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NEWSNOTES

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

Installation update

Looking for information on joint base events and happenings?

Come join us at the monthly installation update at 10 a.m. Dec. 5, 2012, at the Joint Base Theater. The entire joint base community – to include military, civilian, contractors, spouses and retirees – are welcome to attend.

Joint base leadership will also be on hand to answer questions and address any concerns.

Attendees may submit issues or questions to the Joint Base Public Affairs Office at 87.abw.pa@us.af.mil prior to the installation update so we can ensure we have an answer to your question.

Call the Joint Base Public Affairs Office at 754-2104 for more information.

Family Holiday Ornament Painting

The 87th Force Support Squadron is set to host a Family Holiday Ornament Painting class from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Dec. 1, 2012, at the Arts and Crafts Center located at 6039 Philadelphia St. on Dix. A \$5 registration fee is required. Ornament and firing fees are extra. Call 562-5691 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, 2012, at the Youth Center Gym at 1279 Locust St. on Dix. 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 slips by the youth sponsor is needed on file for visitors.

Transition Assistance Program

The Military and Family Support Center is set to host a five-day Transition Assistance Program seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 3 through 7, 2012, at 3435 Brody Road on McGuire. Call 754-3154 for more information. Preregistration is required.

McGuire/Dix Tree and Menorah Lighting and Holiday Card Contest

The Annual Tree and Menorah Lighting and Holiday Card Contest is scheduled for 4 p.m. Dec. 4, 2012, 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.

Lakehurst Tree and Menorah Lighting Ceremony

The Lakehurst Tree and Menorah Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for 4 p.m. Dec. 5, 2012, in front of the Joint Base Headquarters, 150 Berry Road on Lakehurst. 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.

EFMP Movie Night

The Military and Family Support Center Exceptional Family Member Program is set to host a movie night from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 5, 2012, at 3435 Brody Road on McGuire. 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.

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 on McGuire. 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.

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Tech Sgt. Peter Arbelo, 87th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal operations and training non-commissioned officer, deployed with the 966th EOD flight, places a C-4 charge in a Talon robot's grippers June 26, 2012, in the Ghanzi Province, Afghanistan. The charge was intended for a 140 pound improvised explosive device down the road. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo/Released)

EOD flight executes safety down day

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

Members of the 87th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal flight here observed an annual safety down day Nov. 21, 2012.

The event's goal was to cultivate flight members' resiliency and safety awareness while taking a break from regular operations and training across the entire career field.

"It's an opportunity to refocus on job safety and to take an introspective look at the flight," said Tech. Sgt. Peter Arbelo 87th CES/EOD operations and training noncommissioned officer.

The flight is no stranger to spending time with each other in both a professional and social environment.

"This is a really tight-knit flight," said Airman

1st Class Eli Marquez, 87th CES/BOD technician. "We all get together on a regular basis for barbecues and that sort of thing. Today, however, is a day to focus on our job here."

The flight had guest speakers stop in throughout the day including Col. Elizabeth Ekdal, 87th Mission Support Group commander.

"You all do great work and I'm proud of each of you," said Ekdal. "You are part of a unique career field and it takes a lot to do what you do."

Marquez mentioned the flight doesn't receive EOD related emergency calls on a regular basis so they spend most of their time training. A portion of the training is going over story boards.

A story board is a specific EOD flight scenario or incident which have happened in Afghanistan. The scenario is then disseminated throughout the

entire career field to ensure each flight is aware of new enemy tactics.

"The story board portion of today allows us to look at some of the recent killed in action scenarios from other service," said Arbelo. "We highlight it, look at what happened to them and hopefully figure out ways to avoid something similar happening to us."

Each flight member said they take pride in their job and their team.

"Being an EOD tech means being part of a team that works together to make a safer environment for everyone," said Marquez.

Arbelo echoed his remarks. "There is a strong sense of pride I get from this job," he said. "Without it, I don't think I would be able to put so much effort into my work."

Warrior Care Month helps Soldiers' morale

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

Service members from the Watson Medical Support Element and community members gathered to celebrate Soldiers Appreciation Month at the Soldier and Family Assistance Center Nov. 15, 2012, for the service members currently attached to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst's Warrior Transition Unit.

The Secretary of Defense designated November as Warrior Care Month in 2008 in order to inform service members, their families and local communities about the programs and initiatives currently provided through the Warrior Care system. The observance of WCM was deferred by the Office of the Secretary of Defense to the military services, with each military service responsible for recognizing WCM in some capacity such as employment fairs, professional development sessions, open houses, media days and celebrating the resiliency of Soldiers and their families in 2009.

"At the present time, we have approximately 30 service members in the WTU here," said Sgt. 1st Class Francis Kuwornu, WMSE WTU 3rd platoon sergeant.

The Soldiers assigned to the WTU are a mix of reserve component service members, 60 percent from the Army Reserve and forty percent from the Army National Guard from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The Army Medical Command and its subordinate commands have been instructed to highlight and communicate WCM messages through outreach events throughout November.

"We are required to conduct, at a minimum, two events during WCM," said Kuwornu, a



Maj. Gen. William D. Razz Waff, 99th Regional Support Command commanding general, stresses the importance for proper documentation to service members assigned to the Warrior Transition Unit during Warrior Care Month Nov. 15, 2012, at the Soldier and Family Assistance Center on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. Waff, a health care practitioner with a doctorate in medical records, was the guest speaker for WCM which was also celebrating 'Soldiers Appreciation Month.' (U.S. Air Force photo by Wayne Russell/Released)

resident of New York City. "For the first event, we had an Open House Nov. 7 at the Timmermann Center where approximately 70 participants had the opportunity to connect with 29 community partners."

A WTU closely resembles an Army unit, with a cadre and integrated Army process built on the

Army's strength of unit cohesion and teamwork. The unit allows wounded Soldiers to focus on healing and transitioning back to Army or to civilian status.

"Most of the Soldiers are assigned to the WTU

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Airman pledges, attains dream

Senior Airman Jorge Contreras, 87th Logistics Readiness Squadron materiel management journeyman, was full of nerves on the morning of Nov. 16, 2012. Contreras' nerves melded with his excitement as he was about to become a United States citizen in a star-studded ceremony live on the "Today Show."



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Congressman visits 99th RSC

Congressman Runyan presents the Superior Civilian Service Award to members of 99th Regional Support Command here for efforts in the Hurricane Sandy relief effort.



