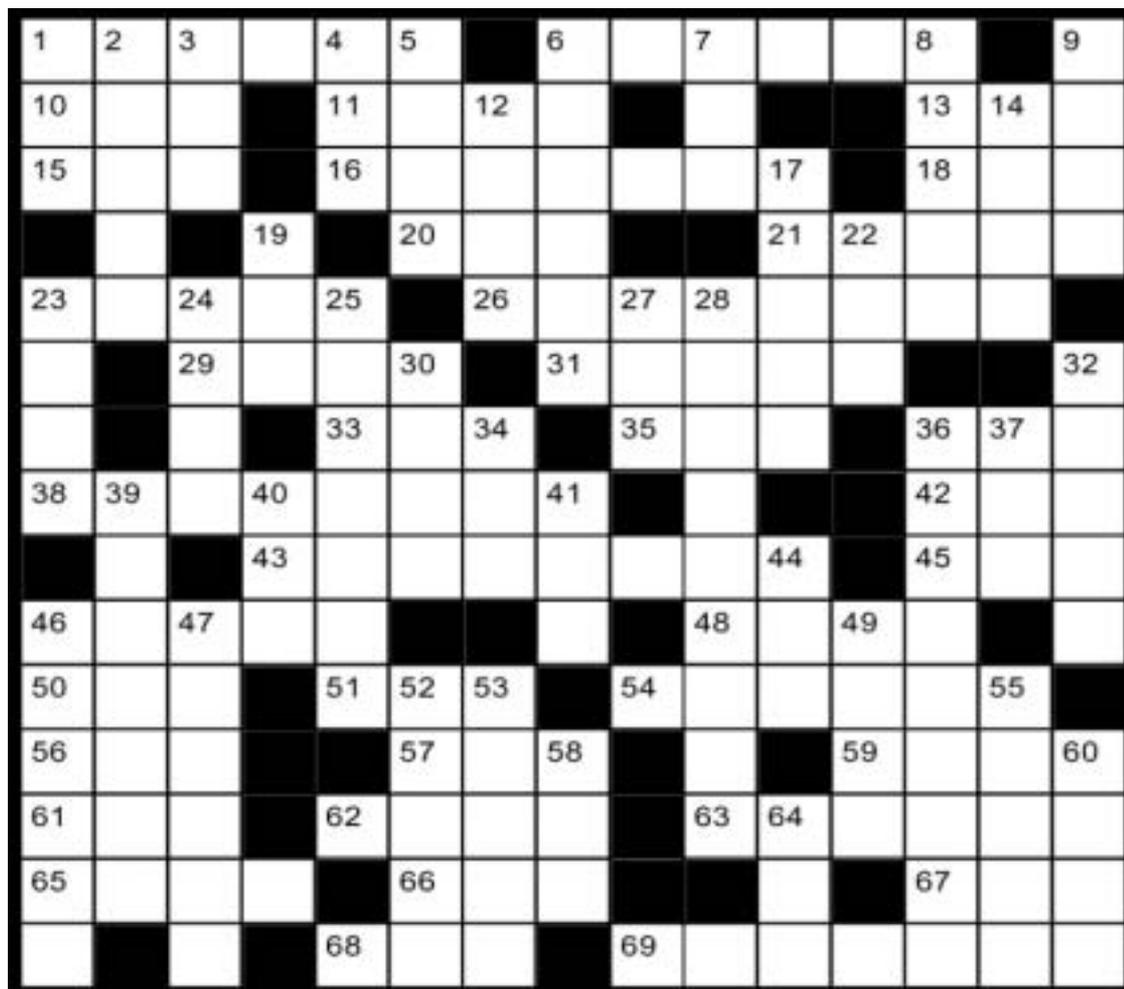
Civilians can make use of the program for job-related education according to Mr. Holm. Work group managers can sign up for computer-related certification courses while fire and emergency services civil service workers can take advantage of emergency services technician training.

Mr. Holm said civilians must coordinate with their supervisor and the education office to take work-specific courses.

"Military supervisors can now have both civilians and military members take work-related courses," he said. "We can help you with your future."

For more information, call BTES at 572-3971.

