

NEWSNOTES



Happy birthday U.S. Marine Corps.
Celebrating 237 years of service

Due to the continuing Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts, The Air, Land & Sea Times will run a full Marine Corps collage in next week's issue. The collage will also be posted Nov. 10 on the joint base Facebook page at facebook.com/JBMDL.

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

Driver Improvement Class

The 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. 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.

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 gaylorc@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 preregister 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.

Thanksgiving Day Meal

The 87th Force Support Squadron is set to host a Thanksgiving Day Meal serving lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner from 4 to 6 p.m. Nov. 22 at the Halvorsen Hall Dining Facility. Holiday meals will be served by joint base leadership and is open to DoD civilians and retirees. Call 754-3252 for more information.

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RCC, 167th TSC sustain hurricane relief assets

By Airman 1st Class Ryan Throneberry
Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Public Affairs

The Reception Control Center along with the 167th Theater Sustainment Command, are collaborating to track, care for and sustain all incoming federal, state and local hurricane relief assets currently on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

The RCC portion of the collaboration organizes all incoming units either staying or passing through the joint base as part of the Hurricane Sandy relief effort. This includes any federal, state, Department of Defense or local units.

"All of these assets need to be inprocessed to ensure accountability so we can care for our temporary tenants," said 2nd Lt. Madison Scaccia, 87th Logistics Readiness Squadron plans and integration officer in charge. "Who are they? Where are they coming from? How many people are in the unit? What cargo are they bringing? Where are they going and when they are getting here? What do they need? - These are all the questions we need to ask make sure that happens."

The accountability procedure breaks down into four joint pieces: reception, staging, onward movement and integration, or JRSOI. Reception includes taking initial accountability of the unit members, providing food and shelter. Staging involves making sure the unit has a proper space to set up operations. Onward movement ensures the unit can leave the installation and do its job once it has been successfully prepared. The final stage, integration, allows the individual unit to integrate with a larger service agency if need be.

The 167th TSC portion of the collaboration is focused purely on traditional guardsmen, Title 32, transitioning into an active duty status, Title 10, as seamlessly as possible while also maintaining accountability. This process is initiated by the president in such instances as a natural disaster like Sandy. The 167th TSC also uses the JRSOI to streamline reception efforts.

"We've been working hand-in-hand with the RCC," said Army Chief Warrant Officer Mark Mackey, 167th TSC supply systems analyst chief. "Accountability is extremely important and giving our guys a place to stay and food to eat while they're here is obviously critical. That's what the RCC has helped us do."

The 167th TSC and RCC have coordinated the reception of every asset which came to JB MDL to assist in the relief effort which, in turn, have helped a countless number of people. This is in no small part thanks to the people working at the RCC and 167th.

"The best feeling in the world right now is to watch the news and see a convoy that recently left JB MDL rolling through Manhattan," said Scaccia. "You say to yourself, 'they were just here and my team made sure they were able to get the assistance they need to do their job.'"



Federal Emergency Management Agency contractors, Department of Defense employees and other federal employees enjoy a quick meal Nov. 4, at a Dix dining facility here. The Reception Control Center along with the 167th Theater Sustainment Command, are collaborating to track, care for and sustain all incoming federal, state and local hurricane relief assets currently on the joint base. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Throneberry/released)

Contingency Response Wing from coast to coast answers Sandy's call

By Tech. Sgt. Parker Gyokeres
621st Contingency Response Wing

The mobility Airmen in the 621st Contingency Response Wing are no strangers to the chaos of a disaster area, nor the destruction of a flood; it is the siren song of their role as Air Mobility Command's 911 force.

But when Hurricane Sandy came to the New Jersey Shore Oct. 29, it brought that peril to their own homes. The specialized air mobility rapid-response unit was faced with the challenge of both helping others and preparing themselves.

The CRW is like no other wing in the Air Force, explained Col. Marty Chapin, 621st commander. It consists of small teams of highly trained Airmen who specialize in deploying to remote or disaster-stricken areas and establishing air mobility operating locations to accept cargo, process passengers, or operate air mobility planning cells. It provides its own security, communication, lodging and power and is able to operate without any additional resupply for up to five days. It has groups split evenly between Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in central New Jersey, and Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

"When it became clear Sandy would threaten our East Coast operations, our first priority was to ensure the continued readiness of our United States Transportation Command Joint Task Force - Port Opening alert team," explained Chapin. "The JTF-PO alert was currently held by the 818th Contingency Response Group here

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An Airman from the 621st Contingency Response Wing, Travis Air Force Base, Calif., tightens a chain while helping Airmen from the Arizona Air National Guard to secure a vehicle in an Air Force C-17 Globemaster III at the Sky Harbor Air National Guard Base in Phoenix, Ariz., bound for N.Y. to support the Hurricane Sandy relief efforts, November 3. The 621st CRW is highly-specialized in training and rapidly deploying personnel to quickly open airfields and establish, expand, sustain, and coordinate air mobility operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Gustavo Gonzalez/released)



Army reserve bolsters effort

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The guardsmen here offloaded utility trucks, utility workers and water off C-5 Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III aircraft.

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Hurricane Sandy clean up

Seaman Adam Null, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11 utilitiesman, positions a water pump's hose into a drainage area Nov. 6, Seaside Heights, N.J. The NCMB-11 Sailors, or "Seabees", are lending their engineering and disaster-relief expertise to the devastated Jersey Shore.



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The Weekend Weather

Today
High 53/Low 37
Sunny



Saturday
High 59/Low 42
Sunny



Sunday
High 64/Low 45
Sunny



Air Force leaders issue Veterans Day message

WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy send the following Veterans Day message to the Airmen of the U.S. Air Force:

America is built upon the achievements and the sacrifices of veterans. On Veterans Day, we express appreciation and thanks to more than 22 million American veterans, including 4 million veterans of the United States Air Force.

We especially honor and remember those who lost their lives to help defend our Nation, and we give thanks to the families whose support made their loved ones' service possible. Collectively, our Nation owes our veterans and their families a debt that can never be fully repaid.

Following in the footsteps of previous generations, you — today's Airmen — continue to answer the Nation's call. In all of your missions, whether serving in overseas contingency operations, providing disaster relief at home and abroad, or protecting the skies above the United States, your commitment and professionalism reflects our veterans' proud legacy of devoted service. You too have



earned our Nation's thanks.

Our duty obliges us to ensure that each generation understands and appreciates the sacrifices that have been

made, often at very heavy cost, by the men and women who have fought to preserve our freedom. On this Veterans Day, please take time to reflect

on our veterans' contributions, and thank those in your family and your community who have served America so selflessly.

