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Holloman Combines Marathon and Community Connections Day

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. – Holloman Air Force Base is hosting its Ace of Races Marathon and Community Connections Day on Saturday, Sept. 6. Both events are open to the public.

The marathon includes a full marathon, half marathon, 5K and 1-mile kid's dash. The course is USA Track and Field certified which means it's a qualifier for the Boston Marathon. Participants will have the unique opportunity to run on a flat course through different parts of the base including on the flightline past F-16s and MQ-9s.

Registration fees increase June 1. For event details, to sign up for a race, access training plans, find course time limits, and much more, visit

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NM/Alamogordo/HollomanMarathon>.

The marathon is named after Major Richard Bong, known as the "Ace of Aces," who was assigned to the 49th Fighter Group in the 1940s. He was the country's top flying ace during World War II having shot down 40 Japanese aircraft.

Community Connections Day is free and activities will be similar to the ground portion of last year's air show to include static displays of aircraft, music, food and STEM activities for children. Additionally, there will be information about job opportunities and various local businesses and organizations that will have informational booths.