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Task Force-Holloman AFB receives first Afghan personnel

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, New Mexico – One C-130J Super Hercules carrying Afghan evacuees arrived at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, from Philadelphia, in support of Operation Allies Welcome, August 31, 2021.

Operation Allies Welcome is the U.S. Department of Homeland Security mission to facilitate the safe relocation of evacuated Afghans to the United States.

“I am truly impressed by the men and women of Task Force–Holloman, the 49th Wing, and the Basic Expeditionary Airfield Resources unit - BEAR Base, who came together in such a short amount of time to make this vital mission happen,” said Brig. Gen. Daniel Gabrielli, Task Force–Holloman commander. “It is because of their unwavering support that we were able to receive our guests with open arms and ensure that they are treated with the utmost dignity and respect.”

To house arriving Afghan personnel, Douglas Village was built as a temporary lodging area, with Halal dining, religious and recreation areas also available. Additionally, medical personnel will assess and provide assistance for anyone with injuries or requiring medical care.

The Department of Defense, through U.S. Northern Command, and in support of the Department of State and Department of Homeland Security, is providing transportation, temporary housing, medical screening, and general support for up to 50,000 Afghan evacuees at suitable facilities, in permanent or temporary structures, as quickly as possible. This initiative provides Afghan evacuees essential support at secure locations outside Afghanistan.

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