# CROSSWORD



# In the Pacific

## ACROSS

- 1. PACAF base in Japan
- 6. PACAF base in Korea
- 10. Mil. operation performed since 9/11
- 11. Continent within PACAF AOR
- 13. Internet provider, in short
- 15. Oklahoma town
- 16. Type of arrest?
- 18. USA opponent in Civil War
- 20. ALS, ABC, NCOA, SOS, etc.
- 21. Glows
- 23. Plane flown by 3 WG at 28

## DOWN

- 26. PACAF base in Guam
- 29. Entertainment presented between the acts of a show
- 31. 1939 Oscar winner *Over the Rainbow* composer
- 33. Period
- 35. Paramedic, in brief
- 36. Friend
- 38. Dispensable
- 42. Bullring cheer
- 43. Colorless liquid used in synthetic rubber
- 45. Lawn
- 46. John Wayne movie
- 48. Actress Moore

- 50. Simpson trial judge
- 51. USA foe 1954-1975
- 54. PACAF base in Japan
- 56. 102 to Caesar
- 57. Football stat
- 59. Competent
- 61. Ring results
- 62. Andy's boy in Mayberry
- 63. Leg bone
- 65. Again
- 66. Airport abbrev.
- 67. Decay
- 68. A Gershwin
- 69. PACAF station in Hawaii

## DOWN

- 1. Flightless bird
- 2. Country within PACAF AOR
- 3. Body of water
- 4. Mil. organization in WWII
- 5. Quickly!
- 6. PACAF base in Japan
- 7. Fed. organization concerned with arts
- 8. Mother-of-pearl
- 9. Sigh of woe
- 12. Cook expert who wrote *The Joy of Cooking*
- 14. PACAF base in Korea
- 17. Punctuation mark

- 19. Everything
  - 22. Branch of DoD
  - 23. Paradise
  - 24. Absent
  - 25. PACAF base in Alaska
  - 27. Rapping doctor?
  - 28. PACAF base in Alaska
  - 30. Cookie
  - 32. AFS in Alaska
  - 34. Cleopatra killer
  - 36. Chief political committee of a Communist party
  - 37. Pub order
  - 39. Sentiment
  - 40. Effectuated
  - 41. \_\_\_ Lanka
  - 44. \_\_\_! *The Cat* cartoon
  - 46. PACAF base in Hawaii
  - 47. Thumps or clashes
  - 49. Utah town
  - 52. Nickname of plane flown by 35 FW at 1 ACROSS
  - 53. Thomas accuser Hill
  - 55. Permit
  - 58. Afternoon drink to Tony Blair?
  - 60. Dines
  - 64. Sick
- Answers on Page 20*



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from Sept. 29 to Monday.

### Tickets

Security forces issued 12 tickets: one for disorderly conduct, three for failure to stop, three for no registration, one for no insurance, one for noise inside the vehicle, two for speeding one to 10 mph over the speed limit and one for speeding 11 to 15 mph over the speed limit.

### Property loss, damage or theft

- Sept. 29: A civilian reported \$1,200 of housing management tools were sto-

len from Mesquite Drive.

- Oct. 4: An anonymous caller reported she was walking her dog along the perimeter of the base when she saw a hole going under the fence. The whole was about 8 inches deep and two feet wide.

### Patrol response

- Oct. 1: An NCO reported witnessing underage drinking and an Airman contributing to minors.

- Oct. 1: A civilian reported a verbal altercation at the visitor's center. The civilian said another civilian had threatened him.

- Oct. 2: An Airman reported a verbal altercation at the tennis courts across from billeting.

- Oct. 4: An NCO reported an Airman was being disrespectful and refusing to work.

## Officials not destroying military personnel files

by **Jim Garamone**

*American Forces Press Service*

National Archives and Records Administration officials in Washington are not destroying any military records, they said.

The officials said they are trying to counter an Internet rumor advising veterans to apply for their official military personnel files to save them from destruction.

There is no truth to this "urban legend" being perpetuated on the Web.

"We heard it about a month ago," said Ms. Susan Cooper, the archive's public affairs officer.

The records are stored at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis where officials said there has been a rise in the number of veterans requesting their records. This takes time away from other legitimate requests, such as vet-

erans requesting separation documents or medical records.

