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NEWSNOTES

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

Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour at or before 2 a.m. Nov. 4. Remember "spring forward, fall back."

Cots Available at McGuire Fitness and Sports Center

The joint base set up 200 cots in the McGuire Fitness and Sports Center for temporary relief to those individuals who are still without power. The fitness center is now open and will provide personnel a comfortable place to sleep and hot showers. Unfortunately, pets are not allowed into the facility. Call 754-6085 for more information.

Teen Midnight Basketball

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Youth Programs is set to host a Teen Midnight Basketball Tournament for teens ages 13 to 18 from 7 p.m. to midnight Nov. 3 and Dec. 1 at the Dix Youth Center Gym at 1279 Locust St. Activities promoting a supervised basketball game and other team building activities will be sponsored by the Keystone Club. Call 562-5061 for more information. Youth are required to sign-in. Signed permission sheets by the youth sponsor is needed on file for visitors.

Immunization Basic Course

The Watson Medical Support Element is set to host an Immunization Basic Course from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at Tommy B's Community Activities Center. The course is designed to train personnel in the essential elements of a safe and effective immunization program using DoD regulations, Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices guidelines and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations for immunization practice. Call 562-5481 for more information.

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.

Air Force Ceremonies Class

The McGuire Top 3 Mentorship Committee is set to host an Air Force Ceremonies Class from 8 to 11 a.m. Nov. 15 in the Air Advisor Auditorium. The class is designed to introduce and outline essential characteristics to facilitate well-organized ceremonies such as retirement, change of command, promotion or retreat. Call 754-3146 for more information.

Turkey Trot 5K Fun Run/Walk

The 87th Force Support Squadron is set to host a Turkey Trot 5K Fun Run/Walk at noon Nov. 15 on Can Do Way in front of the Falcon Creek Golf Course. Participants can take part in the Turkey Raffle to win prizes afterwards. Call 562-4888 or 754-6085 for more information.

Family Thanksgiving Dinner

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Youth Programs is set to host a Family Thanksgiving Dinner from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Nov. 15 at the Falcons Court North Youth Center. The event is hosted by the Torch Club, Keystone Club and Youth Programs staff. The event is free and is open to all DOD cardholders. Call 754-5437 for more information.

Integrated Library Systems Fall Forum

The Joint Base Library is set to host the Integrated Library Systems Fall Forum from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Joint Base Library. Call 754-2079 for more information.

Turkey Bowl

The 87th Force Support Squadron is set to host its annual Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Turkey Bowl from 2 to 5 p.m. Nov. 17 at 6054 Doughboy Loop. Participants can pre-register through Nov. 18 for \$10 per person. Registration is \$13 at the door per person. Registration includes three games and shoe rental. Prizes will be available. Call 754-0567 or 562-6895 for more information.

Lakehurst Turkey Shoot Bowling Tournament

The 87th Force Support Squadron is set to host the Turkey Shoot Bowling Tournament 4 p.m. Nov. 18 at 489 Walsh Drive at the Bowling Center-Lakehurst. Each bowler will have the opportunity to bowl four games and the main intent is to throw a strike on the first, third and ninth frames. Anyone who completes this task will win a coupon for a free turkey. The cost is \$6 per participant and is open to all DoD cardholders. Call (732) 323-2027 for more information.

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JB MDL continues recovery efforts, provides FEMA base of operations

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

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst personnel are continuing with recovery efforts and resumed most operations Oct. 31.

Impact from the storm includes fallen trees, scattered debris, some property damage, minor flooding and power outages.

"The entire joint base's preparation efforts went a long way toward mitigating serious damage," said Maj. Chris Wedewer, 87th Civil Engineer Squadron, operations flight chief. "A majority of the facilities and base housing units on McGuire and Lakehurst have full power. Several power lines were downed by the storm and as a result, most of Dix remains without power. The downed power lines do pose a hazard, but we're working to get them repaired as soon as possible."

The base housed 300 U.S. Coast Guard recruits from Cape May, N.J., in addition to providing an installation support base for Federal Emergency Management Agency Region II and III. FEMA Region II serves New Jersey and New York while FEMA Region III serves Washington D.C., Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

"FEMA will continue recovery efforts for the central and southern New Jersey area from JB MDL as long as necessary," said Bill Douglass, external affairs specialist at FEMA, Region II. "FEMA will also be actively engaged throughout New York, just as it was through much of last year and this, helping communities recover from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee in both New York and New Jersey."

