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NEWSNOTES

*****Dates and times are subject to change. Check with the event coordinator prior to the event.*****

Voting Information

25 days left until the Nov. 6 general election. Call 754-VOTE or email jbmdl@us.af.mil or go to 1.usa.gov/TAZLkh for more information.

October is Energy Action Month

October is dedicated as Energy Action Month and it provides the opportunity to promote energy and water conservation awareness to Airmen as part of a national campaign led by the Department of Energy. This year's theme, "I am Air Force Energy," puts Airmen at the center of the campaign. The goal of the campaign is to help Airmen realize they can make a difference in overall Air Force by improving resiliency, reducing demand, assuring supply and fostering an energy aware culture. Throughout the month we will highlight success stories from around the Air Force that will celebrate innovative ideas and accomplishments from Airmen across all levels.

JB MDL Airmen Exercise Operational Readiness

The 514th Air Mobility Wing and 87th Air Base Wing will be conducting an Operational Readiness Exercise through 17 here. This exercise is designed to prepare both units for a combined Operational Readiness Inspection scheduled to be held here in April. All exercise activity will take place in the vicinity of the McGuire Field. The road from West Arnold Ave. to Tuskegee Airmen Ave., including Bldg. 2311, will be closed during some or all of the exercise. Airmen in chemical gear carrying simulated weapons may be observed in the play area throughout the exercise. The joint base community may also hear the firing of blank ammunition and explosions from ground burst simulators throughout this time.

Navy Ball

The Navy Ball is set for 6 p.m. today at the Caesar's Hotel and Casino, Atlantic City, N.J. Cocktails are set to begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Call (732) 323-1257 or 754-8305 for more information.

Armed Forces Freedom Run

An Armed Forces Freedom Run is scheduled for 9 a.m. Oct. 13 at Burlington County Fairground, located at Rte. 206 and Jacksonville-Jobstown Rd., Springfield, N.J. Call 265-5056 or visit info@armedforcesfreedomrun.com or www.armedforcesfreedomrun.com for more information.

Sweetheart's Seminar

The Warfighter and Family Readiness Center is set to host a "Sweetheart's Seminar" from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 13 at 3011 Tuskegee Airmen Ave. The seminar is designed to increase understanding, problem solving and intimacy for military couples. Call 754-3154 for more information. Pre-registration is required.

College Fair

The Joint Base McGuire Education Center is set to host a College Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 13 at 3829 School House Road. More than 15 colleges and universities will be on-hand to distribute information on its undergraduate and graduate programs. The college fair is open to all Department of Defense identification card holders.

Mixed Media and Pottery classes

The Arts and Crafts Center is set to host Mixed Media and Pottery classes beginning Oct. 13 and continuing for the next three weeks at 6039 Philadelphia St. The Pottery class is from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$30 and includes all material. The Mixed media class is from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The fee is \$25 and includes fabric and paints. Call 562-5691 for more information or to register. Children ages 6 through 12 can join.

Installation Volunteer Orientation

The Warfighter and Family Readiness Center is set to host an Installation Volunteer Orientation 10 to 11 a.m. Oct. 15 at 3011 Tuskegee Airmen Ave. The orientation is mandatory for all volunteers on the installation. Call 754-3154 for more information. Pre-registration is required.

Rapid Résumé Review

The Warfighter and Family Readiness Center is set to host a Rapid Résumé Review class from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 15 at 488-2 Walsh Drive on Lakehurst. Participants should bring their résumé for review. Call (732) 323-1248 for more information. Pre-registration is required.

Motorcycle training season coming to an end The Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst 87th Air Base Wing Safety Office is offering a two-day motorcycle training Basic Rider Course beginning 7:30 a.m. Oct. 16 to 17, 23 to 24 and 30 to 31. A one-day Basic Rider Course 2 class is available beginning 7:30 a.m. Oct. 18 and 25 at 5 McCellan Road. Call (732) 323-2525 for more information or visit afkm.wpafb.af.mil/community/views/home.aspx?Filter=25618 to register.

Money In Your Pocket' class

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Happy Birthday!



Celebrating 237 years of service



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The Weekend Weather

Today
High 62/Low 35
Sunny



Saturday
High 58/Low 46
Sunny



Sunday
High 72/Low 57
Sunny



'I am Air Force Energy'

By Lt. Gen. Robert R. Allardice
Air Mobility Command Vice Commander

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. – October is Energy Action Month. This year's theme is "I am Air Force Energy." As the theme implies, whether you are a military member, civilian or contractor, your ideas are vital to improving efficiency.