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Petty Officer Promotion List

Congratulations to the 14 Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Sailors who were promoted today. See who made the list.



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The Weekend Weather

Today
High 46/Low 36
Partly Sunny



Saturday
High 46/Low 36
Partly Sunny



Sunday
High 55/Low 44
Partly Sunny



General hears 'the most beautiful song'

By Retired Gen. Steve Lorenz
U.S. Air Force Academy Endowment

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — By all measures, it was a typical football game day at Falcon Stadium. Many people were tailgating, there was a slight chill in the air, the sky was a brilliant bright blue, and the crowd was excited as the game time approached. With great precision, the Cadet Wing had marched into the stadium. With great fanfare, the Wings of Blue parachute team had jumped onto the football field, and the flyover by several Air Force aircraft had created much excitement.

As the cadet band began to play our national anthem, the audience around us rose up to show respect for our flag and the music Francis Scott Key wrote 200 years ago. In unison, we placed our right hands over our hearts to show the proper respect as the Star Spangled Banner was played.

As the ceremony began, the entire stadium

went silent as they turned to face the American flag and listen to the music. It was then that I heard what initially sounded like a person yelling at the top of his lungs and making loud, incoherent sounds. I did not know what it was, but my initial reaction was one of disbelief and irritation that this person could be so insensitive and disrespectful while an entire stadium full of people were saluting our nation's flag.

But as I listened closely to this disruptive sound, I began to make out what appeared to be words. I could not understand every word, but every third or fourth word seemed to fit into the melody of our national anthem. Someone, in his own painful way, was singing the Star Spangled Banner.

I looked where the sounds were coming from. In front of me was the ramp reserved for handicapped fans, and there he was. A young man was sitting in a wheelchair, in an Air Force T-shirt, with an Air Force baseball cap perched on

his head. He was swaying back and forth to the sounds of the music despite suffering from the obvious physical effects of a serious long term debilitating illness.

As I listened more carefully, I could make out more and more of the words he was singing. This handicapped Air Force Academy football fan had a huge smile on his face as he sang with great gusto our national anthem.

My initial irritation immediately turned to great pride as I watched this young man sing his heart out. Tears welled up in my eyes as I listened to the finest rendition of the Star Spangled Banner I had ever heard. This young man touched my heart and the hearts of everyone around him who really heard what he was singing. I walked up to 31 year old Kenny Frith, who was born with cerebral palsy, and thanked him for reminding me what really is important. I told him I would never forget him or his singing of our national anthem.

AF safety chief cares about Airmen

By Maj. Gen. Margaret H. Woodward
Air Force Safety Center

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. (AFNS) — As we approach year-end, I invite every total-force Airman, civilian and Air Force contractor, to consider the extraordinary accomplishments of our Air Force over the last year. Together with the Joint Force, we've defended America's interests from every corner of the world, meeting incredible challenges with courage, commitment and innovation.

Today, our Air Force remains history's most capable and respected, and despite the inevitable uncertainty that lies in the future, there is no doubt we will continue to be the greatest fighting force on the planet for decades to come. This optimism comes from you, each and every Airman. As our most important and valuable resource, it is your energy, your strength and your resilience that will take our Air Force to the next level in terms of combat effectiveness, efficiency, and capability.

To be part of the solution, part of the answer and part of the future of

the greatest Air Force in history, not only must you commit yourself to integrity, service, and excellence, you must commit yourself to safety as well. An operationally focused and fully combat capable unit, organized, trained and equipped to defend America, can be crippled by the loss of just one Airman. You and your wingman matter — a lot, and you owe your family and your country a commitment to value your safety and the safety of those around you, with the same intensity that you hold for our other core values.

I urge you to consider all that you've learned about risk management and use those lessons in your decision-making every day. Losing an Airman to a preventable accident is the most tragic thing any unit can endure. You know what to do — make responsible choices and avoid a lapse in judgment that could jeopardize your safety or that of others, today, tomorrow, throughout the holidays and the New Year.

I wish you all happy holidays and a winter season filled with great memories.

JB MDL congratulates Navy promotes

By Tech. Sgt. Crystal Lee
Armed Forces Network - incirlik

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey — Some things occur in life that you never forget. Things that leave a scar and others that never even heal. There are lessons to be learned from those experiences, and I learned a big lesson on drinking responsibly at the tender age of eleven.

So I volunteered to share a part of my life normally reserved for those close to me. I decided to share a time that will never leave me in hopes that others don't have to experience the pain it brought. If you know me, you know that I keep family matters private. This account, however, may help sway someone's decision and prevent an alcohol related incident.

It was Friday, date night for my parents.

I was 11 and my little sister, Jen, was 9. We were at the age many parents start let their kids stay home alone. Mom and dad were invited to a party in Bowie, Md., which was about an hour away.

AWESOME! Jen and I had the whole house to ourselves. We proceeded to, you know, do typical kid activities. At around 2 a.m., we heard knocking at the door. I didn't grow up in the best neighborhood, so there was no way I was opening that door. The knocking persisted and we were terrified.

Jen and I actually hid under the bed because we thought someone was trying to break into the house.

The next morning we woke up under the bed. We got up and knocked on mom and dad's room door. No answer. I opened the door; they hadn't come home.

I picked up the phone to call my grandpa and found that it had been off the hook since last night. That's when he told me mom and dad were hit by a drunk driver. He said it happened last night around 1 a.m. and he had tried to call us. Grandpa was the one knocking on the windows and doors.

Once we got to our grandparents house, we were told the details of the accident. My father was driving home on Oxon Hill Rd. when a drunk driver swerved into their lane and sideswiped them. Dad hit a telephone pole head on. Mom wasn't wearing her safety belt and her face went through the windshield. Dad had this crazy adrenaline rush and pulled my mom out of the car. We found out later that his back was broken. He was out of commission for about six-to-seven months.

After gramps gave us the news, Jen started to freak out and I started crying. I'm not sure if I was crying due to sadness or because I was angry as hell, probably both.

Sunday evening at around 5 p.m. our parents

came home. They were lucky to survive. They recounted the events from that night. I asked dad if the drunk driver got hurt. Dad said, "No. The guy thought the whole situation was funny."

Our lives drastically changed. No more family outings to the park, no more fun things and nothing normal for kids our ages. Instead, the next several months consisted of Jen and I taking care of our parents.

What upsets me the most is that this didn't need to happen; responsible decisions could have prevented the entire event.