Read me!: Fall in love with reading

By Lt. Col. Jiffy Seto
438th Aerospace Medicine Squadron commander

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. — I grew up going to the library every week. However, it was not by choice. When I was eight years old, the Army relocated my family to Schweinfurt, West Germany. We chose to live off post to better experience the culture. Our small apartment lacked American-sized appliances, so we had to travel to the post laundry facility every weekend. Luckily for my sister and I, it was next to the post library.

Little did I know that the hours I spent in the library, instead of watching dirty clothes circle around, would pave the foundation for my success in life. We only had two British cable channels at home, so we checked out stacks of library books every week to entertain ourselves. Those weekly laundromat and library visits helped cultivate my passion for reading. Yet many Americans struggle to make regular reading a part of

their daily habit.

When was the last time you read a book? Reading Facebook, Twitter, and text messages obviously do not count. A 2006 survey of 17,000 households by the National Endowment of the Arts found that less than half of American adults have read any literature in the past year — the lowest rate they have ever measured. They counted reading any form of literature — a book, a novel, short story or poem — in their survey. My wife and I argued if her passion for romance novels counts, and technically they do. Yet even with such a broad definition, reading is still in decline. Fewer Americans also read newspapers regularly. The Newspaper Association of America noted in August only 42.9 percent of adults accessed a newspaper in either print, electronic or website form down from a peak of 80.8 percent in 1964.

So what? Who cares? Why read? Reading improves vocabulary, expands knowledge, enriches cultural awareness and stimulates imagination.

Airmen need to be proficient in reading. From Career Development Courses to professional military schools, reading is vital to a military career. The Chief of Staff of the Air Force's Professional Reading Program reinforces the importance of reading to understanding today's military challenges and the world we live in. While serving at the White House, I thought it was important to read Vice President Joe Biden's autobiography "Promises to Keep: On Life and Politics." One day someone at the White House asked me why the Vice President was traveling to Nantucket for Thanksgiving instead of someplace warmer. The Vice President's book details how his family started their family tradition of spending the holiday there beginning in 1975. Reading helps Airmen know their jobs better and their role in fulfilling the larger mission.

Reading not only helps you but your children as well to develop their minds and to spur

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NCO urges Airmen to follow leader

By Staff Sgt. Timothy Boyer
60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — It is perhaps one of the most difficult duties of an Airman, yet one which we tend not to talk about after Basic Military Training or technical training.

We are taught throughout our careers how to be effective leaders, but somewhere in the focus to become effective leaders, we lose the focus on being a good follower.

It is strange that being a follower tends to have a negative connotation. Without followers, many of the things that made our country successful wouldn't have occurred.

There were certainly civil rights leaders who paved the way to the level of equality we enjoy today, but

without people who were willing to follow those leaders, they would have been far less effective.

Could you imagine talking in a history class about the One Man March that made such a huge



Staff Sgt. Timothy Boyer

impact? Hopefully the answer is no. As many are aware, it was a Million Man March and it was because of those who chose to follow that it made an impact.

In the same way, having good followers is critical to the Air Force mission. There are examples of this every day at Travis.

The Airman who follows his technical order to ensure the maintenance he performs meets the safety standards necessary is one example. The Airman who doesn't really want to be doing

the job she is in, but understands the role it plays in the bigger picture so she shows up ready to work and do what her supervision asks without complaining, is another.

One of the gray areas of good followership is when and how to speak up when you may have a disagreement with your supervision. The method to navigate such a challenge varies depending on personalities, but there are some basic ideas that can be helpful.

First, you have to choose your battles wisely. To do this, you must understand your part in the mission. This will guide you as you determine whether it is appropriate to make your suggestion or if it is more important to get the mission done for that moment.

Second, it is important to remember that your supervisor has likely been performing the job much longer than you and has learned to be efficient based on trials and errors. Fresh ideas are great and should be shared, but do not be so tied to your idea that you are close-minded to why decisions are made.

Understanding why decisions are made is one of the greatest ways to build yourself as a follower and a future leader.

Third, be selective. Retired Chief Master Sgt. Roger Buck once told me what he attributed to his success.

"Make a habit of keeping your mouth shut," he said. "Do this and when you have something to say, people will really listen."

His point is a good one. If you make a habit of challenging everything your leaders say or do, you will eventually be shrugged off as a nuisance. However, by choosing your battles wisely, understanding why decisions are made and being silent most of the time, leadership will take you seriously when you have something to add.

It has been said, that to be a good leader, you must first be a good follower. Practice being a good follower, so you can one day be the leader the Air Force needs you to be.

CAT checks off progress in hurricane relief

Bob Scherer, 87th Air Base Wing plans and programs supported the communities efforts for staging hurricane relief operations from the joint base Nov. 7. Scherer was one of many New Jerseyans without power for five days.



COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE



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

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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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Safety office advise vehicle winter preparation

By the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Wing Safety Office

The cold months are here and it's time to prepare. Winterizing vehicles now could save service members and their families a mishap later, or better yet, it could save lives. The following precautions may help to avoid getting caught unprepared this winter:

- Check the exhaust system for leaks. A faulty system may allow carbon monoxide to enter the vehicle.
- Ensure batteries are completely charged because cold weather draws more power.
- Check the operation of vehicle lights and signals. See and be seen.
- Ensure defrosters and heaters are working properly in order to keep windshields clear.
- Ensure vehicle brakes are in good condition.
- Inspect wiper blades, belts and hoses for dry rot.
- Be sure to have all-weather tires. Winter tires may or may not be needed, but it's best to be prepared.
- Ensure the spare tire for the vehicle is ready for use.
- Winterize all fluids.

Keeping a winter survival kit in the trunk of the vehicle is also recommended. A survival kit should include: a blanket, water, flashlight, extra cell phone battery, portable radio and kitty litter or sand (to provide traction in case a car gets stuck).

Visit the base Firestone or the Auto Hobby Shop for assistance with winterizing a vehicle.



Winter Storm Athena moved into the area Nov. 7, bringing the first snow of the season. Pudgets Circle was covered in fresh snow by night's end and serves as a reminder that the snow season is upon us. (U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. David J. Murphy/Released)



Maj. Gen. William D. Razz Waff, commanding general of the Army Reserve's 99th Regional Support Command, left, and key members of his staff continue 99th RSC operations Nov. 1, 2012 at a contingency location on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. One of the key tasks was determining the status of the 99th RSC's 350 facilities throughout the northeastern United States, including those that were utilized for support to civil authorities during and after Hurricane Sandy. (U.S. Army Photo/Staff Sgt. Shawn Morris/Released)

Army Reserve facilities bolster efforts to combat Hurricane Sandy

By Staff Sgt. Shawn Morris
99th Regional Support Command

As Hurricane Sandy tore its way across the eastern seaboard of the United States, the military joined forces with federal, state and local authorities to help community members weather the storm and deal with its aftermath.

A silent partner in this effort is the network of Army Reserve facilities that is woven throughout the nation's local communities and can serve a myriad of functions before, during and after a catastrophic event.