"We have a limited number of people to do the work and anything that ramps the requests up this quickly is a big production issue with us," said Mr. John Constance, NARA's director of congressional and public affairs.

Archivists are digitizing some records, Ms. Cooper said.

"We are going to digitize some of them for reference and preservation," she said. "When records are handled frequently, it causes some wear and tear. The idea is to preserve (the records), not destroy them."

Officials said the paper records remain intact.

NARA preserves and protects the files because they are permanently valuable records that document the essential evidence of military service for veterans.

The bottom line is if people receive this sort of e-mail, they should ignore it, officials said.

# Vote: it's a right

The Federal Voting Assistance Program has joined with the Commission on Presidential Debates to make this fall's debates more valuable to Americans abroad.

DebateWatch is the CPD's nonpartisan, international program that brings U.S. citizens together to watch and discuss this fall's presidential and vice presidential debates.

Throughout the world, DebateWatch participants will meet in schools, libraries, theaters, hotels, civic auditoriums, homes and elsewhere to watch the debates on television or the Internet or listen to them on the radio. At the end of each debate and before commentary begins, the DebateWatch facilitator will turn off the broadcast and lead participants in a discussion about the debate, the candidates, and the upcoming election. After finishing their discussion, participants may log on to [www.debates.org](http://www.debates.org), to fill

out a voluntary survey and provide feedback to the CPD.

To learn more about DebateWatch or register to organize one, see [www.debates.org](http://www.debates.org) or e-mail [debatewatch@debates.org](mailto:debatewatch@debates.org).

The CPD was established in 1987 to ensure that debates, as a permanent part of every general election, provide the best possible information to viewers and listeners.

Its primary purpose is to sponsor and produce debates for the United States presidential and vice presidential candidates and to undertake research and educational activities relating to the debates. The nonprofit, nonpartisan organization sponsored all the presidential debates in 1988, 1992, 1996 and 2000.

The second 2004 presidential debate is today, and the third is Wednesday. All debates begin at 7 p.m., and are aired on international media outlets.

## Your vote counts

A vital part of the absentee voting process is voting and returning your ballot in time to be counted. In order to do this, citizens should carefully review all instructions for balloting provided by the state. In addition, to successfully vote and return a ballot, citizens must also comply with ballot return deadlines and postmark requirements.

Correctly meeting all requirements and deadlines will help ensure your ballot arrives in time to be counted in the Nov. 2, General Election.

When mailing your voted ballot, ask the mail clerk to hand stamp the ballot envelope so that a date is clearly visible. The dated postmark will help ensure that the Local Election Official can make a proper determination of timely mailing. Generally, if a state allows late counting of ballots, the ballot envelope must have been post-

marked on or before Election Day. In addition, it's recommended that citizens always vote and return their regular state absentee ballot up to and including Election Day.

Ballot Return Deadline in New Mexico: Voted Ballot must arrive before the close of polls on Nov. 2. You may return the voted ballot by fax.

Absentee voting week is Monday to Oct. 15. Overseas voters should vote and return their state absentee ballot or the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot during this week. If you receive your state absentee ballot after submitting the FWAB, vote and return the state ballot up to and including Election Day. For guidance on FWAB and requirements, log on to [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

*(Editor's note: the above articles are part of the Department of Defense Voting Information News, a newsletter for unit voting representatives.)*



Courtesy Photo

**“Hollledauer Musikanten” will provide musical entertainment at Oktoberfest 2004. The band will fly to Holloman after playing at Oktoberfest in Munich, Bavaria.**

## Oktoberfest comes to HAFB

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

Since 1810 Germans have been celebrating Oktoberfest in a big way, and the German air force brought that same continuing tradition to Holloman in 1996.

GAF is planning a big celebration from 3 to 11:30 p.m. Oct. 16 at the GAF maintenance hangar 286.

According to [www.oktoberfest.de/en](http://www.oktoberfest.de/en), Oktoberfest began as a wedding celebration for Crown Prince Ludwig, later to become King Ludwig I, when he married Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen Oct. 12, 1810. The festivities were held on the fields in front of the city gates and the citizens of Munich were invited. The celebration lasted for 16 days and is now a worldwide annual event with celebrations in the United States, Canada and across Europe.