In spite of current limitations, base personnel resumed normal operating hours Oct. 31.

"The efforts by a small group of people were phenomenal," said Col.



Thomas Wills, contractor with Pride Industries, throws a tree limb into a brush truck near Wurman Hall on Dix Oct. 30. Several units from the joint base are supporting recovery operations following the damage caused by Hurricane Sandy which struck the base Oct. 29. Impact from the storm includes fallen trees, scattered debris, some property damage, minor flooding and power outages. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. David Carbajal/Released)

Jeffery Doll, Army Support Activity-Dix commander. "I fully expect the recovery effort at our ranges to be completed within 24 hours and for training to resume once power is restored to our facilities."

Evacuated aircraft are also preparing to return to the installation from their temporary shelter locations.

"We're just thankful our folks weathered the storm without serious injury and that we continue to support recovery operations in the local area by hosting the FEMA team here," said Col. John Wood, JB MDL commander.

JB MDL service members clean up wreckage

By Airman Sean Crowe
Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst
Public Affairs

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst service members began cleaning the debris left by Hurricane Sandy as soon as they were able to safely leave shelter here Oct. 30.

Hurricane Sandy damaged buildings, foliage and power lines on JB MDL leaving service members here responsible for picking up the pieces. Security forces, civil engineers and emergency management were some of the first responders to take on the task of getting the base back to normal operations.

Security forces assessed damage dispatch reports to repair units and coordinated state and local government convoys based here.

"Civilian volunteers from all over the country compose the first-response convoys which include paramedics and fuel truck drivers," said Randall Calderon, Sr., 87th Security Forces Squadron senior patrolman. "These emergency convoys are prepared to go anywhere in New Jersey and can also assist in Philadelphia and New York City."

Security forces also performed their regular defender duties in addition to disaster-relief aid.

"Security forces continued to patrol the base throughout the night as the storm hit," said Calderon.

Security forces worked with civil engineers after the storm to locate downed and damaged power lines to dispatch

electricians to the affected area. The wind damaged transformers on several areas of the base.

"We repaired a cross arm, which holds lines in place, that had snapped due to the wind," said Tech. Sgt. Jose Leal, 87th Civil Engineer Squadron Operations Facilities System Element non-commissioned officer in charge. "The cross arm twisted the lines causing phases to short and leave the 3400 to 3500 blocks on base without power."

The 87th CES Emergency Management Office, which also played a critical role in the crisis response, coordinated the civil engineers and security forces.

"EM is responsible for setting up the Emergency Operations Center and coordinating the mission partners' efforts on base," said Steven Robertson, 87th CES emergency management chief. "EM took part in Hurricane Sandy by coordinating the Federal Emergency Management Agency response center on Lakehurst, Trenton EOC and the base EOC. EM also organized the use of defense connect, a communication system, to establish communication for the base EOC."

These organizations and other mission-essential service members are responsible for the timely response to damage caused by the storm. The service members will ensure the base recovers from the hurricane and the mission of JB MDL continues.



Matt Garron, United Communities Housing Office maintainer, uses a backhoe to remove Hurricane Sandy wreckage Oct. 30 in Falcon Courts North. Security forces, civil engineers and emergency management were some of the first responders to take on the task of getting the base back to normal operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Sean Crowe/Released)

Help from NORAD

Petty Officers 1st Class Rodney Hynes and Enrique Nieves, Mobile Operations Control Center, check the azimuth and elevation of an antenna atop Big Beige Oct. 31 here. The antenna receives a live feed of images from a Navy P-3 Orion aircraft.



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Hometown heroes

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Hurricane Sandy clean up

Sgt. Michael Ryno along with soldiers from the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, New Jersey Army National Guard, mobilized for Hurricane Sandy provide assistance to displaced residents at an emergency shelter at the Werblin Recreation Center, Piscataway Township, N.J., Oct. 29.



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The Weekend Weather

Today
High 54/Low 36
Partly Sunny



Saturday
High 51/Low 33
Partly Sunny



Sunday
High 50/Low 34
Partly Sunny



Air Force Academy energy research will yield global benefits

By Lt. Col. Patrick Suermann
Air Force Academy Civil and Environmental
Engineering Department

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — "I am Air Force Energy" is more than just a catchphrase at the Air Force Academy. Those words, provided by Air Force Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Dr. Kevin Geiss as the theme for Energy Awareness Month, resonates at the Air Force Academy, whose faculty are innovating across the spectrum of academic departments to further educate and develop future leaders of character and advance energy technology.