"One of the lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina (in 2005) was to identify what reserve-component facilities, equipment and forces are available in the event of a natural disaster," explained Maj. Gen. William D. Razz Waff, commanding general of the Army Reserve's 99th Regional Support Command at Joint Base

McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., and Fort Devens, Mass.

The 99th RSC controls more than 350 Army Reserve facilities throughout its 13-state area of responsibility, which stretches from Maine to Virginia. While many of these centers were themselves threatened by Hurricane Sandy, they were also in a perfect position to offer much-needed assistance to local communities.

"In Breezy Point, the New York City Fire Department asked if they could keep some equipment there in the parking lot and storage area (of our facility)," said Waff.

"This was an extremely difficult fire to fight because of waist-high flooded roadways and strong sustained winds," said FDNY Spokesperson Frank Dwyer of the six-alarm fire that ultimately destroyed 111 homes in Breezy Point. "Staging areas were critical to safely operate, to continue to bring in additional resources and to maneuver those resources to the most beneficial

positions for fighting this fire."

Although the destruction in Breezy Point was extensive, the FDNY's use of the local Army Reserve facility likely helped avoid even further loss.

"We're also offering support to the City of New York for their teams that are going to be pumping water out, and we've offered billeting space for them at Fort Hamilton at our new Armed Forces Reserve Center there," Waff added.

While the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012 codified the use of Army Reserve assets for support to civil authorities during homeland crises, this is not the first time the Reserve has utilized its facilities for civil support in an emergency situation.

"We did this last year with Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, when we offered the use of some of our brand-new facilities to our National Guard colleagues when they were either flooded out of their headquarters or power was

out," Waff explained.

Such was the case in Vermont this past year, where the soon-to-be-opened Rutland Armed Forces Reserve Center housed visiting Maine National Guard Soldiers who were providing disaster relief in the wake of Hurricane Irene.

Although little can be done to bend the will of Mother Nature, the Army Reserve remains committed to providing emergency relief at the community level by being ready to respond with the unique benefits its units, personnel and facilities have to offer.

"I'm very impressed by our great Reserve Soldiers and Civilians who are leaning forward, still working hard," said Waff of those Army Reserve personnel working around the clock to provide assistance to their fellow community members in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. "It's absolutely the right thing to do."

Patience key as hurricane relief efforts continue

By Airman 1st Class Ryan Throneberry
Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Public Affairs

Hurricane Sandy relief efforts staged out of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst are in full swing and as such, there is an increased number of personnel on base.

This may cause congestion on the base roads in some facilities such as dining facilities. Joint-base senior leadership asks community members to practice patience as they make their way to work and go about their day.

"This hurricane has really tested our base's ability to react to, host and sustain a huge influx of federal, state and local personnel as part of the relief effort," said Col. John Wood, JB MDL commander. "We are all doing our part to make sure it goes off without a hitch, but there are still hurdles to overcome."

Dining facilities are doing their part by feeding thousands of Federal Emergency

Management Agency contractors while also serving the usual crowd. Base gates, both commercial and general purpose, have increased manning to reduce the chance of congestion. Airmen with the Emergency Operations Center and Crisis Action Team are working around the clock to receive and maintain FEMA workers while ensuring base operations continue unhindered.

"We have been working nonstop to ensure all the Hurricane Sandy relief assets and people are taken care of," said Karen Lamphere, 87th Logistics Readiness Squadron reception control officer. "We're doing what we can to ensure the FEMA workers and their assets get to the right people, in the

right places as timely and efficiently as possible. We certainly have become one team."

Being on the same team means understanding there is still much work to be done; teamwork is paramount.

"Everyone on base is working together to make the relief effort happen, which is a beautiful thing," said Chief Master Sgt. Terrence Greene, 87th Air Base Wing command chief. "This can be a very stressful process, but at the end, we will look back and be astonished at what we have accomplished."

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Stewart ANGB supplies relief effort

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

STEWART AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, N.Y. — Guardsmen worked day and night to offload hurricane-relief supplies Nov. 3, since Hurricane Sandy made landfall on the United States' Northeast Coast.

The guardsmen here offloaded utility trucks, utility workers and water off C-5 Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III aircraft.

Utility workers are staging relief efforts to New York and New Jersey. Relief efforts include returning power to areas that lost power due to the storm and providing supplies to those unable to acquire basic amenities.

The 105th Airlift Wing assumed responsibility for the staging effort.

"The storm is putting the wing (located near major Northeast communication lines such as Route 87, Route 84, the Hudson River, major rail lines and Stewart Airport) to the test as the wing stands up an Aerial Port of Debarcation mission with less than 12 hours of notification," said Col. Timothy LaBarge, 105th AW commander. "The APOD mission is a great opportunity for the service members of the wing to participate in the mission. The mission is to prevent life and property loss as well as further pain and suffering. We are all grateful for the opportunity to help our fellow New Yorkers in the relief effort."

The 105th AW Airmen said they are excited to help transport water and utility vehicles to New

Yorkers in need of assistance. This attitude helps them look past the fast-paced, tiring work they have been experiencing.

"Palletizing water to be sent to Long Island has kept us extremely busy, but helping those who the hurricane affected means a lot to us," said Master Sgt. William Muller, 105th Logistics Readiness Squadron load planning noncommissioned officer in charge. "I can't verbalize how rewarding it is to help people in our own backyard."

Airfield management personnel here said these relief efforts will provide plenty of missions for the wing in the near future.

The 18th Air Force tasked the wing, who then tasked Chief Master Sgt. Dan Wessburg, 105th LRS aerial transportation superintendent, to task traditional Guardsmen (Part-time) to augment and reinforce active Guardsmen (Full-time) with offloading 69 utility vehicles from southern California, said Master Sgt. William Muller, 105th Logistics Readiness Squadron load planning noncommissioned officer in charge.

These utility vehicles will be working to repair power lines damaged by the hurricane. Many people remained without power long after the storm.

"The lack of heat is the biggest issue in our house without power; it's extremely cold at night," said Tech. Sgt. Sarah Pastorello, 105th AW public affairs specialist. "It's nice to see so many different people come in for the same reason: to help the people."



Tech. Sgt. Blaire Sieber, 337th Air Lift Squadron loadmaster, guides a utility vehicle off a C-5 Galaxy Nov. 2, here. The C-5 is transporting supplies for the Hurricane Sandy relief effort. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Sean Crowe/Released)

Man's best friend teams up with task force



Dominic Dipietco, a specialist with the Maryland Urban Search and Rescue Task Force, pets search dog Jed aboard a U.S. Army CH-47 helicopter assigned to the Georgia Army National Guard on a flight from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. to Staten Island, N.Y. to conduct house-to-house searches, Nov. 3, 2012. Maryland Task Force one is part of the National Search and Rescue Task Force recovery effort in the aftermath of hurricane Sandy. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Parker Gyokeres/Released)



Soldiers from the 401st Quartermaster Detachment, Lock Haven, Pa., secure a forklift Nov. 5, at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. The unit is awaiting orders to deploy into New York City and begin pumping water out of areas most affected by Hurricane Sandy. The forklift will move water pumps, hoses and other equipment necessary to complete the mission. (U.S. Army photo by Maj. John Adams/Released)

Army activates Reserve units for Hurricane Sandy relief

By Maj. Angela Wallace
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army Reserve has mobilized three tactical water distribution units to aid with relief efforts in areas affected by Hurricane Sandy.