“We brought Oktoberfest to Holloman to say thank you to the community,” said Lt. Geri

Benger, Oktoberfest action officer. “People can have fun and we can bring a little bit of Bavaria to N.M.”

The gates for Holloman’s Oktoberfest open at 3 p.m.; however, the honor of the first keg-tapping will be at 4 p.m. and will be performed by General Kurt Cichowski, 49th Fighter Wing commander and Col. Manfred Molitor, GAF Flying Training Center commander. Two types of beer will be available, a Bavarian beer and Weiss beer, both imported from Germany. Greek wine and German champagne will also be available.

Tickets are \$10 and include a complimentary stein and its first filling. Food tickets and stein refills will be available at a ticket booth. Separate tickets must be purchased to try the Weiss beer. Food tickets will give access to a variety of German food, including pretzels and bratwurst. Tickets are still available at Outdoor Recreation, White Sands Mall, the Community Center, Chamber of Commerce and Otero Federal Credit Union.

Lt. Benger said ticketholders can ride a shuttle that travels between Alamogordo and the base.

“I want to insure nobody will drive after drinking and the Oktoberfest will be safe and without accidents,” Lt. Benger said. “Everyone has the opportunity to get a free ride to and from the Oktoberfest with the shuttle.”

Other entertainment includes a live band, Hollledauer Musikanten, who played last year, a jumping house, games for children, arts and crafts and a highstriker. GAF will also set up stands selling Bavarian hats, T-shirts and various souvenirs.

For more information, call the GAF Public Affairs Office at 572-2612.

### *On the side*

Don’t drink and drive:

- The Oktoberfest shuttle will run every 30 minutes between 3 and 11:30 p.m. Shuttle stops are listed on the back of tickets. Reminder: No weapons are allowed on the shuttle or at Oktoberfest.

- Call 572-RIDE

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

## Fort Craig

The 150th anniversary of Fort Craig will be celebrated with several events Nov. 5 to 7 in Socorro, N.M. The events will include historical presentations, war re-enactments, Southwest and Native American cuisine and night lantern tours. For more information call (505) 835-0412 or visit [www.nm.blm.gov](http://www.nm.blm.gov).

## "KidSight"

The Alamogordo Breakfast Lions will be providing a "KidSight" Eye Screening for kindergarten students at the Holloman Primary School on

Wednesday. The screening is free but does require a signed consent form from the parent to be returned to the school. An informational brochure will be sent home from the school with all eligible children.

The "KidSight" screening does not require the child's eyes to be touched and no eye drops are necessary. The photos are sent to Vanderbilt University to be interpreted and are returned with instructions to see a local eye Doctor if necessary. Early intervention with vision disorders can save a child a lifetime of sight problems. One year of class with undetected vision

disorders can often leave a child many years behind in their ability to learn.

For more information, call Mr. Chuck Galusha, Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club Sight first chairman 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 Sonic across from the White Sands Mall.

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., Sunday 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 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](http://www.highrollsfestivals.com) or call (505) 682-1151.

## IMAX

The IMAX theater schedule is as follows:

- Forces of Nature: 11 a.m., 1, 3 and 5 p.m., Monday to Sunday and 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday.
- Space Station: noon and 4 p.m., Monday to Sunday.
- Alien Adventure: 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday.

For more information, call 437-2840.

**“Lights On” program**

The Youth and Teen Center has a “National Lights On After School” program from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday.

For more information, call Ms. Cheryl Cilles at 572-3753.

**ID information**

Line badges are issued from 8 to 10:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the visitor’s center.

Kiddie identification cards are issued 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays at the visitor’s center.

**AAFES hours**

Army and Air Force Exchange Service hours and closures for Monday:

- Base exchange and rent-a-car (phone only when BX is open): 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Shopette: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- McDonalds: 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- The following facilities are closed: furniture store, military clothing sales, service bay, Anthony’s Pizza, Frank’s Franks, Robin Hood, Popeye’s Chicken, the theater, beauty shop, barber shop, dry cleaners, alterations, optical shop, flower shop, Olive Branch and GNC.