After studying energy-related topics in two core courses, Chemistry 110 and Physics 110, cadets can take the science and technology energy systems core option or specialize in approximately 17 major courses from Economics to Engineering that deal with the importance of being informed energy consumers and engineers.

Dr. Darrell Pepper, a distinguished visiting professor from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas teaching in the Academy's Engineering Mechanics Department, donated a 3-kilowatt wind turbine for study in the renewable energy course offered here. The turbine provides hands-on experience for cadets, Pepper said.

In time, Pepper said he expects the turbine will be moved outdoors so cadets can study it in a more realistic setting.

"This class, with its practical approach, will prepare our cadets to make energy-wise decisions when they are leaders in the Air Force," said Dr. Mike Makrner, an instructor in the Engineering Mechanics Department. "The Defense Department will greatly benefit from energy-aware officers."

Similarly, Dr. Karen Henry received a grant to install an energy foundation system and associated monitoring equipment in a laboratory facility recently



Glass beakers and aluminum foil mark the beginning for different breeds of algae as part of the Life Sciences Research Center's research into harvesting algae for biofuels. (U.S. Air Force photo by Bill Evans/Released)

constructed at the Field Engineering and Readiness Laboratory in Jacks Valley. The facility uses a geothermal approach to heating and cooling. Energy foundations combine with the structural supports for a building with a heat pump so that the foundations can be used as ground-source heat exchangers.

This provides a cost-efficient approach to conserve energy, reduce carbon emissions and reduce installation costs. Eventually, Henry will compare measured performance indicators, including construction and lifecycle costs, with those expected for conventional heating and cooling systems.

Lt. Col. Andrew Laffely, Maj. Brian Cooper and Al Mundy have established a renewable energy lab in the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department with support from the Office of the Secretary of Defense. The lab allows cadets to study the implementation of wind and solar energy. In the past four years, cadets have developed wind turbines, solar

power systems and an electric vehicle. The team is currently integrating these technologies into a deployable vehicle system and modular microgrid that can operate without external fuel supply for the life of the battery system.

Col. Robert Kraus, the Academy's chief scientist and director of research, and Dr. Randy Krize, the center director, highlight two projects at different levels of completion: cycloidal wave energy and silicon's use in photovoltaic solar cells.

Academy researchers studied wave energy conversion using cycloidal turbines from September 2008 to August 2012. The project demonstrated advances in harnessing ocean waves and resulted in the foundation of a spinoff company, Atargis Energy Corporation. Atargis Energy obtained U.S. Energy Department funding to further advance their approach.

Krize also oversees Academy researchers conducting studies into black silicon. Silicon is the premier material for the conversion of solar energy directly into electrical energy. They are investigating a process that uses laser irradiation to increase silicon's absorption, thus increasing energy conversion. Black silicon was invented at Harvard about 10 years ago; research shows it could improve the efficiency of solar cells. Krize's research team showed that black silicon could be created with less expense using nanosecond lasers and possibly continuous-wave lasers.

The Defense Department is the largest federal energy consumer, and the Air Force is the largest energy consumer in the DoD. With this understanding, faculty members here will continue to do their part to think and act locally with research that will yield benefits globally.

Do's and don'ts for Airmen during political season

By Maj. Jennifer Clay
Air Force Global Strike Command
Judge Advocate

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. — With the 2012 general presidential election only weeks away, please keep in mind special ethics rules apply to active-duty Airmen regarding their political activities.

The purpose of these rules is to ensure the Department of Defense does not influence our nation's electoral process. Violation of these rules can have serious consequences and could result in criminal or administrative penalties.

As an Airman, you should be familiar with what you can and can't do regarding political activities. The following is a quick reminder of the basic rules:

- As an Airman, you may:
 - Register, vote and privately express your opinions on political candidates and issues (but not as a representative of the armed forces).
 - Make monetary contributions to a political organization.
 - Encourage other military members to exercise their voting rights,

however, you may not attempt to influence or interfere with the outcome of an election. Also, you may not encourage subordinates to vote for or against a particular issue or candidate.