This will be the first time reservists have been activated for a domestic natural disaster under the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012, which streamlined the process for the Reserve

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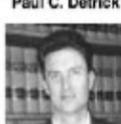
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621st CRW supports AZANG with Hurricane Sandy relief efforts

By Staff Sgt. Gustavo Gonzalez
621st Contingency Response Wing
Public Affairs

PHOENIX SKY HARBOR AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, ARIZ. —The 621st Contingency Response Wing sent a Contingency Response Element to work closely with Arizona Air National Guard's 161st Air Refueling Wing to support them in their efforts to help restore power to the East Coast since Nov. 2.

The Travis Air Force Base, Calif., CRE from helped launch 16 aircraft in support of the Hurricane Sandy relief efforts. The C-5 Galaxy's and C-17 Globemaster III's contained utility vehicles, equipment and personnel from Arizona's Salt River Project and Arizona Public Service bound for New York. SRP and APS will support local utility companies and work to restore power to more than two million New Yorkers who have been without electricity since Monday.

Chief Master Sgt. Charles Monk, 621st CRW Command Chief was present to witness the CRE in action.

"I am really impressed with all of you," Monk said. "Everyone I've talked to has a great attitude and is enthused about the mission here to help support the Arizona Air National Guard in their hurricane relief efforts."

The CRE provides the command and control functions required to support Air Mobility Command's worldwide mobility operations. CREs normally conduct autonomous operations from austere locations but can also augment the infrastructure at established civilian or military airfields. CREs also provide minimum cargo loading and quick turn en route AMC mission support during mobility operations.

The CRE has been working 24-hour operations since arriving.



A U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III from Stewart Air National Guard Base, N.Y., takes off at the Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix, Ariz., bound for New York, containing electrical equipment and vehicles to support the Hurricane Sandy relief efforts, Nov. 3, 2012. The aircraft was loaded by aerial porters from Arizona Air National Guard's 161st Maintenance Group and the 621st Contingency Response Wing from Travis Air Force Base, Calif. The 621st CRW is specializes in training and rapidly deploying personnel to quickly open airfields and establish, expand, sustain and coordinate air mobility operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Gustavo Gonzalez/Released)



An Airman from the 621st Contingency Response Wing, Travis Air Force Base, Calif., supports a chain with his boot while helping Airmen from the Arizona Air National Guard secure a vehicle in an Air Force C-17 Globemaster III at the Sky Harbor Air National Guard Base in Phoenix, Ariz., bound for New York to support Hurricane Sandy relief efforts, Nov. 3, 2012. The 621st CRW is specializes in training and rapidly deploying personnel to quickly open airfields and establish, expand, sustain and coordinate air mobility operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Gustavo Gonzalez/Released)



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Even Hurricane Sandy can't stop mobilization training

By Capt. Antonia T. Greene-Edwards
174th Infantry Brigade

With tight training windows to complete all necessary mobilization validation requirements, First Army trainers cannot allow weather to affect mission accomplishment. Despite Hurricane Sandy knocking out power lines and causing trees to block roadways, the 174th Infantry Brigade, Joint Base McGuire Dix Lakehurst, N.J., restarted mobilization training less than 36 hours after the storm.

The ability to train anywhere, anytime and the unit's flexibility allowed the Patriot Brigade's Trainer/Mentors to quickly rearrange their training prior to the storm and then quickly pick back up. The professional trainer mentors have mobile training assets and lane kits that enable them to train to standard in most any conditions.

"We packed up our training aids, course books, and relocated," said Sgt. Juan Villacis, Combat Lifesaver trainer/mentor. "It's not the building or having power, it is the practical exercises that really train these men and women for what's in store, and we can do that anywhere, anytime."

Generators kicked in, powering many significant locations on post throughout the majority of Monday and Tuesday. The brigade headquarters served as a contingency training area for mobilization briefings and classes that must be completed to meet scheduled unit departures.

Traditional power was restored in many locations as soon as Tuesday afternoon while some housing areas and harder hit vicinities went without power as long as Friday morning. Still a few roadways remain without power due to debris clean-up efforts and a handful of buildings remain without power.



Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Mike Moreno practices inserting an NPA (Nasopharyngeal Airway) in a manikin during Combat Lifesaver training instructed by Army Sgt. Juan Villacis, 174th Infantry Brigade CLS Trainer/Mentor, Nov. 1. The training was moved to the brigade headquarters gym due to the power outage at the CLS building from Hurricane Sandy. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Antonia T. Greene-Edwards/Released)

Generals visit JB MDL, view Hurricane Sandy's impact

An Army Blackhawk helicopter flies past Six Flags Great Escape Amusement Park near Jackson, N.J., during an aerial survey of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Nov. 2. The helicopter was supporting federal relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Parker Gyokere/Released)



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American Red Cross accepts donations for hurricane relief

By Tech. Sgt. Zachary Wilson
U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center

Hundreds of thousands of people impacted by Hurricane Sandy's impact are still in need of basic living necessities, ranging from warm clothes to food and water.

Members of the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst community can help by contacting the American Red Cross through the disaster services department at (732) 493-9100.

"We are asking people to donate new clothing, financial aid, store-prepared meals and any other unused items they wish to donate," said Gayle Lynch, a Red Cross volunteer at Dix. She also noted the ARC is not accepting meals cooked in personal homes

due to safety concerns.

Lynch said the influx of people into shelters she supported in the local area was significant, with many people coming from Ocean and Burlington Counties.

The Dix Red Cross organization provides military support services to the members of the joint base. Lynch noted that Red Cross donations should be coordinated with the regional American Red Cross in Trenton Falls, N.J., and not the local Red Cross organization on Dix. Military members stationed in the continental United States and Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico in need of Red Cross support can call the Armed Forces Emergency Services at (877) 272-7337 toll free.

Relief

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to mobilize in support of relief efforts within local communities.

At the direction of U.S. Northern Command, the 401st, 410th, and 431st Quartermaster Teams, from Lock Haven, Pa., Gainesville, Fla., and Kingston, N.C., respectively, have activated from Joint Base Dix-McGuire-Lakehurst, N.J., for allocation to the affected areas.