**Blood drive**

There is an Armed Services Blood Drive through the William Beaumont Army Medical Center Blood Program 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday at the Fitness and Sports Center.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Deanna Shofner at 572-5155.

**CS closure**

The 49th Contracting Squadron will be closed noon to 5 p.m., Thursday for and official function.

**Library collections**

Holloman Primary School will have a year-long fundraiser to raise money for books for the library. They are collect-



Photo by Ms. Laura Hunt

**Making tracks**

**Mr. Kraig Janssen jumps over a ramp at the Desert Bulls Riding Area. The riding area is the only place on base where it is legal to ride off-road. The track is on the base’s north side, past the 4th Space Control Squadron.**

ing Box Tops for Education, Price’s Milk Caps, Campbell Soup Labels for Education and Tyson’s Project A+ end flaps.

The school receives 10 cents for every Box Top for Education label, five cents for Price’s Milk Caps, and 24 cents for every Tyson’s Project A+ end flap.

Drop items off at the Holloman Primary School library.

**Volunteers needed**

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 today. 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).

**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. Posters, photographs, diagrams, models, actual machinery or any other type of demonstration may be used.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Theodore Holzhausen at 572-0229.

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

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

**“Macbeth”**

“Macbeth” will be performed by the Alabama Shakespeare Festival 6 p.m., Oct. 20 and 11 a.m., Oct. 21 at the base theater. Tickets are free and can be picked up at the community center.

For more information on Shakespeare in American Communities or the Na-

tional Endowment for the Arts, call (202) 682-5570 or visit the NEA Web site at [www.arts.gov](http://www.arts.gov).

**Health Consumer Council**

The Health Consumer Council meeting is 10 a.m., Thursday in the Wing Conference Room, building 29.

This forum is open to all to inform the wing of changes in the 49th Medical Group and TRICARE Next Generation updates.

**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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*Suspect Zero (R)*

6 and 9 p.m., today

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*Exorcist: The Beginning (R)*

6 and 9 p.m., Saturday

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*Superbabies: Baby Geniuses (PG)*

6 p.m., Sunday

Tickets are 99 cents.







Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

## Home sweet home

More than 145 Airmen returned Wednesday from a three-month deployment to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. They were part of a 300-person team that deployed from the 49th Fighter Wing in June. The Airmen were greeted by family, friends, co-workers and members of the Alamogordo community.

# GAF crew saved

by Ms. Laura Hunt  
Sunburst staff writer

A German Tornado landed with a hot right main brake July 26.

As the aircraft taxied, the brake caught fire because of a hydraulic leak. The crew on the jet didn't know a fire started, but four Team Holloman members noticed the problem.

Airman 1st Class Rayshauna Griffin, Airfield Management Operations apprentice, saw the growing fire and notified the Holloman Fire Department, clinic and security forces. Meanwhile, Master Sgt. Thomas Lehtinen, Airfield Management Operations chief, contacted the control tower and told them to warn the aircrew of the fire.

Two DYNCORP employees, Mr. Vern Sattelburg and Mr. Robert Sienkiewicz also responded to

the fire.

Mr. Sattelburg ran for a 150 pound fire extinguisher and sprayed the brake until the fire was suppressed enough for the aircrew to be evacuated from the aircraft.

Mr. Sattelburg and Mr. Sienkiewicz continued to fight the fire until the fire bottle was empty. The Holloman Fire Department arrived and completely suppressed the fire.

"These military and civilian Team Holloman players saw the situation and reacted quickly," said Mr. Alan Westrum, Airfield Manager deputy chief. "This was instrumental in saving the aircrew and aircraft."

The GAF and DYNCORP presented Mr. Sattelburg and Mr. Sienkiewicz with certificates of appreciation for their help Sept. 29.

## Base FD helps Alamo

by Ms. Laura Hunt  
Sunburst staff writer

During a storm on Sept. 24, there was a major accident between two vehicles on U.S. 70. Out of seven people involved in the accident, six people were trapped, three in each vehicle.

