

U.S. Air Force

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE : NEW MEXICO

Holloman Air Force Base (AFB) is located in the heart of the Chihuahuah Desert near the White Sands Missile Range and the City of Alamogordo. It was established in 1942 as Alamogordo Army Air Field and renamed in 1948 after Colonel George Holloman, a pioneer in aircraft automatic landing systems and remotely piloted aircraft. The 49th Wing of Air Combat Command is the current host wing of the base.

After World War II, Holloman AFB was a premier facility for developing and testing guided missiles and pilotless aircraft.



During the 1990s, Holloman was home to the F-117A Night Hawk. The Air Force retired the F-117 in 2008. That same year, Holloman welcomed the F-22A Raptor, making the 49th Wing the only

active Air Force unit to have operated two stealth platforms. Holloman's F-22 aircraft were relocated to Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida in 2014.

Today, the 49th Wing is the only active duty formal training unit for U.S. Air Force remotely piloted aircraft. The base trains MQ-1 Predator and MQ-9 Reaper pilots, sensor operators, and maintenance technicians.

Holloman has 18 tenant units that include the German Air Force Flying Training Center (GAF FTC), which trains GAF Tornado pilots, and the 54th Fighter Group, which trains U.S. F-16 Fighting Falcon pilots.

Holloman AFB has an estimated economic impact of \$482.1 million per year (as of 2013).

FAST FACTS

- » Location: **Otero County, NM (near Alamogordo, NM)**
 - » Land Area: **59,639 acres**
 - » Special Use Airspace: **2,256 nautical miles²**
 - » Military Personnel: **3,882**
 - » Civilian Personnel: **780**
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Above: An F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 314th Fighter Squadron taxis toward its new home in the hangars at Holloman Air Force base, N.M. The 314th FS is the second squadron to transfer from Lukeafb. (U.S. Air Force photo / Released)

Left: An MQ-9 Reaper sits on the flight line of Holloman Air Force Base, N.M. The MQ-9 Reaper is a medium-to-high altitude, long endurance unmanned aircraft system. (U.S. Air Force photo / Released)

MISSION

Deploy Combat Ready Airpower in Support of Global Operations.

Develop the World's Best Professional RPA Enterprise.

Support Team Holloman, Our Airmen and Their Families.

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UNIT MISSIONS

- » **54th Fighter Group:** Train the world’s greatest F-16 pilots while deploying mission ready warfighters.
- » **96th Test Group:** Provide technically superior test and evaluation in support of the warfighter.
- » **German Air Force Flying Training Center (Deutsche Luftwaffe):** The German Air Force has been training its aircrews in the United States since 1958, and at Holloman AFB since 1996.
- » **Det 1, 82d Aerial Targets Squadron:** Provide full-scale aerial targets for the Department of Defense and Foreign Military Sales customers.
- » **49th Operations Group:** The 49th Operations Group supports national security objectives, as directed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, by utilizing remotely piloted aircraft. Includes the 49th Operations Support Squadron, the 6th Reconnaissance Squadron, the 9th Attack Squadron, the 29th Attack Squadron, and the 16th Training Squadron.
- » **49th Maintenance Group:** The 49th Maintenance Group maintains aircraft, propulsion, avionics and accessory systems for the T-38 Talon, MQ-1B Predator and MQ-9 Reaper. Includes the 49th Maintenance Squadron and the 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.
- » **49th Missions Support Group:** The 49th Mission Support Group provides logistics and personnel, readiness, force protection, and infrastructure support for 18,000 people supporting the F-16 Fighting Falcon, 26 associate units, and German Air Force (GAF) Flying Training Center. In addition, it oversees environmental compliance for 59,000 acres of land, provides base and local disaster response; supports NASA’s space shuttle mission and deploys as directed by JCS to support worldwide contingency tasking’s. Includes the 49th Civil Engineering Squadron, 49th Force Support Squadron, 49th Security Forces Squadron, 49th Communications Squadron, and the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron.
- » **49th Medical Group:** Sustain and enhance a culture of safety, maximize combat readiness, enhance access to quality patient care, and develop our Airmen and our staff. Includes the 49th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, the 49th Medical Operations Squadron, and the 49th Medical Support Squadron.
- » **49th Materiel Maintenance Group:** A world-class team of diverse professionals providing mission-ready equipment for global power and reach -- anytime, anywhere, at a moment's notice. The group is responsible for the storage, inspection, repair, deployment and accountability of bare base assets. Includes the 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron and the 49 Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron.

For more information, please see < <http://www.holloman.af.mil> >



Above: The 50,788 ft. (almost ten miles) test track is the longest and fastest in the world. (U.S. Air Force photo)

COMMANDER RANK

Colonel

TESTING & TRAINING RANGES

White Sands Missile Range

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- » Initially designed to support the British Overseas Training program where the British government hoped to train far from the interference of German Luftwaffe fighters and bombers.
- » Trained HAM (Holloman Aero-Medical) and ENOS (Man in Hebrew), two chimpanzees who pioneered space flight.
- » On December 10, 1954, Lt. Col. (Dr.) John P. Stapp rode a rocket propelled test sled to a record speed of 632 miles per hour.
- » Served as a major filming area for the movie *Transformers* (2006) and its sequel in 2008.
- » In 1960, Captain Joseph W. Kittinger Jr. broke four world records when he stepped out of an open balloon gondola at 102,800ft.
- » With the departure of the F-22, Holloman AFB returned to its World War II roots as a training base.