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NEWSNOTES

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

Maps of JB MDL

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst maps are posted at www.jointbasemdLaf.mil.

ALS Times Holiday Publication

The Air, Land and Sea Times will not be published on Dec. 28, 2012, and Jan. 4, 2013. Publication will resume Jan. 11, 2013.

Exchange Holiday Hours

Exchange holiday hours of operations are listed on page 11.

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. today, at 3435 Broidy Rd. Preregistration is required. Call 754-3154 for more information.

Firehouse Movie Night

The Firehouse Movie Night is scheduled for 8 p.m., today, at 2502 East Arnold Ave. The event is open to all E-1 through E-4 service members and is held the second Friday of every month. Attendees will enjoy a free movie, popcorn and beverages. Call 754-2830 for more information.

Family Gingerbread House Day

The Arts & Crafts Center is set to host Family Gingerbread House Day from 10:30 a.m. to noon Dec. 15, 2012. The event costs \$15 and is open to children of all ages. A Gingerbread House kit and candy for decorating are included. Preregistration is required to reserve a seat. Call 562-5691 for more information.

Holiday Open House

A Holiday Open House is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 20, 2012, at the Cyber Café located at 123 Severyns Road. All active-duty service members and their families are invited to attend the event. A light luncheon will be provided and small holiday gifts will be given to attendees. Seating is limited. Call (732) 323-2405 by Dec. 19 to reserve a spot or for more information.

Lakehurst Movie Night

The Lakehurst free Movie Night is set for 6:30 p.m. Dec. 20, 2012, at 484 Lansdown Road. This month's second feature movie is The Amazing Spider Man starring Andrew Garfield and Emma Stone. The movie is open to all base personal and their guests. Popcorn will be provided at no cost and other refreshments will be available for purchase. For the comfort and safety of all patrons, children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Call (732) 323-2636 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. 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.

Commissary Holiday Hours of Operation

The Commissary will be open 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Christmas Eve, closed Christmas Day; open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. New Year's Eve and closed New Year's day.

Christmas Day Meal

The 87th Force Support Squadron is set to host two Christmas Day meals Dec. 25, 2012, at the Halvorsen Hall Dining Facility. The meals include lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner from 4 to 6 p.m. Holiday meals will be served by joint base leadership and the event is open to all active duty, guard, reserves, retirees and immediate family. Call 754-3252 for more information.

New Year's Day Meal

The 87th Force Support Squadron is set to host a New Year's Day Meal from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 1, 2013, at the Halvorsen Hall Dining Facility. The holiday meal will be served by joint base leadership and is open to all active duty, guard, reserves, retirees and immediate family. Call 754-3252 for more information.

Children's Pottery Class

The 87th Force Support Squadron is set to host a children's pottery class for children ages 6 through 12 from 10:30 a.m. to noon every Saturday in January starting Jan. 5 through 26 and Feb. 2 through 24, 2013, at 6039 Philadelphia St. The fee is \$40. Preregistration is required. Call 562-5691 for more information.

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Joint base leadership and honored guests cut the ceremonial ribbon at the new Military and Family Support Center Dec. 7, 2012, at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. The new \$7.6 million facility merges the Airman and Family Readiness Center, Navy Fleet and Family Support Center and Army Community services into one facility capable of supporting all service members and their families. (From left to right) Navy Capt. William Bulis, JB MDL deputy commander; John Wilson, Green Jacket Contractors LLC; Steven Lyman, 87th Civil Engineer Squadron; Army Col. Charles Coursey, JB MDL deputy commander; Air Force Col. Michael Underkofler, 514th Air Mobility Wing commander, and Army Col. Paul Owen, New York District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers commander. (U.S. Air Force photo by Wayne Russell/Released)

MFSC ribbon cutting celebrates unity

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

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst leadership and honored guests joined together to officially open the new Military and Family Support Center Dec. 7, 2012, here.

The MFSC, formerly called the Warfighter and Family Readiness Center, conducted its groundbreaking ceremony 18 months ago. The new building consolidates key functions to offer the joint base community a centralized location for

service member and family support needs.

"On behalf of the men and women of the Military and Family Support Center, we thank you for being here today to join in this celebration of this wonderful new building," said Kuzmick. "This building represents the vision, talent and skills of so many people, many of whom are here today."

The new facility merges the Airman and Family Readiness Center, Navy Fleet and Family Support Center and Army Community Service into one to support all service members and families, regardless of military affiliation.

Kuzmick went on to thank joint base

leadership, civilians and private contractors for their work in ensuring the construction of the one-of-a-kind facility.