Airmen in Air Mobility Command have reduced aviation fuel consumption four percent, ground fuel consumption six percent and facility energy intensity 18 percent in the last six years. Some of these accomplishments, which many of you contributed to, are described below.

AMC Airmen reduced aviation fuel consumption four percent since 2006 by eliminating unnecessary cargo, flying more fuel efficient routes, cleaning engines regularly and even loading cargo to balance aircraft weight. Initiatives like these saved the Air Force \$165 million and allowed us to transport 24 percent more cargo while using five percent less fuel.

AMC Airmen have reduced facility energy intensity 18 percent since 2003 by upgrading lighting with energy efficient technology such as fluorescent and light-emitting diode, or LED, improving insulation around windows and doors and modernizing heating and air conditioning systems. These efforts reduced future utility bills while improving the quality of the AMC work environment.

A recent example of Mobility Airmen

embracing "Air Force Energy" can be found in Mobility Air Forces aircrew electronic flight bags. The 21-member AMC Electronic Flight Bag team sought to deliver a single automated platform, consolidating paper flight references for 18,000 aircrew members assigned to more than 100 units across five major commands. This initiative will save \$5 million annually in printing costs alone and a productivity increase of 22,000 man-hours, placing an emphasis back on the mission. Moving from a paper-based electronic flight publication system to an electronic-based system not only improves operational efficiency and safety, but saves the Department of Defense significant time and money. The AMC EFB team is currently one of the three finalists vying for the 2012 Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award. The Department of Energy recognized the work of Airmen with six Federal Energy Management Program awards this year out of 15 competitive nominations submitted by the Air Force. These winners will help save the Air Force more than \$289 million, including 42 million gallons of jet fuel. Two AMC winners were identified, one from Headquarters AMC and the other from the 375th Air Mobility Wing, both at Scott Air Force Base.

The AMC Fuel Efficiency Office successfully implemented a mission index flying optimization tool. The software gives pilots the most energy-efficient altitude and speed based on atmospheric conditions. AMC also secured funding for the

KC-135 Stratotanker engine upgrade and KC-10 Extender drag clean-up fuel efficiency initiatives. These three initiatives, officials said, are projected to save the DOD \$284 million over the next 10 years.

Liz Toftemark, Scott AFB utility engineer and energy manager, successfully negotiated electrical contracts through the past two years that will save the Air Force \$5.5 million. She helped implement energy-saving projects such as heating, cooling, lighting and window upgrades that will save \$4 million over the life of the projects. Through her efforts, the base library now has a reflective "cool" roof and 55 skylights which reduced electrical usage 30 percent at the facility.

Jim Shores, 22nd Operations Support Squadron short range scheduling chief, from McConnell AFB, Kan., was awarded \$10,000 through the Innovative Development Employee Awareness program, for identifying a recalibration during KC-135 air refueling training missions. This recalibration will save AMC approximately \$472,000 annually in fuel waste.

I commend each of you who have had an impact on making our Air Force more energy efficient thus far. Now, I challenge each of you to seek even more ways to create a culture of energy awareness and to identify and follow up on energy saving initiatives so that those dollars saved can continue to enhance our nation's combat capability.

A dose of perspective

By Lt. Col. Jeremy J. Novak
87th Security Forces Squadron commander

Most of us will never know the extent of the pain, frustration and challenges Staff Sgt. Brian Williams and other wounded American military personnel face. Every wounded warrior's injuries are unique, and unfortunately, Brian suffered more than just the loss of his left leg to an improvised explosive device blast April 25. We can all empathize with wounded warriors, and we can appreciate the daily struggle they each face, even if we are evaluating them based only on the visible injuries.

This commentary is about the perspective of the 87th Security Forces Squadron and myself received by being part of Brian's recovery. Even Brian admits he is questioned quite often how an Air Force member ended up being a wounded warrior amputee at Walter Reed. It is not a common occurrence for the Air Force, not even for a career field like security forces.