When someone abuses alcohol it affects more than just them. It has a ripple effect to everyone who cares about that person, those they hurt, and the people who are left behind to pick up the pieces. Take ownership and responsibility for your actions and what you put in your body. There are other things you can do besides drink excessively.

Find that niche that makes you happy—go to school, play video games, travel, etc. If you do drink, know your limit. Know when to say "when." Ask yourself, "How are my actions going to impact other people?"

My life was affected by an irresponsibly selfish guy who couldn't make the right decision concerning alcohol and almost killed my parents. Don't be that person.

COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE



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

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

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

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



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JB MDL leaders serve Thanksgiving meal



Army leadership from throughout Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., serves a pre-Thanksgiving meal Nov. 21, 2012. All branches were invited to the meal which was served by JB MDL senior leadership. (U.S. Air Force photo Russ Meseroll/Released)



Maj. Wes Eagle, 87th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, serves food Nov. 22, 2012, at Halvorsen Hall Dining Facility during the Thanksgiving Day Meal lunch at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. Eagle joined other members of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst's leadership to serve food to JB MDL community members. (U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Alexis McGee/Released)

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87th LRS Airman swears allegiance, attains dream



Senior Airman Jorge Contreras, 87th Logistics Readiness Squadron materiel management journeyman, sits with group of immigrants preparing to take the citizenship oath live on the "Today Show" Nov. 16, 2012, at Rockefeller Plaza in New York City. The thirty people emigrated from various countries including France, Peru and India. (U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Alexis McGee/Released)



Senior Airman Jorge Contreras, 87th Logistics Readiness Squadron materiel management journeyman, prepares to say the Pledge of Allegiance live on the "Today Show" Nov. 16, 2012, at Rockefeller Plaza in New York City. Contreras traveled with his mother and girlfriend to New York City for the ceremony. (U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Alexis McGee/Released)

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

"I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty, of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen..."

Senior Airman Jorge Contreras, 87th Logistics Readiness Squadron materiel management journeyman, was full of nerves on the morning of Nov. 16, 2012. Contreras' nerves melded with his excitement as he was about to become a United States citizen in a star-studded ceremony live on the "Today Show."

Contreras, a Peruvian native, has served in the U.S. Air Force for the past four years, but had known for years he wanted to become a citizen.

"I feel like I'm already a citizen," he said. "The ceremony is more of a formality."

"... that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law;"

Contreras' quest to become a citizen

began in 2010 after he ultimately decided that U.S. citizenship was what he desired.

"I had already lived in America for eleven years when I decided to become a citizen," said Contreras, who calls Elizabeth, N.J., home. "I was raised in this culture so I feel like I'm a part of it. I know this is where I want to raise my family."

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration services department contacted Contreras two months after he submitted his application for citizenship. They informed him they were looking to process his application and invited him to attend the "Today Show's" live citizenship ceremony.

"I felt really excited about it," he said. "They saw something in me and I felt really humbled that they called me."

The "Today Show" crew traveled to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Nov. 8, 2012, to visit him and get a feel for his work location and his role in supporting our nation's defense.

"I was nervous at first when the crew came down," Contreras said. "But then I realized all they wanted to see was me and you can never be nervous about yourself. Once I got to know the team in person, all my nervousness went away."

The "Today Show" team invited Contreras' mother, Luz Reque, and girlfriend, Karla Espinoza, to attend the show and

watch as he made the life-changing declaration.

"I am extremely proud of him," said Espinoza. "I know he tries really hard at everything he does so I feel it is something he deserves."

Espinoza is also working on renouncing her Ecuadorian citizenship to become a U.S. citizen.

"... that I will perform noncombatant service in the armed forces of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law;"

Nine coworkers and fellow Airmen also traveled to New York City to support Contreras.

"This is a pretty big deal for him," said Staff Sgt. Aldrine Estrella, 87th LRS materiel management craftsman. "I went through the same thing a few years ago so I know how big of a deal it is to become a U.S. citizen."

Estrella is a Filipino native who earned his U.S. citizenship in 2010. He said he encouraged Contreras to do the same, but was quick to point out that Contreras' independent nature made it so he didn't need much encouragement.

As Contreras scanned the spread of muffins, fruit and bagels the "Today

Resolute Brigade divers assist NY after Hurricane Sandy

By Sgt. Edwin Rodriguez
7th Sustainment Brigade

FORT EUSTIS, Va. — Everyone in the room was trying to remember the words to a famous quote that best described their efforts during a recent mission to New York.

They were trying to convey how they wished they could have done more given the time they had. They couldn't express their true feelings but they accomplished the mission regardless.

The 400 mile drive it took for them to reach the devastation was not enough to deter them from making an impact. Whether they believed their influence was small or large, they knew their highly specialized skills would be useful.

Seventeen soldiers from three dive detachments, assigned to the Special Troops Battalion, 7th Sustainment Brigade, loaded their equipment on Light Medium Tactical Vehicles, moving trucks, and SUV's and drove north for a week-long mission to the New York Metropolitan area after the damage left by Hurricane Sandy.

In addition to courage, they drew their motivation from the oath soldiers take when they swear to defend the USA and its citizens.

Captain Jon-Paul Navarro, commander, 86th Dive Detachment and officer in charge of the team, explains why they went. "Our higher headquarters were looking to assist in the recovery efforts, so they looked to us because of our special capabilities," said Navarro.

Dive team members are able to conduct construction and salvage operations, pier and ship inspections, carpentry, search

and recovery operations, use sonar and many other pieces of equipment too much to name here. They were asked to bring water pumps that pump water at 1500 gallons per minute, but Navarro's team took the initiative to bring more.

"We were going help pump out water from flooded areas, but we knew the area is surrounded by water. That is where we make our money. We were preparing ourselves to do more if necessary," said Navarro.

Navarro's company was short handed so he asked Capt. Nathan Brenan, 544th Dive Detachment commander, for help to field a complete team and help prepare the group for departure.

The dive team, as they do most of the time, exceeded the standard and was fully prepared for multiple missions when they arrived to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Nov. 3.

Their initiative paid off immediately the next day as they were then sent to Fort Hamilton, NY to live temporarily.

"We talked to key leaders and offered our assistance in any way we could. When we got to Hamilton we dropped our bags and went straight to work on our first mission," said Brenan.

Much of the area did not have power which limited outdoor missions. They worked outside whenever possible, but when they could, the team worked long into the night.