- Sign a petition for specific legislative action or a petition to place a candidate's name on an official election ballot. You may not identify yourself by rank or duty title.
- Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing your personal views on public issues or political candidates, if such action is not part of an organized letter-writing campaign. You may not identify yourself by rank or duty title. If the letter identifies you as being on active-duty status (or if you are otherwise reasonably identifiable as a member of the armed forces), the letter should clearly state that the views expressed are your individual views and not those of the Air Force or DoD.
- Display a small bumper sticker on your private vehicle.

The following activities are prohibited by the Joint Ethics Regulation, DoD Regulations, Air Force

Instructions and federal law. Violation of these rules may result in criminal penalties or disciplinary action.

- As an Airman, you may not:
 - Use your official authority, influence or government resources including e-mail, to interfere with an election, affect the course or outcome of an election, encourage votes for a particular candidate or issue or ask for political contributions from others.
 - Participate in any radio, television or other program or group discussion as an advocate of a partisan political party or candidate.
 - Solicit or fundraise in federal offices, facilities or military reservations for a partisan political cause or candidate.
 - Display a large political sign, banner or poster (as distinguished from a bumper sticker) on the top or side of a private vehicle.
 - Participate in any organized effort to provide voters with transportation to the polls if the effort is organized by a partisan political party or candidate.

- Attend partisan political events as an official representative of the armed forces.

• Display a partisan political sign, poster, banner or similar device visible to the public at one's residence on a military installation, even if that residence is part of a privatized housing development.

• Under Article 88 of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice, military officers may not publicly disrespect or undermine certain elected officials, federal secretaries or congress.

Partisan political activities are actions that show support for a particular political party or candidate. For example, an Airman may not participate in a rally supporting a candidate, work for a candidate's election committee, run for elected office, appear in a political advertisement or otherwise officially support a candidate.

Earlier this year, an Army reservist was reprimanded for appearing in uniform on CNN to support a presidential candidate. This is just one example of what not to do.

ORE experience proves importance of preparedness

By 2nd Lt. David J. Murphy
Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Public Affairs

I have worked as a combat photographer and illustrator in the Marine Corps, deployed to Fallujah, Iraq, and worked as a visual information manager for the New York Air National Guard during my 13 years with the military.

Despite my work in and around public affairs — and my years of training — I realized I was not completely ready for my first operational readiness exercise.

The ORE, conducted Oct. 10 through 17 here, helped shine a light on how much I had yet to learn on my journey to becoming a public affairs chief. An ORE simulates events that could occur

in a real-world deployed location. While I performed well in some areas, I have to admit I had some major faults in other areas.

I can attribute many of these faults to lack of preparation. While I can make a number of excuses about not having enough time to prepare, much like we all can, in the end I'm at fault for failing to prepare.

The only thing I was prepared to do was learn through trial and error.

The ORE is designed to test one's abilities to think on your feet, react to different situations under pressure and most importantly, follow correct procedures. It's the reason we have Air Force Instructions, Department of Defense Directives and

a number of other operating instructions. I would have been more successful had I better understood these documents and their importance.

I know it's difficult to find time in a day to focus on an ORE or ORI. Many of us work overtime and still don't get our main jobs accomplished. Regardless, I can't express enough how important it is to know and understand rules, regulations and career-field guidance.

The expression, "Don't re-invent the wheel," comes up a lot in the military. AFIs and other regulations are designed so that we don't have to reinvent the wheel. Don't just act on gut instinct, always check your regulations; it will help you out more in the long run.

Airmen, Sailors provide communications with NORAD



Petty Officers 1st Class Rodney Hynes and Enrique Nieves, Mobile Operations Control Center, check the azimuth and elevation of an antenna atop Big Beige Oct. 31 here. The antenna receives a live feed of images from a Navy P-3 Orion aircraft. The images are then compressed and uploaded by the Airmen of the 53th Combat Communications Squadron for distribution to North American Aerospace Defense Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. (U.S. Air Force photo by Pascual Flores/Released)

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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.

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Air mobility response team repositions ahead of Hurricane Sandy

By 621st Contingency Response Wing Public Affairs

A rapid-response team of U.S. Air Force air mobility specialists here repositioned Oct. 28 ahead of Hurricane Sandy's landfall.