Alamo West Fire Rescue Department Chief Gary Atwell knew he needed assistance. Because of mutual aid, a system that encourages cooperation between the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire and Emergency Services Flight and Alamogordo fire departments, Chief Atwell was able to request additional help from the base.

"Mutual aid is absolutely essential in fire and emergency services," Chief Atwell said. "Fire departments have to rely on each other for support, in both equipment and personnel."

During the accident, Holloman's team worked on getting three victims out of a van which had hit the side of a sport utility vehicle, said Fire Protection Flight Chief Mark Giuliano.

"Holloman's efforts contributed to the success of the opera-

tion," Chief Atwell said. "Holloman has more specialized equipment than the county departments."

Holloman has the equipment needed when responding to hazardous materials fires and confined space rescues, Chief Atwell said. Holloman also has special fire trucks that are able to handle fires involving fuels or other flammable liquids.

"An aircraft crash fire truck is ideal to fight large flammable liquid fires," Chief Atwell said. "In the past, we have utilized Holloman aircraft crash trucks to assist us with fire extinguishment on commercial gasoline tanker accidents."

Because many county fire fighters are volunteers, they work other jobs and sometimes can't respond during an emergency, Chief Atwell said. This makes mutual aid important because fire departments never know how many volunteers will be available during a fire, he said.

"Mutual aid is a benefit for the community," said Chief Giuliano. "It brings together resources that other agencies may not have during an emergency."



Photo by Senior Airman Martha Whipple

**Tech. Sgt. David Gutierrez is pinned on by his father, Mr. Benjamin Gutierrez, during his promotion ceremony at the New Mexico Veteran's Center Sept. 30. Mr. Gutierrez was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease in 1996.**

# Fatherly love

## NCO pins on stripes with help from veteran father

**by Ms. Laura Hunt**  
*Sunburst staff writer*

One Team Holloman member had his father pin on his new stripes at the New Mexico Veteran's Center in Truth or Consequences, N.M., Sept. 30.

Tech. Sgt David Gutierrez's father, Mr. Benjamin Gutierrez, 70, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease in 1996. Sergeant Gutierrez asked his father to pin on his new rank because of the support Mr. Gutierrez has given him throughout his life.

"He's always been there for me," Sergeant Gutierrez said. "He's supported me in everything I've done."

Sergeant Gutierrez recalls when he bowled his first perfect 300. His father was so proud of him that he bought him a gold ring to commemorate the achievement.

Mr. Gutierrez is confined to

a wheelchair but was able to stand with assistance to complete the promotion ceremony.

"Because of the Alzheimer's, I don't think he really understood what was happening," Sergeant Gutierrez said. "He knows who I am, but that's not going to last forever."

Mr. Gutierrez was in the Air Force for eight years in the 1950s. He worked with the 434th Tactical Fighter Squadron, which came to Holloman in 1977.

Though his father was never stationed at Holloman, Sergeant Gutierrez grew up in Alamogordo. He moved here with his parents in 1971 and graduated from Alamogordo High School in 1987.

"I joined the Air Force in 1990 for a better way of life," Sergeant Gutierrez said. "If my father could, I know he would say he is proud of me. He's proud of everything I've done."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

### A cool makeover

**Airman 1st Class Hershul Olloway, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron heating, venting and cooling technician, installs an air conditioning unit outside building 825 Sept. 29. The building is used heavily during phase two exercises and is being overhauled for the upcoming operational readiness inspection.**

# Air Force revises the CJR 'wait list'

The Air Force has revised the career job reservation list in an effort to meet end strength goals under Force Shaping.

While five new Air Force specialties have been identified as constrained, another six have been released from the list. All constrained Air Force Specialty Codes receive quotas; have a rank order/wait list established, and all first-term Airmen will need to apply within the appropriate CJR application windows.

"All first-term Airmen must have an approved career job reservation prior to reenlisting in the Air Force," said Master Sgt. Dee Wolfe, NCO in charge of Air Force Reenlistments at the Air Force Personnel Center. "That

job reservation may now be a little bit harder to get depending on their specialty.

"The list of constrained Air Force specialties and quotas are established by Air Staff," she added.

Limiting CJRs is the latest in a series of Air Force initiatives to ensure the service keeps people only where they are needed.