The units each consist of about 25 Soldiers and each unit is designed to operate six 600-gallon-per-minute water pumps.

"Our condolences go out to those that have lost loved ones or suffered damage to their homes and

businesses in the storm," said Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Talley, commander, Army Reserve.

"The Army Reserve is providing units to support first responders and our fellow Americans. These are skilled Army Reserve Soldiers who live and serve in communities across America to include the areas affected by Hurricane Sandy, and we stand ready to provide additional support as needed."

While performing hurricane relief support, the Army Reserve units will fall under the joint command of the respective affected area.

The Army Reserve is able to leverage both military and civilian skills of its Soldiers in disaster responses. With its nationwide presence, Talley said the Army Reserve is uniquely positioned to assist local officials in relief efforts throughout the country.

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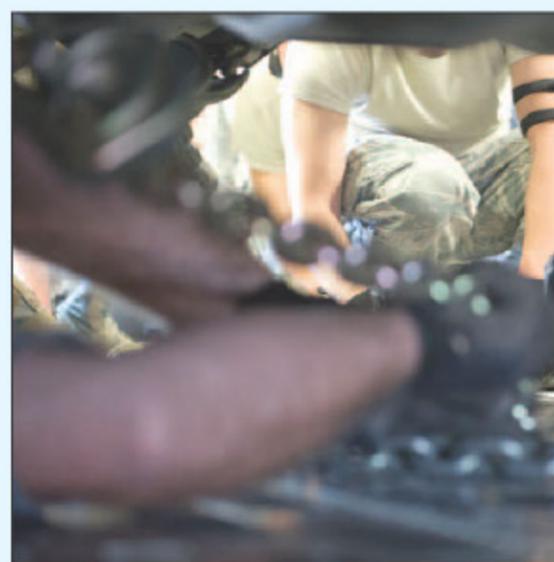


Army Pfc. John Lopez, 108th Quartermaster Company chemical quartermaster repair specialist, checks the internal components on a 350 gallons per minute water pump Nov. 6 at the Contingency Operating Location on the Dix ranges here. The COL is being used as a staging area for Department of Defense and Federal Emergency Management Agency assets. This decentralized location reduces the movement congestion within Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst so other assets maneuver unhindered. Lopez hails from Killeen, Texas. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Throneberry/Released)



Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Buchholz, 87th Logistics Readiness Squadron, checks the digital air surveillance radar operations were canceled and to (Released)

Seaman Adam Null, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11 utilityman, positions a water pump's hose into a drainage area Nov. 6, 2012, Seaside Heights, N.J. The NCMB-11 Sailors, or "Seabees", are lending their engineering and disaster-relief expertise to the devastated Jersey Shore. The Seabees are using their heavy equipment, or "green gear," to move large debris such as wrecked cars or boats strewn about by the storm. Mull hails from Van Wert, Ohio. (U.S. Air Force Ryan Throneberry/Released)



Airman from the 621st Contingency Response Wing, Travis Air Force Base, secure a vehicle in an Air Force C-17 Globemaster III at the Sky Harbor support Hurricane Sandy relief efforts, Nov. 3, 2012. The 621st CRW is currently involved in operations to airlift critical recovery equipment by Hurricane Sandy. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. David Carbajal/Released)



Army Pfc. Brian Crowe, 108th Quartermaster Company petroleum supply specialist, cranks up the trailer stands on a 350 gallons per minute water pump Nov. 6 at the Contingency Operating Location on the Dix ranges here. The Soldiers live, eat and work at the COL; turning it into a home away from home while deployed here. The pumps will be used throughout New Jersey and New York as part of the Hurricane Sandy relief effort. Crowe hails from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Throneberry/Released)



The 87th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels management flight pumps fuel (Released) Airmen are currently involved in operations to airlift critical recovery equipment by Hurricane Sandy. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. David Carbajal/Released)

Partners to provide hurricane relief



Air Force Communication Squadron ground radar craftsman, re-engages the motors of the radar dish Oct. 30 here. The dish was shut down during the storm because all flight operations were suspended to reduce damage. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Throneberry)



Master Sgt. Joseph Ferris, of the 823rd Red Horse Squadron, from Hurlburt Field, Fla., discusses a plan with a representative of the Rockaway wastewater treatment facility to clear sewage and debris blocking the tanks from properly processing water, Nov. 5. Approximately 50 Air Force civil engineers and 12 industrial pumps were sent from different locations around the country to form the 331st Air Expeditionary Group, whose mission is to help pump flood water from critical areas damaged by Hurricane Sandy. The 331st AEG are utilizing Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., facilities and equipment to assist their support operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Sybil Taunton/Released)



Air Force Civil Engineers from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., and the Arizona Air National Guard, work together to repair a pump at the Rockaway wastewater treatment facility, Nov. 5. The 331st Air Expeditionary Group is bound for New York to help with relief operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Gustavo Gonzalez)



A National Guard HH-60 Pave Hawk here Nov. 4. Mobility is key for the National Guard as it is sent from locations across the country to the area impacted by Hurricane Sandy. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. David Carabajal/Released)



Pennsylvania State Police Cpl. Dan Mosura raises his right hand to swear in as a New Jersey State Police officer at the Joint Training and Training Development Center Nov. 5 here. The New Jersey State Police superintendent and New Jersey attorney general flew into the base to hold a mass swear-in ceremony for more than 250 state police officers from eight states. Troopers drove police vehicles and motorcycles from as far as Louisiana to support the NJSP in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. Mosura is a Pittsburgh native. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. David Carabajal/Released)

Joint base team assists N.J. county hurt by Hurricane Sandy

By Tech. Sgt. Zachary Wilson
U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center

LINCROFT, N.J. — Two dozen Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Airmen teamed up with more than 30 additional community volunteers to collect supplies which will be distributed to Monmouth County residents impacted by Hurricane Sandy Nov. 6 at Thompson Park in Lincroft, N.J.

According to reports in the Newark-Star Ledger Nov. 6, 75 percent of the county's residents now have power but 72,000 homes are still in the dark as temperatures continue to drop this week.

The joint base team, predominantly comprising of honor guard members, responded to the request for help from the base's first sergeant network.

Bruce Golmick of the Monmouth County Park Service and lead organizer of the drive said he is grateful for the joint base volunteers' assistance.

"I can't say enough about the support we've received from the (joint base)," he said. "(They) showed up this morning and just took charge; it was fantastic."

The military participation began Tuesday but local volunteers opened up the center Nov. 2. Golmick noted the center was able to unload 22 truckloads of supplies — work that would have taken much longer without the military's assistance and could have backed up deliveries for hours.

The center's volunteers made 85 deliveries to 22 towns, distributing items such as food, water, blankets and cots. The number of Monmouth County residents aided by these donations and volunteer services "is in the thousands," Golmick said.