The 18,000-square-foot facility will create a one-stop military and family support service center that provides counselors and professionals from all branches of the military in the areas of: transition assistance, relocation services, volunteer information, financial skills development, casualty assistance, wounded warrior support, family life education, emergency financial assistance, school

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JB MDL, FEMA continue post-Sandy relief efforts

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



Hundreds of trailers filled with Hurricane Sandy-relief supplies sit at the Federal Emergency Management Agency staging site Nov. 13, 2012, on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. Lakehurst provided FEMA an Installation Support Base for hurricane-relief efforts. The staging area currently supports Region II operations. Region II includes New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Sean Crowe /Released)

Hurricane Sandy brought destruction and devastation throughout the Northeast Oct. 29, 2012, but a prepared Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., withstood the impact and answered the call for support.

The joint base provided direct support locally and throughout the region while providing staging and logistical support to more than 100 additional agencies in a concerted relief effort.

The not-so calm before the storm Sandy began as a tropical storm in the Caribbean Oct. 22. The storm intensified into a hurricane two days later.

The day before Sandy officially became a hurricane, Oct. 23, Steve Robertson, 87th Civil Engineer Squadron Emergency Management chief, alerted 87th Mission Support Group leadership.

"We track any storm that forms in the Caribbean or the Gulf by using Hurrevac, a partnership program produced by FEMA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association and the Army Corps of Engineers," said Robertson.

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Learning to cope

Long story made short: my dad had attempted suicide and his young family was left reeling. I was 15, and my sisters were 13 and 11 years old. The last day of school of my freshman year in high school, I woke up to the phone ringing. It was very early and I heard my mom's voice talking to the person on the other end.



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Airmen execute Wingman Day

Airmen from the 87th Logistics Readiness Squadron secure an egg for a team building exercise during Wingman Day Dec. 5, 2012, here. The group activity taught Airmen to work together and to complete all tasks as a team. Wingman Day 2012 emphasized the importance of being a good wingman every day.



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Favorite holiday memories shared

What has been your favorite gift or holiday memory? Petty officer 3rd Class Evan Carter talks about his old Lincoln Town Car. The Lincoln had a lot of problems but it gave him a lot of good memories.



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The Weekend Weather

Today
High 50/Low 31
Sunny



Saturday
High 49/Low 38
Partly Sunny



Sunday
High 48/Low 41
Rain



'The Elephant in the Room'

By Lt. Col. W.E. Gene Mattingly
87th Mission Support Group

This commentary is in regard to the recently published Air Force chief of staff memo and corresponding articles, "Combating Sexual Assault in the Air Force," "CSAF directs Air Force-wide inspection," and "CSAF talks leadership with wing commanders." I've got chills up my spine at the very deliberate leadership focus by our new CSAF, and I certainly feel his "call to arms" to destroy sexual assault in our Air Force, but also to really get after ensuring we foster a workplace environment of respect, trust and professionalism in the workplace.

I'm having trouble understanding how Airmen could hurt fellow Airmen through sexual assault or any form of sexual harassment for that matter. I'm convinced the problem is much more systemic than we

give it credit. More than a decade ago, I was reminded we as members of the Air Force are simply a cross-section of our society. Personally, I like to think we represent the very best of our society. I've learned the hard way that is not so. I still keep my glass half-full, and for the most part, I earnestly believe that we have a majority of the very best.

The issue is those who make-up the worst of our society somehow make it into our great Air Force too. Not wanting to say that broken homes and relationships, rampant internet pornography and addictions to it, and continued abuse of alcohol are the reasons, but they are certainly contributing factors, and they just might be the "elephant in the room." I think the problem is related more to our moral fabric than anything else.

As an Air Force, we must remain

alert to what is presented as societal norms, which our Airmen may embrace, but that our Air Force simply can ill afford to embrace. We must hold ourselves to a much higher standard. As an example, many think the core value of integrity is relative, not clear cut right or wrong. When, in fact, that portrayed as right is clearly a violation of personal integrity. Some people in our society may even chastise me for my moral high-ground stance on certain issues because it is counter to an overall societal view these days.

A year ago or so ago my first sergeant goaded me, "Hey sir, do you want a real education about what's going on 'out there?'—come with me to the Club Friday or Saturday night, or better yet sir, let's go downtown." I'm pretty sure I'm glad I didn't go, but as a commander I spent a lot of time thinking about

discipline after the fact. Thinking back, quite possibly, going with the Shirt a time or two may have been a good idea—and maybe just maybe it would have deterred some deviant behaviors.