We first found Brian on a C-17 Globemaster III loaded with wounded service members. We then located Brian's hospital room in a skyscraper at Walter Reed with several floors dedicated exclusively to injured service members returning from overseas. Later, our small group visited Brian while he was at physical therapy as he learned how to walk using only one leg and a crutch. The first humbling experience for anyone visiting Brian is the sheer number of wounded warriors in various stages of recovery. We expected to see Brian as soon as we walked through the door. Instead, we had to meander through a room full of wounded warriors. At first, you just notice the wounds, but then you notice every one of the wounded warriors has a look of determination on their face seldom seen outside professional sports. We were not only overwhelmed by the numbers, but were inspired by these brave young men.

Watching Brian heal and progress from a powered wheelchair, to wheelchair, then to a prosthetic leg, can bring perspective to anyone's life. Brian

showed us a drive and determination to overcome obstacles that others would find insurmountable. He pushed himself so hard to walk and appear like everyone else that Brian got ahead of the software programming in his prosthetic leg. He explained to his physical therapist that he was disappointed he couldn't master the movements to climb stairs. The technician ran a diagnostic on Brian's prosthetic and realized the leg didn't have the download for stairs yet. He wasn't supposed to progress that far for another couple weeks.

We really got a chance to talk to Brian and other wounded warriors about day-to-day struggles while playing football or basketball. It is easier to speak freely doing this rather than sitting bedside in the hospital. This again brought about another dose of perspective brought about by someone else's reality.

A few visiting unit members heard a discussion between Staff Sgt. Ben Seekal, another security forces military working dog handler amputee, an Army infantry double-leg amputee and Brian during a wheelchair basketball water break. The discussion revolved around the shock-inducing agony caused when an amputee's stump accidentally hits the floor. The Army sergeant explained how he held himself up against his bed rails on the floor while grimacing in pain to desensitize his wounds. Brian has so much tissue damage to his hands that he can't manipulate buttons and other intricate tasks. Moments like that really bring perspective to our own day-to-day struggles.

I recommend everyone take a day and visit Brian, or any of our other wounded warriors, at Walter Reed Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. The experience can trigger many emotions, but I guarantee it will change your perspective on things. Everyone needs a little dose of perspective every now and then to help prioritize what is really important in life and work.

Standards? What standards?

By Chief Master Sgt. Phillip Robinson
8th Fighter Wing

KUNSAN AIR BASE, South Korea – I was recently asked the difference between a good NCO and a great NCO. I answered the question as best I could, but failed to mention "standards."

A good NCO sets his sights on just meeting standards, while a great NCO continually tries to exceed standards and motivates his Airmen to do the same.

Webster's Dictionary defines the word "standard" as something established by authority, custom or general consent as a model or example. It also defines it as a measure of quantity, weight, extent, value or quality.

Do you prepare for your PT test not knowing what it will take to pass? Do you perform an operational check on an aircraft without knowing the technical order pass-fail limits? Do you get a tattoo not knowing what is acceptable per Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance

of Air Force Personnel?

The Air Force recently published Air Force Instruction 1-1, "Air Force Standards." It took guidance from different sources and put it into one instruction that we can all easily refer to. This instruction covers standards that have been around for decades and added new standards that deal with issues faced by our Airmen today such as social media, the wingman concept, resiliency, etc. It also serves as a great tool during official feedback sessions.

Why is this important? As a custom or example, Airmen need to reflect a professional image that encompasses proper dress and behavior. If you need a haircut or your uniform needs attention, take the necessary time to make sure you represent your unit and the Air Force in the right manner.

Demonstrate proper customs and courtesies by standing up when a senior member visits your work center, respond to him or her by saying sir, ma'am, chief or sergeant. As a measure of quantity or quality, when you perform your daily duties, you

need to know the requirements of that task and try to get it done in a timely, cost effective and quality manner to assure we exceed the minimums of what is being asked of us. Bottom line, have pride in oneself and in your workmanship.

You will know if you are meeting and exceeding standards through timely and proper feedback and encouragement from your supervisors. Clearly understand what is expected of you and also, demand perfection from yourself so you can assure you will exceed the standard every time.

I've heard from time-to-time what we allow in our presence becomes the standard. As supervisors, we cannot make excuses for our Airmen and allow them to ignore Air Force core values. We would be doing them a disservice and might put their careers in jeopardy.

Abide and exceed the standard for yourselves and your Airmen so the next time someone thanks you for your service, you will walk away sharing the same pride they have for you.