"It's good to help the community," said Staff Sgt. James Davis, a Warren, Ohio, native who is assigned to the 305th Aerial Port Squadron and honor guard. "We saw the request come through

and brought 11 of our guys up here to do whatever was needed."

The military volunteers worked tirelessly, unloading the constant flow of trucks and ensuring accountability of all the donated items.

Staff Sgt. Allen Clawson, an instructor with the 422nd Joint Tactics Squadron assigned to the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst was assisting in the accountability efforts with members of the Combat Veterans Association, a professional motorcycle rider's organization that features "vets helping vets," Clawson said.

"We were sitting at work at the Expeditionary Center yesterday when we heard about the call for help. We decided we would make more of an impact helping in the community than we would at work today; this whole experience has been great."

The center will continue operations throughout

the week and is looking for more volunteers. Thompson Park is located at 805 Newman Springs Road in Lincroft, N.J. For those wishing to donate, organizers are asking for bottled water, nonperishable food, pet food, new clothing, blankets and personal hygiene items including baby items.

"This is a way for residents to help out during this time of need," said Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden. "Through this process, donations from those who were fortunate during Hurricane Sandy can assist those who were less fortunate."

Military members can find out more volunteer information from their unit first sergeant.

Visit the JB MDL home page, www.jointbasemdl.af.mil; the flickr page, www.flickr.com/photos/jointbasemdl/; and the joint base Facebook page, www.facebook.com/JBMDL; for more information on JB MDL's support in Hurricane Sandy recovery operations



Staff Sgt. James Davis hauls donated aid supplies to the Thompson Park Community Center in Monmouth County, N.J., Nov. 6. Davis, a native of Warren, Ohio, assigned to the 305th Aerial Port Squadron at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., joined members of the base honor guard to assist in collection efforts to aid Monmouth County, N.J., residents impacted by Hurricane Sandy. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Zachary Wilson/Released)

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globe promote our values of liberty and freedom including the right to vote and the right to read. In his book, "Faith of My Fathers," U.S. Sen. John McCain detailed his five-and-a-half years spent as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. During his time in solitary confinement, he lamented not reading more books as a youth. He says in the book, "In prison, I fell in love with my country. I had loved her before then, but like most young people, my affection was little more than a simple appreciation for the comforts and privileges most Americans enjoyed and took for granted. It wasn't until I lost America for a time that I realized how much I loved her."

Reading has helped me become a better Airman, a better citizen and a better father. I don't think I need to worry about passing the importance of reading to my children. At the Child Development Center, my daughter takes field trips with her class to the base library and loves talking about all the books she read. She doesn't need the absence of a washer and dryer to find a love of books. I hope that you and your family can also discover the joy and importance of reading as much as we do.

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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.

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 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.

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 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. Pre-registration 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. Pre-lighting 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 Walsh 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. Cookies will be packaged in special holiday wrap for distribution. To volunteer to collect or package cookies call (813) 362-6544 for Dix or McGuire or (732) 323-4760 for Lakehurst.

Military Family Action Plan Conference

The Joint Base leadership is set to host the Military Family Action Plan Conference from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Jan. 23 at the Timmermann Center. The MFAP Conference provides a unique opportunity for all military personnel, family members, retirees and civilians to submit quality of life issues directly to the Joint Base Commander for review and resolution.

JB MDL Thrift Shops

McGuire
The McGuire Officers' Spouses' Club Thrift Shop is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays and the first Saturday of each month. The shop accepts gently used donations. The MOSC Thrift Shop accepts consignments from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays through Fridays. Proceeds benefit JB MDL, local, and national organizations. Volunteers are welcome. The MOSC Thrift Shop is located at 3446 Brody Road. Call 754-2368 for more information.

Dix
The Dix Thrift Shop hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the first and third Saturdays of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and the first Wednesday of each month from 3 to 7 p.m. Consignments are accepted from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Donations can be dropped off during business hours or placed in the shed after hours.

The shop is looking for volunteers. High school students can accumulate community service hours by volunteering. Proceeds help fund scholarships sponsored by the Dix Spouses' and Civilians' Club. Email fordixthrift@gmail.com for details or suggestions on how the shop can better serve the JB MDL community. The Dix Thrift Shop is located next to the museum on Pennsylvania Ave.

Lakehurst
The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Store is open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday 9 a.m. to noon and Thursday 1 to 5 p.m. at 158 Berry Road. The sales income received from thrift shops is returned to the Sailors, Marines and their families in the form of emergency financial relief services. Donations after hours may be placed in the donation locker located by the front door. Opportunities are available for volunteers to sort merchandise, arrange displays and work as cashiers. Call (732) 323-2362 or visit for more information.

87 LRS Customer Service and Equipment Accountability Service

Individuals with inquiries regarding supply customer service, stock control and overpricing program assistance should call 754-3306. Walk-in hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1757 West Arnold Ave., Room 166. Call 754-5154/4454 for supply parts issue requests/aircraft parts store requests. Call 754-2678/4010 for the equipment accountability office and custodian's assistance. Visit www.drms.dla.mil for DRMO procedures.

Neighborhood Community Watch Meetings

The joint base community is set to hold a meeting for the neighborhood community watch program from 7 to 8 p.m. every second Tuesday of the month in Falcons Court North. The meeting is intended to inform community members on how they can help protect the community by taking part in neighborhood watches and patrols. Call 723-6563 for more information.

The Attic

The Attic is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. as well as Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m. Donations are accepted during normal hours of operation. The Attic staff asks no one leave donations outside of the building. Call 754-8703 for more information.

Firehouse Movie Night

A movie night is scheduled for 8 p.m. every second Friday of the month at The Airmen's Firehouse. This event is open to all E-1s through E-4s. Free popcorn and beverages will be available. Call 754-2233 for more information.

87th MDG Training Hours

The 87th Medical Group will close for readiness training at noon the first Thursday of each month.

Crafty Birthday Parties

The Arts and Crafts center offers a chance for community members to host birthday parties at the center. Parties include two hours of party room use and one craft project with an instructor and all materials. Choose from a ceramic painting or plush animals parties. Call 562-5691 for more information.

Palace Chase and Palace Front Briefings

The joint base recruiter for the Air Force Reserves is set to host a briefing at 9 a.m. Wednesdays in Room 22 at 2916 Falcon Lane. The Palace Front allows service members the opportunity to seamlessly transfer directly from active duty without a break in service. Call 754-2918 for more information.

Home School Art Class

The Arts and Crafts Center offers a 10-week mixed media course for ages six and up. Five sessions of pottery and five sessions of fine arts are included. Call 562-5691 for more information.

International Spouses' Group

The International Spouses' Group assists foreign-born spouses with cultural adaptation. The group serves as the first stop, as well as ongoing support, for multicultural families. The group meets the last Friday of each month from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for planned social and educational activities. Call 562-2767 for more information.