Airmen from the 621st Contingency Response Wing moved alert equipment and approximately 65 personnel to MacDill Air Force Base near Tampa, Fla. early Oct. 28 to maintain Air Mobility Command's ability to rapidly deploy for post-hurricane relief efforts or any worldwide contingency response.

"As AMC's 911 force, we are moving these forces to ensure we are still able to respond if a call comes," said Colonel Marty Chapin, 621st CRW commander. "Our people are well-equipped and trained for these types of situations. Because of that, when called upon, we have the capabilities to deliver assistance to areas that need it most."

The CRW specializes in rapidly

establishing hubs for air mobility operations worldwide, to include remote or damaged locations, on short notice. Previous deployments include humanitarian assistance support missions to Haiti, Pakistan and Japan, and contingency deployments in support of military operations in Eastern Europe, Afghanistan and South America.

"Our mobility Airmen train daily to meet our requirement for rapid response to crises throughout the world. When we're called upon, we're ready to act - and act fast," Chapin said. "Our response time is a reflection of our quality training, teamwork and the disciplined professionalism of our CRW Airmen."

Visit the joint base's public website or Facebook page for updates. Further information on the 621st CRW may also be found at the 621st CRW sites: www.facebook.com/621crw and www.expeditionarycenter.af.mil/units/621crw/.



Tech. Sgt. Christian Ruiz, 621st Contingency Response Wing aerial transportation specialist, secures critical cargo for movement ahead of the arrival of Hurricane Sandy Oct. 27. The CRW is positioning alert equipment and approximately 65 Airmen at MacDill Air Force Base near Tampa, Fla. to maintain Air Mobility Command's ability to rapidly deploy for post-hurricane relief efforts or any worldwide contingency response. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Parker Gyokerees/Released)



Hometown heroes prepare to support Hurricane Sandy victims

By 108th Wing Public Affairs

The 108th Wing activated approximately 150 Airmen from their home station at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst to strategic locations around New Jersey to conduct defense support to civil authorities in anticipation of Hurricane Sandy's landfall.

Airmen of the 108th Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard, check in before being sent out to assist fellow New Jerseyans at various emergency shelters set up throughout the state prior to the landfall of Hurricane Sandy Oct. 28. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

Christie, declaring a state of emergency Oct. 27, the New Jersey National Guard began mobilization of the Soldiers and Airmen to support and assist local authorities with emergency response operations.

"The New Jersey National Guard has prepared an aggressive joint - Army and Air - plan in anticipation of the need for a military first response," said Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, the Adjutant General of New Jersey.

The 108th Wing's Airmen were stationed at Monmouth University and Arthur Brisbane Child Treatment Center at Wall Township providing screening and in-processing support at these two shelter locations.

In addition, the Airmen also supported screening and in-processing support at the following state supported reception points within Monmouth County: Neptune Township High School; Croydon Hall in Middletown; and Long Beach Middle School in Long Branch.

EOC keeps watch, directs operations throughout Hurricane Sandy

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

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst personnel worked all hours of the day and night leading up to and following Hurricane Sandy's arrival to ensure the safety of those who live and work here.

JB MDL leadership began initial Emergency Operations Center coordination during a meeting Oct. 26.

The EOC is a center where mission-essential personnel from select base units meet to coordinate emergency-response operations. The purpose of the EOC is to consolidate all mission-essential information in one place to best coordinate a comprehensive response.

"We activate the EOC with the necessary number of emergency-support function representatives to handle the storm," said Steve Robertson, chief of the 87th Civil Engineer Emergency Management Office. "We stay here during the storm to ensure the safety and security of our personnel."

The Crisis Action Team and the EOC were both fully

activated during the hurricane. Service members and civilians alike combated a sleep-deprived schedule in the EOC to accomplish the mission and keep the base safe.

"The 'ride out team' rides out the storm so we don't unduly expose our personnel to the storm's impact," said Robertson regarding the select representatives who spent the night in the EOC conducting operations.

An array of base organizations including the 87th Security Forces Squadron, the 87th Logistics Readiness Squadron and

many more maintained representation in the EOC.

"Our main mission comprised ensuring all logistical support for inbound units, whether they were military or FEMA related," said Master Sgt. David Williamson, 87th LRS Transportation Motor Pool noncommissioned officer in charge. "We facilitated these units whether it was reception, fuel support, generator support or bed-down support."