What that means is first-term Airmen serving in career fields that are currently constrained may not be allowed to reenlist, unless they are approved to retrain in another specialty.

"Those who are not approved for retraining or do not receive a CJR will be projected for separation," said Sergeant Wolfe.

"We encourage airmen to continue serving the military with the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, through military civilian employment, or through an inter-service transfer to the Army via blue to green."

Only first-term Airmen selected for reenlistment by their commander under the Selective Reenlistment Program will be allowed to apply for a CJR.

For further information and a complete list of constrained AFSCs, please contact the local Military Personnel Flight's reenlistment office or visit the CJR website at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/Reenlistments/CJR.htm>. (AFPJN)

# Smallpox, anthrax programs expanded

Department of Defense is expanding its anthrax and smallpox immunization programs following an evaluation conducted by the Military Health System. Air Force officials released service-specific guidance recently.

Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, announced that the anthrax and smallpox vaccination programs would include selected units within U.S. Pacific Command, people in U.S. Central Command and other selected groups.

“The decision to protect additional personnel with these vaccines reflects our concern for their health and safety, as well as the continuity of essential operations,” Dr. Winkenwerder said.

“When we began these vaccination programs, we stated that we would periodically review them, evaluating the threats to our forces and vaccine availability,” he said. “We recently completed such an evaluation and determined that the threat continues. In light of our successful implementation of these programs and the increased quantities of vaccine, we will include additional forces in the vaccination programs.”

Before the anthrax vaccination program slowdown in 2000 and 2001, caused by an unexpected shortage of anthrax vaccine, servicemembers assigned to certain areas in the U.S. Pacific Command were included in the program. The resumption of the program in 2002, however, focused on the U.S. Central Command.

The expansion of the program announced by Dr. Winkenwerder resumes the anthrax vaccination program and begins the smallpox vaccination program in selected U.S. Pacific Command areas. It also expands the anthrax vaccination program within the U.S. Central Command.

Vaccination offers a necessary extra layer of protection — besides antibiotics and other measures — for servicemembers, emergency-essential civilians and contractors who carry out mission-essential services, DoD officials said.

The program update will continue to include people assigned in or deployed to designated higher-threat areas for 15 or more consecutive days. Officials will offer the vaccinations to family members in the geographic areas on a voluntary basis. They will also pursue vaccination, subject to appropriate people and contractor procedures, of emergency-essential civilian employees and comparable contractors in the specific geographic areas.

Currently, only people deemed to be at higher risk in specified units and/or geographic areas will receive the vaccines. Officials did not rule out vaccination of the total force at a future date.

Air Force immunizations under the policy update will begin as soon as units schedule vaccinations. For more information, visit the Commanders' C-CBRNE Resource secure Web site at [https://www.xo.hq.af.mil/xos/xosf/xosfc/C-CBRNE\\_resource/index.shtml](https://www.xo.hq.af.mil/xos/xosf/xosfc/C-CBRNE_resource/index.shtml). (AFPN)







The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from March 15 to Monday.

### Tickets

Security Forces issued 18 tickets: two for inoperable tail lights, two for no driver's license, one for no registration, one for improper passing, one for failure to stop, two for no insurance, three for failure to wear a safety belt, one for careless driving, one for no child restraint, one for an aggravated DUI, one for open container, one for reckless driving and one for speeding one to 10 mph over the speed limit.

### Property loss, damage or theft

- March 15 – An airman struck the front gate with a government-owned vehicle, creating a 6-inch scratch on the rear fender and a broken bolt.
- March 15 – An airman was in a car accident on Highway 54.
- March 18 – There was a major accident

involving two privately owned vehicles on Vandergrift and Radar Roads.

- March 19 – There was a gas-n-go at the shoppette.
- March 21 – An airman reported the screen in his dorm window was damaged.
- March 20 – An airman reported his room key and cell phone were missing.