Beginning Crochet Workshop

A beginner's crochet class is set from 10 to 11 a.m. the first and third Saturdays of each month at the Arts and Crafts Center. Call 562-5691 for more information or to register.

Financial Readiness Program

The Financial Readiness Program assists service members and their families in improving personal financial status and their ability to perform as informed consumers. The program focuses on improving credit reliability and reducing debt. Available services include: complaint resolution, individual counseling, training classes, resource library, debt liquidation, budget development and planning. Call the Warfighter and Family Readiness Center at 562-2767 for more information.

Education and Training ABCs of College Briefing

An ABCs of College information session is set to be held every third Thursday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Education Center, 3829 School House Road., Falcon Courts North housing area Room 206. The briefing will provide information on how to choose a school and major, determine payment methods, plan for career success, register for upcoming classes and gain information about degree types. Email gaylor.sims@us.af.mil to register or for more information.

MPS Passport Appointments

The Military Personnel Section passport office will accept appointments only for official passport processing. Appointments are available from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fridays. Call 754-3826 to schedule an appointment. Tourist passports are not available at this location. Visit www.co.burlington.nj.us/pages/pages.aspx?cid=23 for tourist passport locations.

Passport pick-ups will continue to be handled on a walk-in basis during normal MPS customer service hours. As a reminder, customers assigned to the 6th Airlift Squadron, 621st Contingency Response Wing, 21st Expeditionary Mobility Task Force and the U.S. Army have separate passport agents in their units who are able to service their passport/Visa needs. Call 754-1592 for more details.

Library Events

Children's Story Time is set to begin 10 a.m. Thursdays.

Tuskegee Airmen Meetings

The Hannibal M. "Killer" Cox chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen Incorporation is set to host its monthly meeting at 5 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Firehouse Club. Visit www.tuskegeeairmen.org for more information.

History Tours at Lakehurst

The Navy Lakehurst Historical Society offers tours of historic Hangar One and the Hindenburg crash site at 10 a.m. every Wednesday and every second and fourth Saturday of the month. Call (732) 818-7520 for more information.

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Chapels

Chapel Locations

- McGuire Chapel – 2503 East Arnold Avenue
- North Chapel – 3827 School House Road
- Dix Chapel – 5240 New Jersey Avenue
- Soldier's Chapel – 5950 Church Street
- Cathedral of the Air – 264 Hope Chapel Road, Lakehurst N.J. 08527

Worship Hours

Catholic

Monday through Thursday – 11:35 a.m. McGuire Chapel
Saturday – 5 p.m. McGuire Chapel
Sunday – 10:30 a.m. Dix Chapel

Protestant

Sunday – 9 a.m. Traditional - Dix Chapel
Sunday – 9:45 a.m. Contemporary - North Chapel
Sunday – 11 a.m. Liturgical - Cathedral of the Air
Sunday – 11:30 a.m. Gospel - McGuire Chapel

Army Support Activity

Sunday – 7:30 a.m. LDS - Dix Chapel
Sunday – 7:30 a.m. Catholic - Dix Chapel
Sunday – 7:30 a.m. Protestant - Soldier's Chapel

For programs, faith groups, or special language needs not listed, please contact the Chapel at 609-754-4673.

Contacting A Chaplain

When should I call a Chaplain?

Chaplains are available for spiritual, relationship and grief counseling. They provide worship services, baptisms, weddings and memorials.

Your conversation with a chaplain can not be disclosed without your permission. No exceptions.

To speak with a Chaplain during duty hours (Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.), call 609-754-HOPE (4673).

For assistance after duty hours call the command post at 609-754-3935 or 3936.



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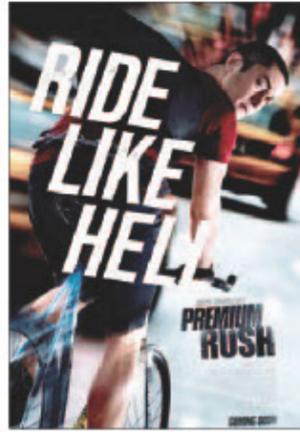
Time to get Healthy!

The Health and Wellness Center offers numerous weight-loss and healthy-eating classes to get you in the best shape of your life. Call 754-2462 for more info.

JB MDL Base Theater Movie Schedule



Tonight:
The Possession
(PG-13) 7 p.m.



Saturday:
Premium Rush
(PG-13) 7 p.m.

Recipe Roundtable

Got a favorite recipe that's a time-saving miracle, a gourmet masterpiece or just really yummy? E-Mail the recipe and a photo to the Air, Land & Sea Times staff at 87.abw:pa@us.af.mil to share it with the joint base community. Be sure to include "Recipe Roundtable" in the subject line.

Creamy Herb & Potato Soup

Creamy potato soup with lots of herbs. Serves five.

- Ingredients:**
- 2 potatoes, peeled and cubed
 - 2 cups water
 - 1 large onion, diced
 - 1/4 cup butter, cut
 - 1/4 cup all purpose flour
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon thyme, dried and crushed
 - 1/4 teaspoon rosemary, dried and crushed
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 1 1/2 cups milk

Instructions:

1. Bring the two cups of water to a boil, cook cubed potatoes until soft.
2. In another saucepan, grill diced onion in butter. Then add the flour, salt, herbs and spices. Slowly stir in the milk. Bring to a boil; cook while stirring for 3 minutes. Add in the cooked potatoes with this mixture; heat all together.

Recipes found at freerecipes.org



Joint Base Intramural Sports Standings

Intramural Wallyball JB McGuire-Dix

Team	Win	Loss	PCT
373rd TRS	13	1	0.929
314th RCS	9	3	0.750
305th MXS	5	6	0.455
AMCTES	2	8	0.200
305th APS	1	10	0.091
605th AMXS	0	2	0.000

PCT = Winning Percentage
All games are played at McGuire Racquetball Court at McGuire Fitness Center

Intramural Flag Football JB McGuire-Dix

Team	Win	Loss	PCT
87th CES	12	0	1.000
87th SPS	14	1	0.933
305th MXS Cobras	14	2	0.875
Wildcats	14	2	0.875
87th FSS/ 87th CS	12	2	0.857
305th MXS PMEL	10	4	0.714
174th INF BDE	10	5	0.667
305th OSS	10	6	0.625
108th WG	11	7	0.611
MAG 49	6	8	0.429
605th AMXS	6	8	0.429
1st TB	6	9	0.400
VR-64	7	11	0.389
621st CRW	6	10	0.375

305th APS	5	9	0.357
87th LRS	5	9	0.357
87th ABW/87th CPTS	2	5	0.286
EC	4	11	0.267
6th AS	3	11	0.214
87th MDG	1	10	0.091
305th AMXS	1	15	0.062
NCOA	1	15	0.062