"It is a great achievement when you are successful on a tough mission...It makes leaders proud and gives Army divers, the Army, and the 7th Sustainment Brigade a great image for the public. Our soldiers will be able to see what they have done pay off," said Navarro.

The team was tasked for missions on all sides of the Upper and Lower Hudson Bay.

The main bulk of their time was spent at the US Army Corps of Engineers Caven Point Marine Terminal in Jersey City, N.J. The pier holds survey and debris removal ships assigned to the Corps and the Environmental Protection Agency; however the pier was partially destroyed and incapable of use when the team arrived.

They were able to fully recover the pier replacing wood beams and steel rods to make it even stronger than before.

"A group of us spent the whole week repairing the pier, using a stock pile of wood to replace and remove any damage found...they weren't able to dock the boats before, but after we finished they could," said Brenan.

There is a bus and rail line system that connects New Jersey to New York City called the Port Authority Trans-Hudson managed by the PA. The subway system from Exchange Place Station to World Trade Center Station was flooded and at times hazardous to work. They assisted the NJ and NYC Fire Department by pumping out thousands of gallons of water from the subway.

"The feedback we have received so far, made our trip here worthwhile. The subway and the pier at Caven Point were not operable but when we left, the subway was back and running and the pier was complete," said Brenan.

One group of Soldiers drove through the bustling city reaching Staten Island where they helped pump out water from residential homes that were along

the Hudson Bay coastline. Most homes in the area were still without power a week after Sandy's arrival.

"For many people in the neighborhood, we were the only form of military assistance they had seen since Hurricane Sandy. Many of the families were very appreciative of what we were doing. New York is a very military

friendly area, and it showed," said Brenan.

In Kerney, N.J., an Amtrak facility was flooded when a drainage valve was severed by the surge, said Brenan. The team used a floatable bladder to stop the leak until contract workers could come out and repair the

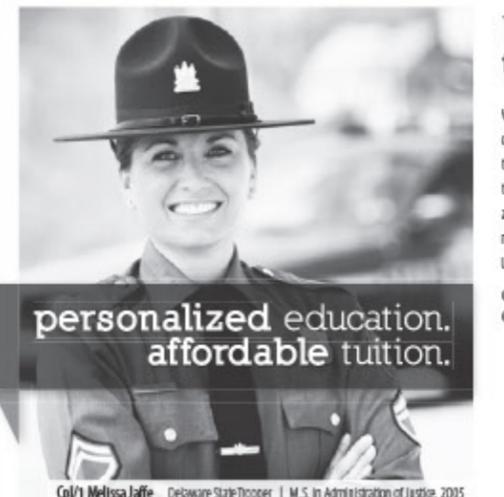
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Sustainment Brigade wraps up Hurricane Sandy relief

By 82nd Sustainment Brigade
 FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Hurricane Sandy, a “once-in-a-100 years” storm ripped through the mid-Atlantic States late Oct. 2012, leaving behind it a path of death and destruction.

Coastal areas were flooded, millions were without power and thousands were homeless. On Nov. 4, the 82nd Sustainment Brigade, under the command of Col. Christopher Sharpsten, received notification from XVIII Airborne Corps that it was to provide sustainment mission command for a logistics task force in support of the Hurricane Sandy NORTHCOM Response Force.

The sustainment mission is the type of mission the Brigade is equipped and trained to perform. It is expected to provide expeditionary sustainment, rapid provision of logistics and personnel services necessary to maintain and prolong operations until mission completion.

The success of this type of mission is dependent upon exercising a style of leadership that empowers leadership through the ranks to be proactive and decisive when faced with a unique and peculiar challenge presented by such a destructive force as Hurricane Sandy. The fact that the Brigade was on the ground in New Jersey with a functional Mission Command Center in 48 hours after notification is testament to the effectiveness of that style of leadership.

The Brigade staff clearly demonstrated its

responsiveness and ability to task-organize as it began to translate the intentions of command into actions in the early morning hours of Nov. 5th. The staff decided the Brigade would deploy 83 key personnel and equipment by four modes of transportation: military air, bus, line haul, and tactical convoy.

Accomplishing the difficult task required audacious leadership and a collaborative effort from junior and senior leaders from the company level up. These leaders’ ability to task-organize and delegate responsibilities allowed the Bde. to simultaneously perform the numerous critical tasks required to out-load the deploying personnel.

These tasks included manifesting personnel, coordination for line haul trucks and bus support for ground movement, coordination for air support, development of load plans and their execution, identifying all necessary liaison officers, and conducting a communications exercise to establish the primary, alternate, contingency, emergency communication plan.

An extraordinary effort was put forth by Bde. adjutant, Maj. Batina Church and the Bde. human resources staff. As a result, manifesting began within three hours of notification. The torch party, made up of 23 personnel, was able to deploy by bus within 12 hours of notification. The tactical convoy, consisting of 11 personnel and five vehicles, deployed within 18 hours, and the main body deployed by bus and air within 24 hours

of notification. The flawless execution of a well-organized and executed out-load plan enabled the Bde. to establish the command center at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., immediately upon arrival.

“During a real world expeditionary contingency, it is imperative that we work as a team,” said Bde. Unit Movement Officer, 1st Lt. William Cunningham. “I felt comfortable empowering my subordinates to get the job done. It’s the culture we live by in this brigade. Out-load is what this brigade does best; everyone understood their responsibilities and worked diligently to successfully deploy the Bde.’s Mission Command Center.”

The 82nd Special Troops Battalion plans and operations shop successfully coordinated a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft to transport mission-essential communication equipment from the 178th Signal Company, 15.5 short tons of tactical equipment, and 16 personnel. They built the Unit Deployment List for the line hauls, developed the air load plans, and coordinated the buses to push out the main body of personnel. This was all accomplished within a 24-hour timeline.

As the Brigade staff continued to develop and refine the out-load execution plan, the Battalions and Companies executed their respective action plans. Before 9 a.m., 5 Nov., 2012, the 189th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, under the command of Lieutenant Col. Theodore White, was tasked to convoy mission essential communication

equipment. White’s team had already completed their pre-combat checks and inspections, identified their drivers, and were ready to load three Palletized Loading System trucks.

The convoy would consist of five vehicles, the PLS trucks from the 189th CSSB, one heavy expanded mobility tactical truck wrecker, and one Humvee from the 82nd STB. 189th CSSB proved their motto, “First in Maintenance,” to be appropriate.