I'm not saying I have cornered all the reasons, nor all the answers to a moral and criminal dilemma, or why we have Airmen assaulting fellow Airmen.

This issue makes me about as sad as anything does after more than 26 years of honorable Air Force service. As an Airman, I'm ready and willing to be part of the solution, not the problem. I'm confident most of us are. The challenge is not to be passive or unwilling to talk about the "elephants" we see. Be frank, open and honest, holding one another accountable—let's see where it leads. To an even better Air Force?—I'm all in.

Learning to cope when suicide hits at home

By Maj. Kelli Hooke
409th Contracting Support Brigade

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany 1The last day of school of my freshman year in high school, I woke up to the phone ringing. It was very early and I heard my mom's voice talking to the person on the other end.

"No, he's not here. He should be there already. I'll go check the roads and see if his car broke down and get back with you. Thank you," she said.

She then came back to my room and explained that dad didn't make it to work so she was going to go drive his route and find him. She needed me to be up by the phone in case he called and then to get everyone ready for school if she was not back by then. So, I did just that. Mom did not get back in time, so we all got on the bus that morning unsure of where dad was.

The day was only half over when a voice on the intercom announced that my sisters and I needed to report to the school administrative office. My grandmother was there and was taking all of us home. It was the last day of school, so we really were not missing anything but it was very weird and now I was worried.

Long story made short: my dad had attempted suicide and his young family was left reeling. I was 15, and my sisters were 13 and 11 years old.

He was the primary provider for our family. As we dealt with the aftermath of this serious and very public event, we also had to deal with all sorts of financial, social and emotional issues.

My dad was hospitalized for a week and it was a while before he could work again. He was placed on medication and started attending a lot of counseling. Through the treatment, he slowly began to recover.

It took a long time for him to look at the events and realize that he had made a poor decision. As he started to get a handle on the past and his emotions, he began to realize that there were all sorts of ways he could have received help - if he only had asked.

As a teenager dealing with all of the pain and distress of a suicidal dad, it was very hard. But through these circumstances I was able to learn important lessons.

I learned that I am responsible for my mental health. Specifically, I needed to pay attention to it and do things to keep me strong. In the Army today, we call it resilient.

Second, I learned to have more compassion for others. We do not know the extent of the burdens others are carrying and it is important to be there for people so they know that we can help.

Finally, I learned that there is no real shame in asking for help. It is far worse to cause tragedy for your family instead of seeking professional

assistance. And there is a lot of help available.

Today, my dad is doing great. After receiving extensive treatment, he was not only able to address past issues, but learn coping skills for future challenges. His example shows that no matter how bad things get, there is a path to a better way.

Needless to say, whenever I attend training on suicide prevention, I take it seriously. However, I have been hesitant to share my experiences. It is one thing to attend training, listen attentively and then resume normal life. It is a wholly different thing to actually tell people that your dad attempted suicide. Even as I volunteered to help this year, the thought went through my mind, what if they think my dad is crazy and then what if they think I might go crazy too?

Too many people have died this year alone for me to be silent and to allow my perception of a stigma to keep me from speaking up. I hope that by sharing this personal information about my past, those Soldiers who are struggling gain the strength to ask for help.

Please do not wait until life is so overwhelming that death seems like the only answer. Your death will not solve any problems, just cause more. And your life can get better. No matter how desperate your circumstances are, someone wants to help.

A dream cut short: fast road to discharge

By Airman Blake Hubbard
20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. 1As I stood, sweating outside the Military Enlistment Processing Station on a hot June 24, 2010, I knew I had made a very important and life changing decision; the decision to join the United States Air Force.

I joined the Air Force to attend school, travel, and grow as an individual. I left for Basic Military Training on the cold winter morning of December 27, 2010. At BMT, I became the Tactical Deployment Leader during our simulated deployment training, which was the first time I was placed in a leadership role of that magnitude. I never gave up, even as Military Training

Instructors were screaming in my face and telling me that I would fail.

On Feb. 28, 2011, I experienced one of the most memorable accomplishments in my life: being in my Air Force service dress uniform and graduating basic military training. At that moment, I was looking forward to a promising career as a broadcast journalist.

Upon BMT graduation, I attended technical training school at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, where I was surrounded by many great individuals. I met several lifelong friends and had unforgettable experiences in Baltimore and Washington D.C. After graduating, I received orders to Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., where I was the

only broadcaster at the installation, which caused me to learn quickly through on-the-job-training.