PCT = Winning Percentage

Game Schedule

Week 10

Nov. 13

5:30 p.m.	#1	6th AS vs. 87th LRS
	#2	MAG 49 vs. 174th INF BDE
6:30 p.m.	#1	305th AMXS vs. 305th APS
	#2	87th CES vs. 605th AMXS
7:30 p.m.	#1	NCOA vs. Wildcats
	#2	87th FSS/ 87th CS vs. EC

Nov. 14

5:30 p.m.	#1	108th WG vs. 305th OSS
	#2	605th AMXS vs. 305th AMXS
6:30 p.m.	#1	305th MXS Cobras vs. 87th FSS/ 87th CS
	#2	305th APS vs. 174th INF BDE
7:30 p.m.	#1	87th CES vs. 87th SPS
	#2	6th AS vs. MAG 49

Nov. 15

5:30 p.m.	#1	605th AMXS vs. EC
	#2	87th FSS/87th CS vs. 6th AS
6:30 p.m.	#1	87th CES vs. 305th MXS PMEL
	#2	87th SPS vs. MAG 49
7:30 p.m.	#1	1st TB vs. NCOA
	#2	305th AMXS vs. 87th LRS

All games are played on either Griffith FH #1 or FH #2 field Lakehurst Flag Football

Team	Win	Loss	PCT
Unarmed Forces	9	1	0.900
Thunder Chickens	6	1	0.857
Titans	5	3	0.625
Little Giants	3	6	0.333
The Decepticons	2	6	0.250
AUTOBOTS	0	10	0.000

PCT = Winning Percentage

Lakehurst Intramural Soccer

Team	Win	Loss	Ties	Points
Mavericks	7	1	1	63
Gunners	2	4	3	36
Unarmed Forces	3	5	1	35
Cosmos	3	5	1	31

All games played at Lakehurst Credit Union Annex Field Current as of Nov. 6



JB MDL Emergency service representatives participated in hurricane preparedness and response phases on base and throughout the coastal areas. Members have been sent to assist in communities such as Toms River, Atlantic City, Seaside, Ortley Beach, Lavallette, Brick and Normandy Beach, N.J. (Courtesy photo)

JB MDL firefighters save more than 250 in hurricane rescue efforts

By Capt. Brooke Brzozowska
621st Contingency Response Wing

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst's firefighters supported hurricane rescue operations near Ortley Beach, N.J., as part of New Jersey Task Force One, Oct. 29 to 31, 2012.

The emergency responders supported local communities with swift-water and water-rescue technicians, who led in the recovery and rescue of more than 250 victims.

"It was incredible," said Capt. Len Dotson, 87th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter. "We were driving the boats down flooded streets, listening to pleas for help. It was sad, but we knew we had to focus."

The captain admitted to facing real challenges during the restoration phase of the storm response.

"We were answering 911 calls, trying to get to certain addresses," said Dotson. "But we'd get to where the house was supposed to be, and the

house just wasn't there. More often than not, the houses had slid down the street and into another neighborhood."

Rescue technicians Joe Brown, Brian Middleton and Karl Ramm, also with the 87th Civil Engineer Squadron, were part of NJ-TF1. The joint base also sent firefighters to assist in communities such as Toms River, Atlantic City, Seaside Heights, Ortley Beach, Lavallette, Brick and Normandy Beach, N.J.

"We've got a good family and support network here," Dotson said. "We're lucky to have such strong ties with our communities, and we're honored to help them out during this time of need."

The primary mission of NJ-TF1 is to provide advanced technical search and rescue capabilities to victims trapped or entombed in structurally-collapsed buildings.

For more information about the joint base and its hurricane support efforts, contact the Joint Base Public Affairs office at (609) 754-0641.

Response

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at JB MDL. If they were unable to respond, it could have degraded the Air Force's ability to respond to the hurricane or other contingency requirements."

With forces on both coasts, CRW, 18th Air Force, Air Mobility Command and U.S. Transportation Command quickly worked together to create a plan that addressed both the safety and security of the CRW mission.

The majority of the CRW on the east coast needed to take shelter and prepare for the approaching storm. Meanwhile, the Travis AFB-based 571st Contingency Response Group quickly assumed the duties of the JTF-PO alert force that was unable to reposition itself.

With the majority of the JTF-PO alert now taken up by teams at Travis, a smaller Contingency Response Element of 65 Airmen with critical skills evacuated with some of the last C-17 Globemaster IIIs out of JB MDL.

They waited in Tampa, Fla. while their coworkers on the East Coast battened the hatches and prepared for the worst.

"We planned to return as soon as JB MDL was able to launch us into the fight anywhere in the world," said Lt. Col Shawn Underwood, 818th CRE commander. "But as we watched live reports of flooded homes and neighborhoods on fire, we became keenly aware the next mission could very well be in New Jersey."

As reports of the destruction began coming in from areas as close as thirty miles from JB MDL, it became obvious the CRW was the right unit, in the right place, at the very worst time for the people of New Jersey.

From both coasts, Airmen in the CRW switched gears and prepared to immediately deploy and assist with the relief efforts.

"The 570th Contingency Response Group had recently returned from a major exercise at Fort Polk, La.," explained Col. Darren Sprunk, 570th CRG commander. "Our Airmen teamed with our 615th

Global Support Squadron members to work around the clock to inspect and repack a huge amount of equipment as returned from the field. Thanks to the tireless efforts of all involved, we were able to quickly stand up response teams to augment the nation's response."

It was clear there was work to be done, explained Chapin, the next question was where they would need to employ CRW expertise.

"At our core, what the CRW does best is move large amounts of critical cargo into or out of locations that may have the real estate, but don't have the capability or capacity to handle it," he said. "We are trained and equipped to establish a cargo reception, processing and loading facility on an established ramp anywhere in the world within hours of notification."

And the calls did come. Immediately after the passing of hurricane Sandy, two 621st teams from Travis AFB deployed as part of a National Power Generation Task Force to March AFB, Calif. and Phoenix, Ariz. Their mission was to load relief supplies and generators onto AMC aircraft for urgent flights to the east coast.

The Phoenix-based team plans to move to airfields in Texas and then Louisiana as the staged stock of generators in each location is exhausted.

Tanker and airlift planners from the 615th Air Mobility Operations Squadron at Travis AFB also deployed to support Northern Command planning operations at Peterson AFB, Colo.

A ten-man crew of aerial transportation specialists deployed with cargo handling equipment from the 817th CRG at JB MDL to JFK Airport in New York City. They are beefing-up cargo offloading operations at JFK in the face of a massive influx of relief supplies and emergency equipment.

"It is remarkable how the versatile, mobility Airmen of the CRW were ready to answer the call and move to multiple locations just hours after Sandy made landfall," said Chapin. "I am proud of every single member of the CRW family for all of their hard work and dedication. They truly represent the best the Air Force has to offer in a crisis like this."



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