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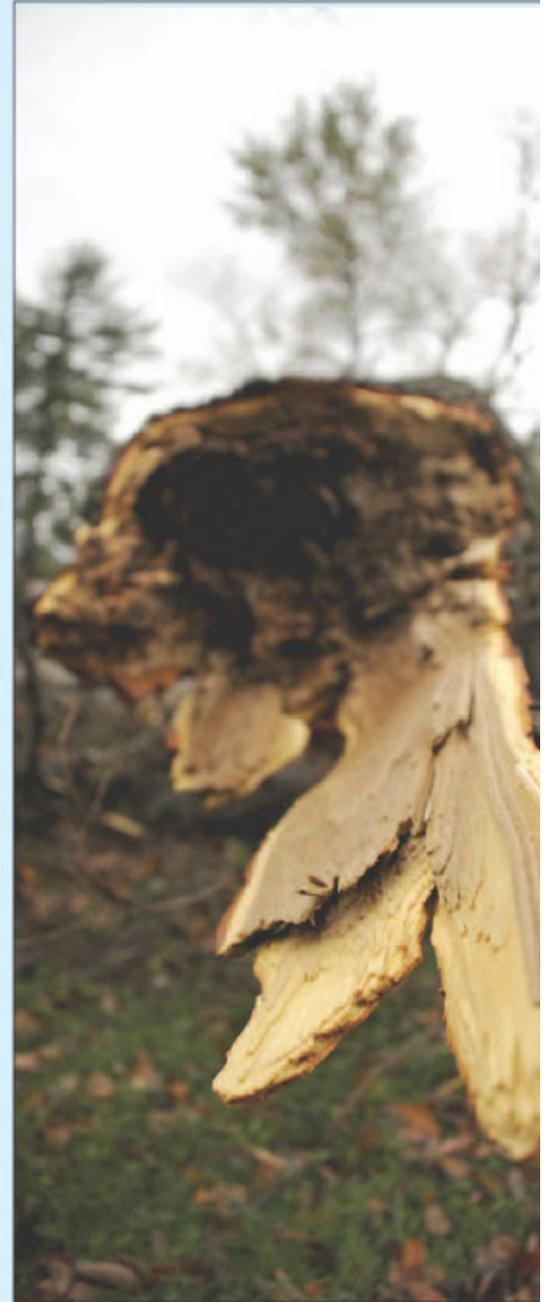
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JB MDL weathers



Bill Goldsberry, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Safety Office, clears a power line cover from the street Oct. 29. Goldsberry performed a safety inspection of JB MDL prior to the landfall of Hurricane Sandy. (U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Alexis McGee/Released)



A tree is cracked in half and uprooted after powerful wind and rain swirled through Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Oct. 29. Sandbags are in base housing areas and unit facilities. (U.S. Air Force photo by Throneberry/Released)



Sgt. Michael Ryno along with soldiers from the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, New Jersey Army National Guard, mobilized for Hurricane Sandy provide assistance to displaced residents at an emergency shelter at the Werblin Recreation Center, Piscataway Township, N.J., Oct. 29. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

A range operator uses a backhoe loader to move a fallen tree out of the roadway on Range 65 here Oct. 30. Several units from the joint base are supporting recovery operations following the damage caused by Hurricane Sandy which struck the base Oct. 29. Several inches of rain, combined with powerful winds, caused power outages throughout the joint base and neighboring community. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. David Carbajal/Released)



historic hurricane



A convoy of ambulances drives down Delaware Boulevard on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Oct. 30. The Federal Emergency Management Agency used JB MDL as a staging area for emergency vehicles. Many of the vehicles departed the installation to areas which sustained more emergent damage. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Throneberry/Released)

Staff Sgt. Quileighqua Tolbert-Coleman, an airfield manager assigned to the 621st Contingency Response Wing, says goodbye to her daughter, three-year-old Deameriah Winters, while Deameriah's temporary caretaker, Senior Master Sgt. Joe Barden, 818th Global Mobility Readiness Squadron superintendent, watches Oct. 28. She was being deployed to MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. ahead of the path of Hurricane Sandy. Tolbert-Coleman's husband was out of town at a funeral when Hurricane Sandy forced the deployment of her contingency response team to meet Air Mobility Command requirements. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Parker Gyokere/Released)



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Members of the 305th Aerial Port Squadron convoy equipment for evacuation via C-17 Globemaster III's Oct. 27. The 621st Contingency Response Wing is moving their equipment to avoid possible damage from approaching Hurricane Sandy. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Sean Crowe/Released)

Mobility Airmen 'answer the call'

By 18th Air Force Public Affairs

Across the nation, Mobility Airmen are assessing the damage left by Hurricane Sandy at their own Air Force bases along the East Coast and beginning the process of recovery, while also standing ready to answer the call for support of relief efforts from civilian authorities.