87th CES turns up the heat



Joyce Blizzard, 87th Civil Engineer Squadron heating, ventilation, and air condition control mechanic, and Senior Airman Richard Vonner, 87th CES HVAC technician, perform preventative maintenance on the geo-thermal system Oct. 3 at building 3370 here. Blizzard hails from Burlington, N.J., and Vonner hails from Tacoma, Wash. The HVAC shop, which consists of 41 military and civilian personnel, takes care of all heating and ventilation systems on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. Routine maintenance includes checking pumps, electrical connections, greasing bearings and pressure testing. All technicians go through a 20-week training school to become geo-thermal qualified. (U.S. Air Force photo by Russ Meseroll/Released)

COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE



Col. John Wood
Commander, Joint Base
McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and
87th Air Base Wing

The Joint Base Commander's Action Line is an integral part of the base feedback network. Base personnel are urged to use the proper chain of command first to address their concerns.

If you are not satisfied with the response from your chain of command, or you are unable to resolve the problem or concern, please call 754-3247 or e-mail 87abw.actionline@mcguire.af.mil.

Action lines may be made anonymously, however it is recommended you leave your name and number in case more information is needed to address your concern.


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Air Force announces MiLPDS upgrade

By Pascual Flores
Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Public Affairs

The Air Force Personnel Operations Agency announced plans to upgrade and migrate the Military Personnel Data System to the Defense Information Systems Agency Defense Enterprise Computing Center Dec. 1.

"The upgrade project is scheduled to take about 23 days to complete, during which, MiLPDS will not be available," said Mark Chase, 87th Force Support Squadron system and management support chief.

MiLPDS is the primary records database for personnel data and any actions occurring throughout an active-duty Airman's career. The database is also used to initiate Airmen pay actions, maintain accountability and strength data and support a host of interactions with personnel data related Air Force systems.

"The Air Force goal, and our goal, is to make sure everything from assignment information, separations, retirements and everything on your personnel side is updated into the system before Nov. 1," said Tech. Sgt. Candace Anthony, 87th FSS career development section chief.

Several essential personnel, pay, education and training systems, and transactional applications could be impacted during the downtime because of their reliance on MiLPDS data.

The 87th FSS members encourage Airmen to print and save paper copies of personnel transactions until the system is fully operational.

The squadron's military personnel section advises that some actions and applications may need to be inputted earlier than usual. Some examples of these actions include retirement or separation in December.

"If you have a date of separation that falls between Dec. 1 and Jan. 31, you need to come to MPS by Nov. 1," said Anthony. "If you don't come to MPS and your date of separation comes and goes, you will not be paid and when the system comes back up you will not be in it. You need to make an appointment to see us."

Airmen with "base of preference" issues should complete applications by Nov. 1. Members with current assignments will need to update any changes prior to Nov. 15.

Basic housing allowance, basic subsistence allowance, hazardous duty pay and family separation pay are not affected by the MiLPDS migration.

"Air Force officials are urging active-duty Airmen who are eligible in December and early January to reenlist or extend their current enlistments to complete these personnel actions through MPS by Nov. 1 to avoid processing delays and military pay issues," said Chase.

Airmen promoted during December and January will not receive correct pay until after migration. Pay actions held during the migration will be retroactive to the actual effective date.

"We will be doing everything we can to make sure the information is updated in the system before Nov. 1," said Anthony.

MPS representatives will continue to host MiLPDS upgrade briefings to help base leadership and Airmen understand the upgrades impact on Airmen and Air Force personnel programs. Officials will continue to release additional information and guidance to the Air Force's manpower, personnel, force support and total force Airmen to continue to educate them on how the service will perform critical personnel and pay tasks during the MiLPDS upgrade.

Call MPS Career Development office at 754-5532 or 754-1541 for more information or to make an appointment to see a counselor on the MiLPDS migration.

(Editor's note: Members of the 87th FSS contributed to this article.)



U.S. Navy turns 237 years old

By 2nd Lt. Alexis McGee
Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Public Affairs

Less than one hour away and 237 years ago the Continental Navy was established in the City of Brotherly Love.

A Philadelphia meeting on Oct. 13, 1775 developed two armed sailing vessels with crews of eighty people each. The goal of these seafaring crew members was to intercept transports carrying munitions and supplies to the British army in America.