The military vehicular convoy, traversing from Fort Bragg, N.C., to JB MDL, a distance of more than 550 miles, successfully delivered the vital communications equipment without a single maintenance issue. This allowed the brigade to establish critical communication in their MCC in a perfunctory and timely manner. The leadership of the 189th CSSB recognized that success lies in the preparation of assets assigned to it for any expeditionary contingency. Maintaining a high readiness state at all times is imperative for the overall success of the Bde.’s mission.

With audacious leadership and a rigorous training regimen that drives excellence in performance, the Bde. has shown its ability to expeditiously deploy assets, meet any contingency, anytime, anywhere, in support of military action, or in support of humanitarian relief, as was the case with the Hurricane Sandy disaster response effort.

Operation Santa Claus brings holiday cheer

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

Operation Santa Claus will open its doors to referred families Dec. 3, 2012, at 5343 Airfield Rd. here and will remain open weekdays until Christmas Eve.

Operation Santa Claus has been giving gifts to families-in-need since Staff Sgt. Samuel Divita, 6th Training Brigade, started the nonprofit organization in 1958. Divita used his own money to buy toys initially, but people began donating money and toys as the operation grew. Volunteers are still bringing holiday cheer to the joint base community 54 years later.

“The staff welcomes and needs volunteers year round,” said Vince Bowker, Operation Santa Claus president.

There are four staff members currently working full time at Operation Santa Claus. Staff and volunteers sort, clean and repair toys for children throughout the year to prepare for the holiday season.

“I was a scoutmaster in the building next to the Operation Santa Claus building when I discovered the organization in 1999,” said Bowker. “I was inspired by the charitable acts and wanted to get involved in helping underprivileged families.”

Bowker plays the role of the resident Santa in addition to holding the Operation Santa Claus president position. He even has a long beard to enhance the appearance.

“Seeing children with smiles on their faces fills me with joy,” said Bowker. “The children’s love for Santa makes this job extremely rewarding.”

First sergeants on base refer families to Operation Santa Claus. “First sergeants know the people on base better than I do,” said Bowker. “The First Sergeants Association is a big partner with our organization.”

Operation Santa Claus executive board members established criteria families must meet in order to shop at “Santa’s Workshop.” The first sergeants provide the bridge for candidates and then help facilitate the process.

“The first sergeants are the points of contact for anyone interested in participating,” said Master Sgt. Mark Smith, 305th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron first sergeant. “I remember how much we helped a particular staff sergeant several years ago. His wife wasn’t working at the time and he had four children, so we helped his family get toys for the children. I can only imagine the relief he felt after being so overwhelmed by the stress that situation caused.”

Operation Santa Claus staff also invite qualifying civilians from the community to shop at Santa’s Workshop. Community charity workers submit a written request to Operation Santa Claus executive board members on behalf of the community members in need.

Bowker encourages families who are struggling or who need extra help during the holidays to reach out to their first sergeants in order to participate in Operation Santa.



Army Col. Charles Coursey and Navy Capt. William Bullis, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst deputy commanders, and Col. John Wood, 87th Air Base Wing commander, received a tour from Vince Bowker, Operation Santa president, Nov. 26, 2012, at Operation Santa Headquarters 5343 Airfield Rd. here. Operation Santa Claus is a year round center that collects new and good condition used toys for distribution during the month of December to military families in need of assistance. Bowker has been a member has been a member of Operation Santa Claus since 1984 and the organization president since 1999. (U.S. Air Force photo by Wayne Russell/Released)

Military OneSource connects troops, families to resources

By Amaani Lyle
 American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — As the Information Age continues to shape modern communication, the Defense Department has revitalized and consolidated the Military OneSource website to better serve military members and their families, a Pentagon official said in a recent interview.

Zona Lewis, military community outreach online and resource operations manager, told the Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service that the Military OneSource overhaul incorporates new functionalities, enhanced social media platforms and multiple access methods.

“We took this opportunity to look at industry best practices, to look at social media capabilities and to investigate making a mobile platform,” Lewis said. “People are accessing information on their phones and iPads today. They’re not waiting until they get home or back to the office to get that information on a computer.”

The revamping, Lewis said,

comes at the behest of President Barack Obama, who sought an overall reduction of government websites, prompting DOD officials to have Military OneSource absorb Military Homefront.

“We looked for commonalities to merge the sites,” Lewis explained. “Though Military Homefront had a service and family member component, it was... geared toward leadership and service providers (seeking) family programs, policy and reports.”

Officials therefore transferred the leadership and service provider information from soon-to-be retired Military Homefront to the Military OneSource umbrella, Lewis said.

“We... met the expectations we had for the site. We wanted the content to be easy to find, [with] the website easy to use,” Lewis said, adding that user-driven content enables more customizable information.

“You can see what other people are looking for and see if they’re [seeking] the same thing,” Lewis said, adding the social media aspect of the site

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Army launches winter safety campaign

By the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Safety Center

FORT RUCKER, Ala. – The U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center officially launched the Army Safe Winter campaign Nov. 26, 2012, providing leaders, Soldiers and safety professionals valuable information to augment their seasonal safety programs.

The campaign is the second of four installments of the “Know the Signs” safety effort.

While fatal accidents usually dip during the winter months, it’s no time to be complacent about safety.

“As an Army, we’re doing extremely well regarding accidental losses,” said Brig. Gen. Timothy J. Edens, director of Army Safety and commanding general, U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center. “Fiscal (year) 2012 was our best year in more than a decade, and this year we’ve seen further decreases in fatal accidents. The last thing we want to have happen is Soldiers use that good news as a reason to drop their guard.”

Private motor vehicle accidents remain the No. 1 killer of Soldiers. Inclement weather during winter can heighten risk while driving, whether on two wheels or four.

“Believe it or not, more Soldiers were killed on motorcycles during January and February this year than sedans and other conventional vehicles,” Edens said. “Leaders have to know what their Soldiers are doing and stay engaged on the hazards they may face, even if it seems counter intuitive to the time of year.”

The Army Safe Winter campaign includes informative articles and posters that heighten awareness of cold weather hazards. Media products from previous campaigns have become staple items in unit safety toolboxes.

“These campaigns have become the focal point for seasonal safety programs,” Edens said. “That’s a good thing, because it continually challenges us to think of new and creative ways to relay the information. However, leaders shouldn’t use it as a crutch. Safety is a lot more than briefings and bulletin boards. It’s about the safety culture within the organization, and it begins with leader engagement at the lowest level.”