In the wake of the hurricane, Airmen at affected East Coast bases are conducting damage assessments and beginning the process of recovery. Damage estimates are ongoing, but early indications were that most of the bases have not suffered significant damage. Meanwhile, planners at AMC's 18th Air Force at the 618th Air and Space Operations Center (Tanker Airlift Control Center) are working alongside federal and state agencies to assess the storm's broader impacts and position forces to respond to any call for help from civilian authorities.

As Hurricane Sandy made landfall, Mobility Airmen had already flown aircraft to safe locations and prepared aircraft that could not fly away for the coming storms.

"By moving aircraft and crews to safety we were also preserving our ability to rapidly respond in the storm's aftermath," said Col. Carl Rahn, a senior controller at the 618th TACC here.

Aircraft and crews from bases in the path of Sandy like Dover Air Force Base, Del., and Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., relocated to Joint Base Charleston, S.C.; Grand Forks AFB, N.D.; and McConnell AFB, Kan. In addition, AMC's rapid-response team of air mobility specialists at the 621st Contingency Response Wing, JB MDL, sent an element to MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. Aeromedical evacuation specialists from Travis AFB, Calif., Little Rock AFB, Ark., and Scott AFB, Ill., are also prepared to provide East Coast hurricane relief if needed.

"As with any contingency it's not the plan that counts but the value of planning. The better the mobility team can proactively envision any outcome, the better we can respond when the unforeseen happens," said Maj. Gen. David Allvin, TACC commander. "We began working plans in anticipation of Sandy early this past weekend. That hard work ensured that despite the storm our assets remain available at a moment's notice to answer any call for help."

"For Mobility Airmen, it is simple: we are here to answer the call when it comes, whether across the globe or here at home," said Gen. Ray Johns, Jr., AMC commander. "In this critical time we stand ready to meet the needs of our nation and fellow Americans."

If called on, AMC Airmen are prepared to provide airlift, air refueling and aeromedical evacuation support, just as they have for previous hurricanes. In response to Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Ike and Gustav, mobility Airmen moved nearly 25,000 passengers, more than 3,600 patients and delivered nearly 6,500 short tons of supplies to and from stricken areas. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Mobility Airmen moved search and rescue teams to Louisiana and stood up an operation to rapidly bring in relief supplies and rescue patients.



Senior Airman Zachary Matuscin, 305th Operations Support Squadron weather forecaster, monitors hurricane Sandy Oct. 26 at the weather command center on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. The command center works with the 15th Operational Weather Squadron at Scott Air Force Base with updates and current conditions. They were on a around-the-clock schedule which started early Oct. 28. Matuscin hails from Oswego, Ill. (U.S. Air Force photo by Russ Meseroll/Released)

Sandy

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Material that entered the EOC included information such as power outages, road closures and conditions, downed power lines and various other emergency information.

This information was then disseminated to emergency responders and to any associated units. The JB MDL public affairs team informed the populace via the JB MDL Facebook page, the website and other electronic mediums as well as the base information lines.

The EOC did not shut down when the hurricane passed, instead it continued operations to coordinate support for recovery operations.



Emergency Operations Center members stood watch around the clock during and after Hurricane Sandy to ensure the safety of those who live and work here. The EOC is where selected-essential meet to coordinate emergency-response operations. The purpose of the EOC is to consolidate all mission-essential information in one place to best coordinate efforts. (U.S. Air Force photo by Angel Lopez/Released)