### Patrol response

- March 17 – A civilian reported a gas leak at building 1265.
- March 19 – An NCO's family member reported his son was missing at 3:30 p.m. He was found on Valencia Loop at 5:50 p.m.
- March 20 – An airman reported loud music coming from a room in Dorm 333.
- March 20 – An airman reported a loud party on Dona Ana Loop.
- March 20 – Security forces found five empty beer cans under an Airman's driver's seat. The Airman passed a sobriety test.
- March 20 – The New Mexico State Police reported passengers in a white van were throwing eggs at other vehicles and failing to yield to NMSP on Highway 70. The vehicle was stopped by security forces on First Street.
- March 21 – An airman's family member reported possible animal neglect in base housing.
- March 21 – An NCO's family member reported a loud noise coming from a vehicle on Mora Loop.

# Memphis Belle to find new home at Air Force Museum

Air Force officials announced plans Oct. 4 to relocate the World War II B-17 "Memphis Belle" to the Air Force museum near Dayton, Ohio.

No date has been set, but officials said they expect the move to occur before the end of the year in conjunction with activities planned to observe the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II.

"We are grateful to the Memphis Belle Memorial Association for its preservation and restoration of the Memphis Belle," said retired Maj. Gen. Charles Metcalf, museum director. "We have enjoyed the partnership over the years and look forward to the continued collaboration as we make this transition."

The aircraft has been located in the Memphis, Tenn. area since 1946.

It was on loan from the Air Force to volunteers and aviation enthusiasts until the 1980s when the association became its leaseholder.

"The Memphis Belle is a prominent and famous part of the Air Force's historic collection," said Mr. Dick Anderegg, Air Force historian. "As such, it is only appropriate that it be displayed at the service's national museum where it can be viewed by millions and exhibited in a manner consistent with its proud legacy."

The museum's restoration team, which maintains nearly 350 aircraft and aerospace vehicles in the museum's collection, will continue the restoration on-site.

The effort will begin immediately upon the aircraft's arrival and is expected to take several years to complete.

Museum officials then plan to exhibit the aircraft as the centerpiece of its considerable WWII aircraft collection.

The Memphis Belle is a national and cultural icon with a name recognition comparable to that of the B-29 Enola Gay on display at the Smithsonian Na-



Courtesy photo

**The original Memphis Belle was a B-17F model, the type in use when the aircraft became the first to complete 25 missions and return its crew home safely on May 17, 1943.**

tional Air and Space Museum, museum officials said.

"We will give it a level of care and public visibility befitting its legacy to ensure its continued preservation for future generations to learn about the heroism and bravery of its crew,"

General Metcalf said.

In 2003, nearly 1.35 million people visited the world's largest and oldest military aviation museum. Current and future museum expansion promises to generate increased attendance, officials said. (AFP)







# CONS shuts out 4th SPCS

by Airman 1st Class

Stephen Collier

*49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

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The 49th Contracting Squadron tacked another win to their record Monday night as they shut down the 4th Space Control Squadron 24-0 during intramural flag football at the sports complex.

CONS returned the opening kick, settling on the 30-yard line to begin their offensive push.

A 15-yard toss to Chris Mavron put CONS within 10 yards of the goal line.

The SPCS defense held the CONS offensive drive for two downs, but CONS quarterback Aaron Jiron connected with receiver John Barnes for a touchdown. Art Castro cleaned up with an extra-point kick to put his team in the lead 7-0.

SPCS received the ball on the 20 yard line and pushed forward. A spiral to receiver Raul Lepez put SPCS within 15 yards of the end zone, but the CONS defense was too tough.

CONS held SPCS for four downs de-

nying SPCS a touchdown in the red zone. CONS took over, but shortly after turned the ball over. SPCS intercepted a pass to left field.

CONS' Vernon Verschelden regained control with an interception, giving Castro good field position to kick in a field goal, adding to the CONS lead, 10-0.

SPCS began an offensive drive, but turned the ball over again when defender Mavron intercepted a pass, which set up another CONS touchdown. A 22-yard TD-pass to Verschelden and extra point gave CONS a 17-0 lead at the half.

Both teams fought for the ball through the second half.

SPCS stepped up on defense and forced two turnovers, but a lagging offensive drive kept the team from scoring.

CONS took over after a SPCS punt. A quick snap and pass to Verschelden added another touchdown with an extra point.

CONS led 24-0, so the officials applied the mercy rule, ending the shutout.