Black Ice: the invisible road hazard

By Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Safety Office

Recent New Jersey winter conditions present an alarming array of travel problems for motor vehicles. One dangerous and invisible road hazard is black ice. Black ice is an age-old winter phenomenon that has sent many drivers skidding and sliding on a seemingly dry road. Black ice can appear to be a spot of moisture on a road, or may have a slight glisten on black asphalt. Do not be mistaken: Thin ice is very slick, and a car can skid rapidly on it.

Drive carefully on roads where snow banks have melted throughout the day, and exercise caution when driving under bridges or overpasses. If skidding occurs while driving, do not slam on the brakes, but softly apply steady pressure and allow the anti-lock braking system to work. If the vehicle does not have an anti-lock system, softly apply

pressure and pump.

Be cautious and prepare. Look for signs of ice other than on the roadway. People may see ice on windshield wipers, side view mirrors, on road signs, trees or fences along the highway. Ice formations on any of these items may indicate ice on the road as well.

Listening to the radio or news reports for temperature updates is another good tip for winter driving. The snow begins to melt when the sun beams and temperatures rise, whereas the water that formed from the snow will turn into ice quickly at night when the temperature drops below freezing.

Black ice is always a possibility in areas where frost occurs. Use extreme caution when driving on cold mornings and evenings where there is evidence of frozen moisture on the roadway.



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Vice President Joe Biden visits JB MDL



Vice President Joe Biden greets Chief Master Sgt. Adrian Davis, 87th Medical Group superintendent, Nov. 18, 2012, here. Biden visited New Jersey to tour the area impacted by Superstorm Sandy. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Denise Johnson/Released)

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Senior Airman Marquis Cole, 305th Aerial Port Squadron aerial transportation specialist, monitors a Deployable Automated Cargo Measurement System computer Nov. 18, 2012, as a utility and line truck passes through the DACMS at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. DACMS is used to determine a truck's approximate size and weight. Cole is an Independence, La., native. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. David Carbajal/Released)

305th APS employs high-tech system for cargo processing

By Staff Sgt. David Carbajal
Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Public Affairs

Members of the 305th Aerial Port Squadron here are using a sophisticated electronic system that streamlines the unit's cargo processing.

Aerial transportation specialists are employing the Deployable Automated Cargo Measurement System to prepare vehicles and equipment for airlift.

"It creates a standard through-put operation that allows us to process cargo quickly," said Capt. Andrew Gordon, 305th APS operations officer. "This system allows APS to utilize nearly any solid flat surface to process cargo."

The system consists of two laser-enabled reading posts and a set of digital floor-pad sensors, which takes digital measurements required for the unit's automated load-planning systems.

The unit acquired DACMS in 2011 as APS planners forecasted several construction projects, which would likely affect the unit's ability to conduct inspections in fixed facilities.

"The benefit to DACMS is it's a very versatile, portable system," said Gordon, a Smithfield, Va., native. "We can set it up practically anywhere."

The process is fairly simple once DACMS is set up.

"You just drive through it," said Senior Airman Marquis Cole, 305th APS aerial transportation specialist and an Independence, La., native. "The system makes a digital blueprint of the vehicle and then provides us with the key information."

DACMS can measure and record a vehicle's length, width, height, weight, number of axes and center of balance in less than 20 seconds, and without the vehicle operator having to come to a halt.

"Once a vehicle is processed, the load planners take the data and, essentially, create digital puzzle pieces, which they then use to create load plans for upcoming airlift missions," said Gordon. "All of the data DACMS calculates is significant. It allows us to quickly determine how to load the vehicles

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Team	Win	Loss	PCT
305th MXS	0	0	0.000
621st CRW	0	0	0.000
87th CONS	0	0	0.000
87th MDG	0	0	0.000
Lakehurst-Gunners	0	0	0.000
VR-64	0	0	0.000

PCT = Winning percentage

Game schedule

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Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Chapel Holiday Schedule 2012

Catholic Schedule

Dec. 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 5 p.m., McGuire Chapel

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Masses
 4 p.m., Dix Chapel (Children's Mass)
 midnight, Dix Chapel

Dec. 25 Christmas Day Mass
 9 p.m., Dix Chapel

Jan. 1 New Year's Day Mass
 9 p.m., Dix Chapel

Protestant Schedule

Dec. 12 Christmas Children's Program
 6:30 p.m., Dix Chapel

Dec. 20 Christmas Concert
 7 p.m., Dix Chapel

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 7 p.m., Dix Chapel

Dec. 31 Gospel Watch Night Service
 11 p.m., McGuire Chapel

Contact the Chapel at 754-4673 for programs, faith groups, or special language needs not listed.

Construction Corner Notice

By the 87th Civil Engineer Squadron

McGuire Fitness Center's fitness track will be undergoing repairs to the rubberized material on its remaining quarter-mile until December. The 0.8 mile of rubber track will be closed for testing until Dec. 14.

Road closures
 Paving operations are set to begin along McCord Road from Nov. 28 through Dec. 5, 2012, and Hancock Road from Dec. 10 through 14, 2012, on Lakehurst. Traffic on affected road will be reduced to one-way with flaggers during paving operations. Portions of Hancock Road may be closed due to low traffic volume and availability of detour routes.

Milling and paving operations are set to begin along Tuskegee Avenue from East Arnold Avenue to McGuire Boulevard from Dec. 3 through 17, 2012. Detour signs will be posted for vehicles requiring access to Tuskegee Avenue. Only one lane will be closed at all times.

Storm-water system repairs and improvements are scheduled until Dec. 13 in the 5900 on Dix. Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst community members should expect traffic disruptions due to lane closures.

Water line replacement
 Water line replacement work is scheduled until September 2013 in the 3000 area on Dix. The task includes replacement of water mains along Rancoocas and Florida Avenues. The final tie-ins will be accomplished as weather permits, remaining work is along Florida between Administration and Concord Streets, expect some road closures or delays once work resumes.

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NEWSNOTES

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The Military and Family Support Center is set to host a ribbon cutting ceremony 1:30 p.m. Dec. 7, 2012, at 3435 Brody Road. The event will include a tour of the building and light refreshments. Call 754-3154 for more information.

Quilts for Kids event

The 87th Force Support Squadron is set to host a Quilts for Kids event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 8, 2012, at 6039 Philadelphia St. on Dix. Make quilts for children in long-term healthcare, safe houses, children of deployed Soldiers and for wounded warriors. Call 562-5691 for more information.