The Navy's life seemed as if it would end in its infancy after Congress sold off the last Continental Navy ship two years after the American Revolution. Opinions on maintaining a navy changed when U.S. merchant ships and crews began getting captured in the Mediterranean Sea. Few ships and seamen were captured, but the acts impacted Americans. In part because of the captures, the U.S. Constitution, which was adopted in 1789, gave Congress the authority "to provide and maintain" a navy.

It wasn't until 1794 when Congress elected to use its constitutional authority to create a

navy to combat the Algerians who were preying on U.S. commerce in the Mediterranean. Though the Navy was dissolved for several years before it redeveloped, Oct. 13, 1775 is still recognized as the birthday of the U.S. Navy.

The U.S. Navy has expanded in strides since its initial creation nearly two and a half centuries ago. The seafaring force no longer relies only on sea power to expand its global reach, and has instead branched into both land and air capabilities.

"2012 is truly a special year for the U.S. Navy," said Navy Capt. Bill Bulis, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst deputy commander. "In addition to the Navy's 237th Birthday, we are also celebrating a rich heritage that includes the bicentennial of the War of 1812 and recognition of the backbone of our Navy, our chief petty officers, during the 'Year of the Chief.' I wish our Sailors standing watch around the globe a happy birthday, smooth sailing and mission success."

Visit www.history.navy.mil/faqs/faq31-1.htm for more information about the Navy's history.



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Navy sets course for path to chief petty officer



Personnel Specialist 1st Class Theodore L. Metcalf assigned to the Fleet and Family Support center on Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka takes the chief petty officer advancement exam. The Navy announced guidance for the administration of the Cycle 218 chief petty officer advancement examination and the fiscal year 2014 active chief petty officer's selection board via Navy message Sept. 26. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Matthew Cole/Released)

By Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs
MILLINGTON, Tenn. — The Navy announced guidance for the administration of the Cycle 218 chief petty officer advancement examination and the fiscal year 2014 active chief petty officer's selection board via Navy message Sept. 26.

Navy administrative message 294/12 pertains to first class petty officers from the full-time support and active component communities. Navy selected reserve exam dates and selection board information will be announced in a separate message.

The Navy will administer exams to active component and FTS Sailors Jan. 17.

Exam ordering timelines, eligibility criteria, deadlines for commands to confirm eligibility lists, waiver application procedures and special requirements are contained in the NAVADMIN. The message also outlines procedures and deadlines for submitting correspondence to the selection board.

Sailors should review their Official Military Personnel File for accuracy at www.bol.navy.mil.

The selection board will review the OMPF and performance summary record parts I, II and III of all candidates as well as any items submitted by candidates. Each eligible candidate is responsible for ensuring their OMPF is correct and up-to-date with the latest evaluations, awards and other appropriate information.

Candidates may submit a letter to the board to provide any new information or missing

information that is not currently in their OMPF.

Letters to the selection board for FTS CPO eligible candidates must be received by the Navy Personnel Command customer service center by April 22. The FTS Selection Board is scheduled to convene May 13.

Letters to the selection board for active component CPO Selection Board eligible candidates must be received at NPC customer service center by May 28. The active component selection board is scheduled to convene June 17 and is the largest selection board held at NPC.

Letters to the board may be mailed or submitted electronically. Submission procedures and mailing addresses are outlined in the NAVADMIN. Communication to the board must originate from individual candidates; correspondence from the command or from any source other than the candidate to the president of the board will not be accepted or considered.

Additional information regarding this cycle will be posted at the NPC website under "Boards" at www.npc.navy.mil. Visit the NPC website and read NAVADMIN 294/12 for more information.

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Visit www.navy.mil/local/npc/ for more news from Navy Personnel Command.

Soldiers get 16 days to vote on new PT uniform

By C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army is giving Soldiers a chance to vote on the Improved Physical Fitness Uniform until Oct. 25.

The Army took those Soldiers' suggestions and developed a possible replacement uniform. Now Soldiers can vote on which one of those they think looks the best.

More than 76,000 Soldiers responded to the initial survey. Soldiers commented about uniform fit, moisture-wicking and anti-microbial properties and how much the uniform weighs among other things. The Army listened to Soldiers and has developed a new IPFU.

Now the Army wants Soldiers to weigh in on color options and graphic patterns for the uniform. There are six candidate uniforms — they are all the same in terms of fabrics, capabilities and durability. The uniforms differ in the fabric color and the size, color and shapes of the graphic designs.