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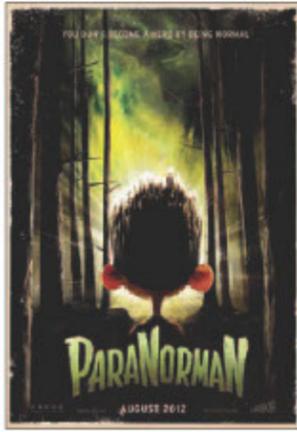
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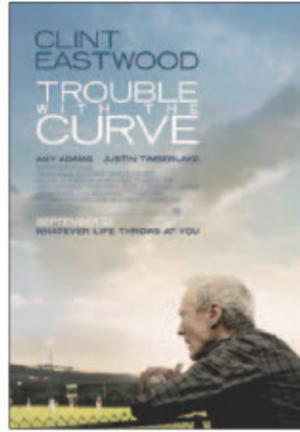
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Sandy leaves, Halloween spirit prevails



Pumpkin Patrol volunteers Staff Sgts. Michael Karam, 87th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels distribution supplier, and Christine Condoleon, 6th Airlift Squadron C-17 Globemaster III loadmaster, patrol the Grove Park housing area Oct. 31 on Dix. Joint-base community members and their children were still able to enjoy the Halloween tradition of trick or treating despite the recent natural disaster that transpired here only days prior. Pumpkin patrol volunteers along with 87th Security Force Squadron patrolmen, armed with flashlights and smiles, kept the goblins and ghouls safe while they went door to door. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Sean Crowe/Released)

NEWSNOTES

McGuire Auto Shop Car Care Class

The Auto Hobby Shop is scheduled to host a car care class from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Nov. 22 at 2416 Vandenberg Ave. The class will focus on general vehicle safety checks. Call 754-4316 to register or for more information.

Annual McGuire/Dix Tree Lighting and Holiday Card Contest

The Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Card Contest is scheduled for 5 p.m. Dec. 4 at 5417 Delaware Ave. on Dix. The ceremony will include: tree lighting, holiday carols, a visit from Santa, holiday snacks and recognition of holiday cards submissions and a award presentation to contest winners. Call 754-1484/2830 for more information.

EFMP Movie Night

The Warfighter and Family Readiness Center Exceptional Family Member Program is set to host a movie night from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 5 at 3011 Tuskegee Airmen Ave. A movie titled 'Temple Grandin,' a story of an autistic woman who refused to let her issues limit her true potential, will be shown. The event is open to all personnel. Call 754-3154 for more information. Preregistration is required.

Lakehurst Tree Lighting Ceremony

The Lakehurst Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for 4 p.m. Dec. 5 in front of the Joint Base Headquarters, 150 Berry Road. Prelighting music will be provided by the Lakewood Baptist Church Choir. Santa will arrive on a fire engine at approximately 4:20 p.m. to greet children and take photos. Hot chocolate and cookies will be available. Call (732) 323-2405 for more information. (Rain date is scheduled for Dec. 7.)

Air Force enlisted Back to Basics Class

The McGuire Top 3 Mentorship Committee is set to host an Air Force Back to Basics Class from 8 to 11 a.m. Dec. 13 in Bldg. 2610. The class is designed to teach the value of each member to the mission and to help revitalize our service members to be better, more committed, productive and esteemed – both professionally and personally.

Holiday Cookie Drive

The Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst spouses are set to sponsor the Annual Holiday Cookie Drive from 7 to 11 a.m. Dec. 13. Cookies can be dropped off at the Dix Chapel Annex (packaging center), 5240 New Jersey Ave, McGuire Chapel, 2503 E. Arnold Ave; The United Communities Office, 3700A Circle Drive; or Warfighter and Family Readiness Center at 488-2 Wash Drive on Lakehurst. The goal is to collect 18,000 cookies to distribute to dorm residents and troops mobilizing and demobilizing at JB MDL during the holidays.

FEMA

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Heitner. "If the state doesn't have the resources to handle the request, or if FEMA would be quicker, they work with a federal coordinating officer to ensure the needs are met."

Heitner added that the interaction between the base commanders and FEMA has been excellent and is enabling the agency to accomplish its mission.

"I worked with FEMA to make sure they had lodging and fuel among other needs," said 2nd Lt. Madison Scaccia, 87th Logistics Readiness Squadron reception control officer. "We're here to support FEMA and all organizations utilizing the base in any way we can. We're all on the same team."

FEMA was created in 1979 when President Carter used Executive Order 12127 to merge a number of separate disaster-related agencies into one. FEMA came under the control of the Department of Homeland Security in 2003. FEMA's mission is "to lead America to prepare for, prevent, respond to and recover from disasters with a vision of 'A Nation Prepared."

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