2012 Army vs. Navy Flag Football Game and Tail Gate Party

The 2012 Army vs. Navy Flag Football Game and Tail Gate Party is scheduled for 5 p.m. Dec. 8, 2012, at 484 Walsh Drive on Lakehurst. Kickoff time is 3 p.m. Doors open at noon, lite bites and beverages are available for purchase. Seating is limited. Call (732) 323-7266 for more information.

Budgeting Resolution

The Military and Family Support Center is scheduled to host a budgeting resolution seminar from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Dec. 10, 2012, at 488 Walsh Drive on Lakehurst. The seminar is set up to help community members learn how to start a budget and stay on track for the New Year. Call (732) 323-1248 for more information.

Troops to Teachers

The McGuire Education Center is set to host a Troops to Teachers briefing from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Dec. 11, 2012, at 3435 Brody Road on McGuire. Preregistration is required. Call 754-3154 for more information.

Family Gingerbread House Day

The 87th Force Support Squadron is set to host its annual Gingerbread House class from 10:30 a.m. to noon Dec. 11, 2012, at 6039 Philadelphia St. on Dix. Children of all ages will enjoy this sweet holiday treat. Gingerbread House kit and candy for decoration are included in the \$15 fee. Preregistration is required. Call 562-5691 to register or for more information.

Lakehurst Quarterly Birthday Luncheon

The Lakehurst Quarterly Birthday Luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 12, 2012, at the Cyber Café, located at 123 Severyns Rd. on Lakehurst. The luncheon will celebrate October, November and December birthdays for all active-duty personnel. Seating is limited. Call (732) 323-2405 for more information or to reserve a seat.

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, 2012. 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 Military and Family Support 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. Call (813) 362-6544 for Dix or McGuire or (732) 323-4760 for Lakehurst to volunteer to collect or package cookies.

Bundles for Babies

The Military and Family Support Center is set to host a Bundles for Babies class from 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 13, 2012, at 3435 Brody Rd. on McGuire. A comprehensive review of services will be available for parents and babies. Each family will receive a gift for their baby or babies. All branches of service welcome. Preregistration is required. Call 754-3154 for more information.

International Spouses Group Holiday Party

The Military and Family Support Center is set to host an International Spouses' Group Holiday Party from 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 14, 2012, at 3435 Brody Rd. on McGuire. Preregistration is required. Call 754-3154 for more information.

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. 21, 2012, at 2610 McGuire Blvd. on McGuire. 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.

Seeking Tax Representatives

The 87th Air Base Wing Legal Office is seeking volunteers as tax representatives for the Tax Assistance Program at the Joint Base Tax Center. Participants will receive training as Volunteer Income Tax Assistants from an Internal Revenue Service representative. A short course regarding New Jersey State taxes will also be presented. Participation is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders. VITA training will be scheduled around the second week in January. Call 754-2010 for more information.

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, 2013, at the Timmermann Center on Dix. 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 fordixthrifto@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 754-3306/1381. Walk-in hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1757 West Arnold Ave., Room 166 on McGuire. 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 on McGuire. 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 on McGuire. 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 Military and Family Support 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.simons@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.

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Chapels

Chapel Locations

McGuire Chapel – 2503 East Arnold Avenue
 North Chapel – 3927 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

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.

Worship Hours

Catholic

Tuesday through Thursday – 11:35 a.m. McGuire Chapel
 Saturday – 5 p.m. McGuire Chapel
 Sunday – 10:30 a.m. Soldier's Chapel

Protestant

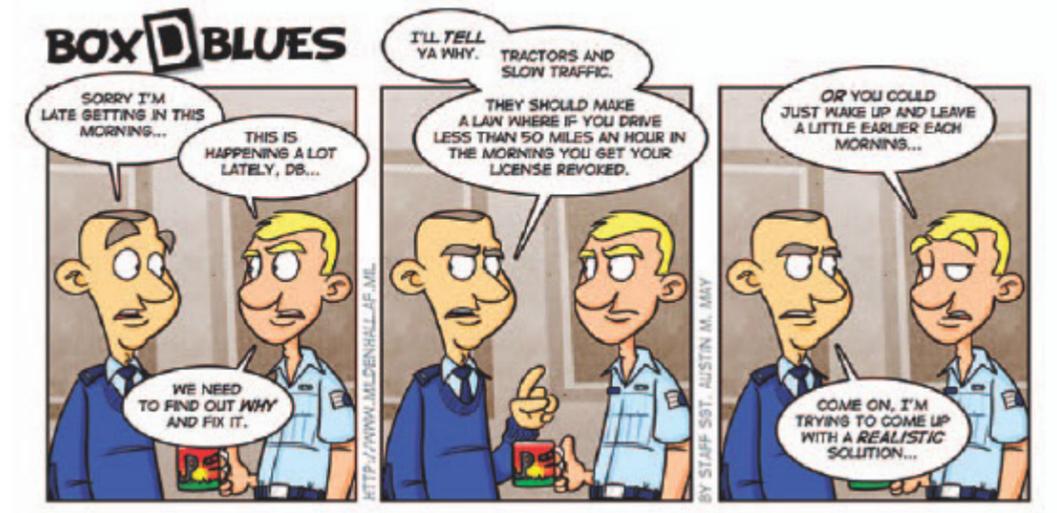
Sunday – 8:45 a.m. Traditional – Soldier's Chapel
 Sunday – 9:45 a.m. Contemporary - North Chapel
 Sunday – 11 a.m. Liturgical - Cathedral of the Air
 Sunday – 11:30 a.m. Gospel - McGuire Chapel

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.





JB MDL Base Theater Movie Schedule



Tonight:
Argo
(R) 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? Email 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.

Roasted Pork with Herbs

This hearty pork loin is cooked with a garlic and sage glaze, perfect for any Sunday! Serves 8.