All Soldiers have the option to log on and choose which uniform option they like best. The poll went live Oct. 9, and will be available for 16 days.

Stylistic variations include different colors for the jacket and pants — black or gray, for instance. Soldiers can also choose among graphic elements and colors for graphic elements.

The jacket, for instance, has a chevron emblazoned across the chest, which can be in yellow, grey or black; and it can be thick or thin. The shorts can have colored piping on the sides. The long and short-sleeve T-shirts have fabric color options and the option to have either the word "Army" emblazoned across the chest or the Army logo over the left breast.

Perhaps more important than how the uniform looks is how the uniform will perform and feel. Improvements in the IPFU include reduced fabric weight, tagless labels, anti-microbial properties, quick-dry capability, removal of reflective properties in the uniform, removal of the

liner and elastic bottom on the pants and overall pattern adjustments to provide a better fit.

The performance changes came as a result of Soldier input

as well. Command Sgt. Maj. Emmett Maturakea, Program Executive Office Soldier, said Soldiers were asked to weigh in on the

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NEWSNOTES

The Warfighter and Family Readiness Center is set to host a 'Money in Your Pocket' class from 6 to 7 p.m. Oct. 17 at 488-2 Walsh Drive on Lakehurst. Call (732) 323-1248 for more information. Pre-registration is required.

Order of the Daedalians Meeting

The Garden State Chapter of the Order of the Daedalians is scheduled to meet at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 18 at the 32nd Air Refueling Squadron auditorium located at 1828 East Arnold Ave. A presentation on the employment of the KC-10A Extender will be discussed. The Order of the Daedalians is a professional organization of pilots from all military services and is open to all military pilots from the joint base.

Hearts Apart seminar

The Warfighter and Family Readiness Center is set to host a Hearts Apart seminar from 6 to 7 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Saxton Community Center. The Hearts Apart program is designed for spouses, children and loved ones of military members currently deployed on extended TDY (more than 30 days) or serving a remote tour. Call 754-3154 for more information. Pre-registration is required.

Hearts Apart Seminar

The Warfighter and Family Readiness Center is scheduled to host a dinner from 6 to 7 p.m. Oct. 19 at 3811 South Bolling St. The seminar is designed for spouses, children and loved ones of military members currently deployed or on an extended temporary duty assignment. Call 754-3294 for more information. Pre-registration is required.

Gold Star Moms' Ruck March

The Gold Star Mom's Ruck March is scheduled for 8 a.m. Oct. 20. The march begins on Neely Road and ends at the 621st Contingency Response Wing Global Readiness Development Center. Call 754-8385 for more information. The fee is \$20 per participant.

Breast Cancer Awareness Information

The 87th Medical Support Group in recognition of 'October is Breast Cancer Awareness month' will have information booths on breast cancer set-up throughout the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. Times and locations are: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 24 at Falcon Creek Golf Course; 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 31 at Lakehurst Fitness Center; and 3 to 4 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Griffith Field House on Dix.

Community Newcomers' Orientation Tour

The Warfighter and Family Readiness Center is set to host a community newcomers' orientation from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 24 at 3011 Tuskegee Airmen Ave. The orientation includes a meet and greet, light breakfast and tour of the joint base. Free childcare is available upon request. Call 754-3154 or 562-2767 to register for the orientation.

McGuire Auto Hobby Shop

The Auto Hobby Shop is set to host a car care class from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 24 at 2416 Vandenberg Ave. The class will focus on changing a flat and tire rotation. Call 754-4316 to register or for more information.

Air Force Tops In Blue 'Best of the Best'

The Air Force Tops in Blue "Best of the Best" concert is scheduled from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 25 at Timmermann Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The event is free to all DOD ID card holders and seating is first come, first serve. Call 754-2830 or visit www.gomdl.com for more information.

International Spouses' Group

The Warfighter and Family Readiness Center is set to host an International Spouses' Group from 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 26 at 5601 Maryland Ave. Celebrate the changing of the seasons with a pot luck lunch! Call 562-2767 for more information. Pre-registration is required.

2012 Halloween Fest

The 87th Force Support Squadron is set to host the 2012 Halloween Fest from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Oct. 26 at Tommy B's Community Activities Center. Call 754-2830 for more information. Rules and entry forms are available for download at www.gomdl.com under the Community tab.

