

## 49 FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



### MISSION

The 49 Force Support Squadron is a cohesive team of professionals, maintaining the capability to deploy worldwide in support of JCS taskings. The squadron provides administrative, personnel and educational services to support more than 17,000 military, civilian and retired personnel, and supports the worldwide mission of the 49th Fighter Wing and the requirements of 26 associate units from 14 commands. The squadron operates five flights: Airman and Family Services, Community Services, Force Development, Manpower and Personnel, and Sustainment Services.

#### The Airman and Family Services Flight

Provides active duty members, retirees, DoD civilians and their families a wide range of services: relocation, information and referral assistance; Air Force Aid; financial guidance; spouse employment, transition; and Family and Life skills. It's a support base for families when the sponsor is away. The center is staffed by dedicated professionals and volunteers. The center also offers workshops, classes and seminars in the area of parenting, communication, transition assistance and job seeking skills. Co-located with the AFRC are the Red Cross, Family Services, and the Women, Infants and Children's program. This flight is also responsible for our Child Development Centers and Youth Center.

#### The Community Services Flight

Provides leisure-time facilities and equipment to meet the social and recreational needs of the Holloman community. Leisure-time facilities include the officers club, enlisted club, community activity center, outdoor recreation, youth programs, bowling center, sports and fitness center, golf course, library, child development center, skills development center, auto skills development center, aero club, Flying "H" equestrian facility and sports range.

## Force Development Flight

The Education Services Center offers a variety of educational services to Team Holloman members. The center has a broad academic offering for adults interested in furthering their education.

General Educational Development review and adult classes in English, math, typing, English as a Second Language and citizenship are available. These classes are free of charge through the Adult Basic Education program at New Mexico State University - Alamogordo.

College courses are available on base in a variety of academic disciplines. These courses and programs may lead to associates, bachelors or masters degrees. The following institutions are represented: New Mexico State University (Alamogordo and Las Cruces), Park University, Central Texas College, Troy State University and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

All active duty members are eligible for Air Force tuition assistance. Other financial aid is available through the Veterans Administration, Pell grants, and the Air Force Aid Society. The center provides a full range of services and operates a testing facility for the administration of college credit exams and national placement or certification tests (CLEP, SAT, ACT, NTE, GRE, GMAT, DSST, etc.). You can contact the Education Center at 572-3971. Spouses and adult family members are welcome.

The Mayo Professional Military Education Center provides professional military education for senior airmen. Classes total 186 curriculum hours and cover three broad areas of interest: military citizenship, quality leadership and communicative skills.

Instruction includes both guided discussion and informal lecture. Quality Air Force subjects are interwoven throughout the course. The Community College of the Air Force awards 8 semester hours to students completing ALS.

## Manpower and Personnel Flight

Military personnel handle all personnel issues pertaining to active-duty, reserve and retired service members and their dependents. Included in the military personnel areas of responsibility are: assignments, decorations, promotions, deployment processing, reenlistments, separations, training, and casualty assistance. Civilian personnel provide advice and assistance to commanders and supervisors on federal personnel rules, regulations, and procedures concerning Department of the Air Force and Department of Defense employees. They offer advice and assistance centers for the following areas; recruitment, training, labor relations, compensation and conduct/discipline.

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(FASCAP) and Productivity Investment Fund (PIF). The staff also educates, trains, and advises Holloman people on quality fundamentals and issues. Through quality, Holloman has built, and continues to build a working environment of trust, teamwork, pride and continuous improvement. A variety of quality-related courses are offered to assist newcomers, supervisors and commanders within the wing.

Sustainment Services Flight provides lodging for temporary duty and transient personnel and operates dining facilities for the enlisted work force. The flight is also responsible for the linen exchange and fitness center.

### **LINEAGE**

49 Food Service Squadron, Fighter, Jet, constituted, 18 Aug 1948

Activated, 18 Aug 1948

Redesignated 49 Food Service Squadron, 1 Feb 1950

Discontinued and inactivated, 8 Sep 1962

49 Services Squadron constituted, 14 Sep 1970

Activated, 1 Jan 1971

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1981

49 Food Service Squadron and 49 Services Squadron consolidated, 10 Oct 1984. Consolidated unit designated 49 Services Squadron

Activated, 15 Nov 1991

Redesignated 49 Morale, Welfare, Recreation and Services Squadron, 1 Jul 1992

Redesignated 49 Services Squadron, 1 Jan 1994

Redesignated 49 Force Support Squadron, 4 Apr 2008

### **STATIONS**

Misawa AB, Japan, 18 Aug 1948

Taegu AB, South Korea, 1 Dec 1950

Tsuiki Aux AB, Japan, 25 Jan 1951

Taegu AB, South Korea, 24 Feb 1951

Misawa AB, Japan, 1 Apr 1953-10 Dec 1957

Etain/Rouvres (later, Etain) AB, France, 10 Dec 1957

Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 25 Aug 1959-8 Sep 1962

Holloman AFB, NM, 1 Jan 1971-1 Oct 1981

Holloman AFB, NM, 15 Nov 1991

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

49 Air Base Group, 18 Aug 1948-8 Sep 1962

49 Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Jan 1971-1 Oct 1981

49 Support (later, 49 Mission Support) Group, 15 Nov 1991

## **ATTACHMENTS**

6016 Air Base Wing, 1 Apr-18 Nov 1953

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

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Korean War

CCF Intervention

First UN Counteroffensive

CCF Spring Offensive

UN Summer-Fall Offensive

Second Korean Winter

Korea, Summer-Fall 1952

Third Korean Winter

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1971-15 Apr 1972

1 Jun 1995-31 May 1997

1 Jun 1997-31 May 1998

2 May 2004-31 May 2005

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations

27 Jun 1950-7 Feb 1951

8 Feb 1951-31 Mar 1953

## **EMBLEM**



49 Services Squadron emblem approved, 2 May 1995

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 49th Mission Support Squadron and 49th Services Squadron at Holloman AFB, N.M., officially merged into a new "super" unit April 4: the 49th Force Support Squadron. The creation of the new FSS at Holloman, which encompasses quality of life and people-type services, follows similar mergers within Air Combat Command bases. Minot AFB, N.D., was the first to introduce the unified force support squadron about a year ago, followed by Nellis AFB, Nev., and Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. While at first glance, it may seem odd to join the two squadrons since they appear to have different missions, Air Force officials say it makes perfect sense. "We do the same mission," said CMSgt. Vyanne Roush, superintendent of the 49 FSS. "We take care of people." The combined squadron now holds more than 150 military and 350 civilian personnel.

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