Ingredients:

- 1/2 teaspoon table salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon rubbed sage
- 1 medium garlic clove (minced)
- 5 pound boneless loin
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/4 cup vinegar
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce

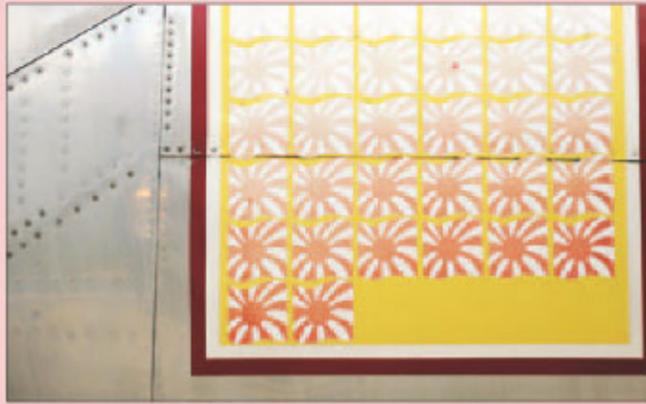
Instructions:

1. Heat oven to 325 F (165 C).
2. Mix together sage, salt, pepper, and garlic in a bowl. Prepare pork loin by rubbing with seasoning mixture. In a roasting pan, place seasoned loin on the middle rack and bake for about three to three and a half hours, or until pork reaches 145 F (63 C).
3. In a saucepan, mix together the white sugar, cornstarch, vinegar, water, and soy sauce. Over medium low heat, bring to a low boil, sauce should begin to thicken. When pork is near finishing, glaze loin with sauce several times over the remaining cook time. Once fully cooked, remove pork from oven and glaze with remaining sauce before serving.

Recipes found at freerecipes.org



Get to know JB MDL!



Can you guess what this week's close-up photo is? Submit your guess online at www.facebook.com/jbmdl. Don't forget to check back next week when the full-size photo is revealed!



Did you guess last week's close-up photo? It's the driver's hatch on a 105 mm Howitzer Motor Carriage M7. This tank was nicknamed "Priest" because the circular machine gun mount resembles a church pulpit.

Cargo

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and keep the weight balanced on the aircraft." APS recently found this system effective in the base's recent Hurricane Sandy response. "We used DACMS extensively during the hurricane-relief redeployment," said Gordon, a graduate of Clemson University, S.C. "The out-bound units requiring airlift preparation would

have quickly log jammed without the system. In short, processing time was significantly reduced through the use of this system." Additionally, DACMS's portability allowed APS personnel to separate standard operations from hurricane-response operations by processing the cargo in different areas. Unit personnel fulfilled two missions simultaneously while maintaining efficiency and expediency. "Our normal operations did not stop because of the hurricane," said Gordon. "By separating normal 'ops' from hurricane 'ops,' each maintained its solidarity and quality."

Care

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for up to 60 days," said 1st Lt. Dustin Gaworski, WTU commander. "After the 60 days, unless special care or additional treatments is needed, the service member is transferred to another WTU closer to their home of record and family support." The Army has in place the Community-Based Warrior Transition Unit in addition to the WTU. The CBWTU functions as a WTU for Soldiers who receive care in their community at Department of Defense, TRICARE or Department of Veterans Affairs healthcare facilities. The CBWTUs primarily provide outpatient care management and transition services for Army Reserves and National Guard Soldiers who do not need the day-to-day management provided by WTUs on Army installations. Another event for fulfilling the requirement of WCM was a luncheon held at the SEAC by the members of WSME and some of its civilian counterparts. The participants were able to partake in board and video games and socialize with one

another in addition to the luncheon. Maj. Gen. William D. Razz Waff, 99th Regional Support Command commanding general, was the guest speaker and expressed his commitment to helping the WTU. "I want to reassure you of my support," said Waff. "We are here for you." Waff also had words of encouragement to the Guard Soldiers. "To our brothers and sisters of the guards, we are going to take care of you," he said. Waff, a health care practitioner with a doctorate in medical records, stressed the importance for proper documentation. "The things we want to do is get things correct, we don't want to just do a check the box and move you on, I don't want anyone rushed out," said Waff. "Your continuity of care is covered by the Health Insurance Protection Act and I teach HIPA in my civilian life." The 99th RSC provides base operations support to all Army Reserve Soldiers, units, facilities and equipment for Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, Connecticut and New Hampshire and the District of Columbia.

JB MDL congratulates Navy promotes

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Public Affairs

The Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst community would like to congratulate the following Sailors who were promoted today:

- Master-at-Arms 1st Class Robert Calabro
- Operation Specialist 1st Class Darren Grant
- Master-at-Arms Petty 1st Class Brian Lang
- Aviation Support Equipment Technician 1st Class Michael Rodriguez
- Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Fuels) 2nd Class Jaquine Baker
- Electronics Technician 2nd Class Matthew Feldt
- Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class Derek Ferguson
- Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Fuels) 2nd Class Nikita Festin
- Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class Keith Green
- Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class Michael Lowe
- Electronics Technician 2nd Class David Reed
- Master-at-Arms 2nd Class John Winjum
- Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Francisco Cota
- Master-at-Arms Petty 3rd Class Honorae Nelson

ONESOURCE

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enables users to "retweet," "like" and share mobile- and tablet-friendly information through personal networks. Lewis noted the particular usefulness of the locator and directory widgets, which enable users to type in their installation and instantly connect

to local resources and relocation assistance. Military OneSource also provides round-the-clock consultants available worldwide to assist with family life topics ranging from moving to nonmedical counseling referral, including anger management and communication skills. "Military OneSource offers 12 nonmedical counseling sessions per issue per person in your family at no cost," Lewis said. "(This) is your quality of life program so call, click and connect. We're there for you."

Brigade

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valve. Before the team returned home, they assisted a team of Navy Divers by assessing the damage done at Battery Park, Manhattan, NY, a highly flooded area during the hurricane. They help set the stage for a full recovery of the pier back to being one of the most famous in the country. Navarro said their help felt to him like a drop of water hitting the ocean. There was so much left to do but there mission time was up. "It was amazing to see three different detachments come together for the mission in New York

and New Jersey giving the same motivation on day one through day ten. It was a great thing for everyone to come together and flawlessly execute the mission," said Navarro. They received phone calls and emails about how exemplary the dive teams' efforts were, said Brennan. Before returning to Fort Eustis, they were asked to come back and continue with recovery efforts if possible. Some divers will go back and add finishing touches to the Caven Point pier. Brennan did finally remember the quote that was eloquently stated by Mother Theresa of Calcutta as she said, "We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop." It summed up their feelings perfectly.

Before Severe Weather Strikes

- Develop a plan for the family at home, work, school and when outdoors.
- Identify a safe place to take shelter.
- Have frequent drills; especially if you have children.

- Keep a map handy to track storm movements from weather bulletins or have a weather app on your cell phone.
- Listen to the radio and television for weather information.
- Check the weather forecast before leaving for extended periods outdoors. Watch for signs of approaching storms.

Courtesy of the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Safety Office, 754-7233.