Transition Assistance Program

The Warfighter and Family Readiness Center is set to host a four-day Transition Assistance Program seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 30 through Nov. 2 at 3011 Tuskegee Airmen Ave. Call 754-3154 for more information. Pre-registration is required.

Freaky 5K Costume Run

The 87th Force Support Squadron is set to host its Inaugural Freaky 5K Costume Run at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 31 at Infantry Park, east of Griffith Field House. Registration begins at 3 p.m. Prizes for best costumes and top three male and female runners will be awarded. Call 562-2769/2707 for more information.

Trick or Treat Hours

On-base Halloween Trick or Treating is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31. The 87th Security Forces Squadron and Pumpkin Patrol volunteers will conduct foot patrols throughout the housing area to ensure a safe and secure environment.

Driver Improvement Class

The Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst 87th Air Base Wing Safety Office in coordination with the American Association of Retired People is set to host a Driver Improvement Class from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Timmermann Center. The classes are scheduled for Nov. 5, 8, 13, 14, 15, 27, 28 and 29. The class sizes are limited to 25 participants per day and are free to DOD ID card holders. Call 754-7233 or (732) 323-2525 for more information or to register.

Heartlink for New Military Spouses

The Warfighter and Family Readiness Center is set to host Heartlink for New Military Spouses an interactive session to introduce new spouses to military culture from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 8 at 3011 Tuskegee Airmen Ave. Call 754-3154 for more information. Pre-registration is required.

Troop to Teachers

The McGuire Education Center is set to host a 'Troops to Teachers' briefing from 10 to 11 a.m. Nov. 15 at 3829 Schoolhouse Road. The TTT program will assist eligible military personnel to transition to a new career as public school teachers. Contact gaylor.simons@us.af.mil to register.

Uniform

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IPFU, and are being asked now to vote on which uniform they like best, because it is Soldiers who are the users.

"Nobody can tell you better what needs to happen to a piece of equipment than the user," Maunakea said. "We need the feedback from Soldiers and leaders in the field to tell us what is wrong with it, what is right with it, and how can we make it better for them."

Maunakea said Soldiers know what's available to civilians in the way of fitness gear and brought that knowledge with them when they commented on the Army's uniform.

"Our Soldiers are smart," he said. "They are out there spending a lot of money in the economy as they buy their civilian workout clothing. And they are buying the newest, latest and greatest gear."

Maj. Mia Bruner, initial issue uniforms assistant product manager, said Soldiers came into the February survey with well-informed

ideas about their physical fitness uniform.

"They knew what they wanted that uniform to do," she said. "They knew that they wanted it to have sort of high-performance capabilities within the fabric. They know when you go out on the commercial market, you see tags that say anti-microbial and quick-dry and all of these high-speed, high-performance terminology - they knew what characteristics and features they wanted to see in the uniform."

The reflective elements of the IPFU have been removed to save on cost, Maunakea said. "Everybody is going to be wearing a PT belt anyway, so it doesn't make sense to have it on the uniform, if you are already wearing a reflective belt."

The "mock collar" has been removed on the long sleeve T-shirt, as well as the sleeve cuffs, to make the uniform more comfortable for Soldiers.

"We made it more like a crew neck collar to allow more air in for the Soldiers to cool down as they are working out," Bruner said. "It won't be as constricted around the neck area."

"Soldiers had said in the February survey they felt the liner in the pants was too thick and 'got in the way,'" Bruner said. The liner has been removed. "We included re-enforcements along the knee area as well."

Also a possibility with the new uniform is "possible female sizing that will be developed," Bruner said.

Maurakea and a team from PEO Soldier will travel around to different Army posts to show off the new uniform options to Soldiers. The dates and locations include Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., Oct. 16 through 18; and Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, Oct. 19 through 26. Locations for those demonstrations were chosen for density of Soldiers.

Uniform developers will take a "series of steps" before the uniforms reach Soldiers. Included in those steps are wear-testing by a Soldier sample group, additional improvements as a result of that testing, and a final approval by the chief of staff of the Army.

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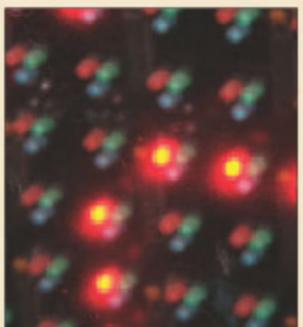
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