I was afforded opportunities to venture beyond Shaw to receive training at Charleston Air Force Base where I sat in on webinars, conference calls, and online video training from Poynter University. I was fortunate enough to attend a 40-hour National Press Photography Association seminar as well in San Antonio, Texas, which gave me skills to network on a global scale.

While assigned to Shaw I was coined six times, received 10 letters of appreciation and was Airman of the Quarter within my flight.

My career ending mistake occurred in early spring, while hanging out with a friend and fellow

Airman. I was working on my vehicle when I started to feel sleepy because it was so late. My wingman offered me his pills to help me stay awake and focus. Being away from family, friends, and in an unfamiliar environment at the age of 19, it was very easy to stray away from my morals and sacrifice personal judgment. I thought of it as harmless especially because I wasn't on base.

After taking the pills my coordination and concentration spiked, allowing me to stay up for the remainder of the evening to complete the work on my vehicle.

A few weeks went by and we were cleaning his garage when again, my wingman offered me his

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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 bring light for holiday season



Children play at the Tree and Menorah Lighting and Holiday Card Contest Dec. 4, 2012, on Dix. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived courtesy of the JB MDL Fire Department and the 87th Security Forces Squadron following the lighting festivities. (U.S. Air Force photo by Wayne Russell/Released)



Children gather around Santa at the Holiday Tree and Menorah Lighting Ceremony Dec. 5, 2012, at the Lakehurst Headquarters building at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. Kathy Donnelly, Naval Air Systems Command director of engineering, provided opening remarks for this year's festivities. Santa arrived by fire engine and was greeted by Mrs. Claus, the joint base community, hot chocolate and cookies after the official lighting. (U.S. Air Force photo by Russ Meseroll/Released)

Hurricane

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"We worked hand in glove with the 305th Air Mobility Wing weather office and national weather service to feed data to the group. We also started leaning forward on preparations because this was not your typical storm."

Robertson said he saw early on that Sandy had the potential to be a powerful event. He coordinated with a number of base agencies to get preparations under way.

"We worked with public affairs to ensure an information plan was put into place and messages were prepared for our AM radio station," he said. "We also made sure the base was secured and ensured loose objects were tied down, different units had sandbags, power was isolated and personnel were informed as to what was going to happen."

The Emergency Operations Center coordinated Hurricane Sandy-related activities on JB MDL.

The EOC stood up Oct. 26, and acted as the command and control center for the entire joint base. Its members coordinated activities and efforts related to the pending storm and worked with appropriate agencies to prepare for and mitigate the potential impact on the joint base, said Robertson.

The joint base established the Resource Control Center in support of U.S. Northern Command's Base Support Installation designation. The 167th Theater Support Command and RCC teams worked together to coordinate units entering into the base.

The BOC and RCC also provided support to the Federal Emergency Management Agency which also set up an Installation Support Base on Lakehurst Oct. 26. The agency utilized the large, open area around the site of the Hindenburg memorial as a staging area for relief efforts, and stored hundreds of trailers full of supplies and other commodities.

The staging area currently supports Region II operations. Region II includes New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Local units around the base worked in a synchronized effort to prepare themselves for the upcoming storm.

The 305th AMW's service members evacuated their aircraft prior to the storm to ensure assets weren't damaged as a result of high winds and debris. C-17 Globemaster IIIs were sent to Joint Base Charleston, S.C., and MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., while the KC-10 Extenders went to Grand Forks AFB, N.D.

The 305th Aerial Port Squadron also responded by working four main mission-preparation activities.

Maj. Ed Hogan, 305th APS commander, said these missions included the ongoing strategic-airlift mobility mission in support of U.S. Transportation Command; launching 305th AMW assets in support of hurricane evacuation operations; working with the 621st Contingency Response Wing to support their departure; and port closing in preparation of Sandy's impact.

The 305th APS and 621st CRW members worked together to move equipment to MacDill AFB to help ensure the 621st CRW could continue operations.

The 621st CRW is specifically designed to rapidly establish air mobility operations hubs worldwide. The unit's short-notice response capabilities include remote or damaged locations as well.

Approximately 150 guardsmen from the 108th Wing were activated for relief efforts while aircraft and resources were being evacuated.

The 108th Wing posted guardsmen strategically throughout New Jersey. The Air National Guard's mission primarily involved providing defense support to civil authorities in the aftermath of Sandy's landfall.

Army Support Activity-Dix personnel also worked with the Coast Guard Training Center Cape May to provide housing for more than 300 recruits and 30 staff members.

The RCC worked in the EOC and helped coordinate four joint missions: reception, staging, onward movement and integration, or JRSOI.

Reception involves initial accountability, followed by staging, which ensures units have proper operations space. Onward movement encompasses being able to leave the installation to get work done. Finally there is integration, which includes integration between service agencies.

Predictions placed the 1500-mile wide storm as making landfall anywhere between North Carolina and Maine. As the storm neared, and it became evident to EM that it would enter near southern New Jersey, getting information out to the base populace became a top priority, said Robertson.

Hurricane conditions, or HURCONS, were one way to keep service members and families informed. HURCONS include a four-stage warning system that alerts base personnel to the expected time frame and wind conditions of an approaching storm. HURCON IV was declared Oct. 26, denoting a hurricane 72 hours away with 58 mph winds. The HURCONS escalated each day until HURCON I, 58 mph sustained winds 12 hours prior to landfall, was declared Oct. 29.

Hurricane Sandy officially made landfall at

Hurricane Sandy Timeline

- Oct. 22 Tropical Storm Sandy develops in the Caribbean Sea.
- Oct. 23 Emergency Management provides its first update to 87th Mission Support Group leadership.
- Oct. 24 Tropical Storm Sandy intensifies into a Hurricane and makes landfall in Kingston, Jamaica.
- Oct. 25 Sandy becomes a Category 2 storm and hits Cuba.
- Oct. 26 The Emergency Operations Center and the Crisis Action Team stand up. After weakening to Category 1, the storm barrels through the Bahamas.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency arrives at Lakehurst.
- The Installation Support Base stands up. Hurricane Condition IV is declared

around 8 p.m. Oct. 29 just south of Atlantic City, N.J.

Members of the EOC's ride out team worked throughout the night while the storm raged on.

"Once the storm is on us the ride out team stays on the base so that they can be the first ones to go out and do damage assessments and reinstate command and control," said Robertson. "The EOC were constantly monitoring the storm for tornado activity. We also tracked downed power lines, blocked roads, down trees and found alternate routes for emergency vehicles."

CLEANUP BEGINS

Damage assessment teams were sent out at first light to ascertain Sandy affect on JB MDL Oct. 30.

The wind and rain combined to down trees and power lines and caused structural damage and flooding. The estimated damage to the base was \$8.2 million as of Nov. 26, said Capt. Samuel Jun, 87th Comptroller Squadron Financial Management Analysis and Liaison Flight commander.

Office buildings and residences on Dix were hit with power outages throughout the base, but Jersey Central Power & Light worked quickly to restore power because they knew the joint base would be used as a hub for relief workers, said Robertson.

Col. John Wood, JB MDL commander, designated the base for mission-essential personnel only during both the hurricane and the cleanup activities, but by Oct. 31, the base returned to normal reporting status.

The 87th Security Forces Squadron and 87th CES personnel assessed base damage while also continuing to maintain their normal mission.

Members of the 87th CES worked to address the damaged power lines and structural issues caused by Hurricane Sandy.

Damage assessments were prevalent throughout New York and New Jersey regions and other states on the East Coast. Cities and towns throughout the Northeast needed help recovering from the storm.

Multiple agencies from throughout the country continued flowing into the joint base in response to the hurricane.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers collaborated with FEMA to provide generators to areas without power.

Maryland Urban Search and Rescue Task Force members arrived here and worked with the Georgia Army National Guard to conduct house-to-house searches in Staten Island, N.Y. The Task Force was one part of the National Search and Rescue Task Force relief effort.

One of Sandy's side effects was a fuel shortage throughout the region. Hours-long lines were becoming normal, prompting President Obama to take action.

The president ordered the Defense Logistics Agency to purchase of 22 million gallons of fuel for distribution throughout areas impacted by the storm Nov. 2. The fuel order included 10 million gallons of diesel and 12 million gallons of unleaded fuel, according to FEMA.

JB MDL provided thousands of gallons of fuel to multiple units, which were delivered throughout the region.

The 87th Logistics Readiness Squadron Fuels Management Flight assisted filling Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Trucks from the 710th Brigade Support Battalion with fuel. The 99th RSC also worked with the 353rd Civil Affairs Command to provide fuel to a number of areas hit by the storm.

The 401st, 410th and 431st Quartermaster Teams worked with the 99th RSC to get them mission-essential items such as wastewater pumps, military vehicles, tents, heaters, generators, cold- and wet-weather gear and rations. The teams, made up of about 25 soldiers each, operated 600 gallon-per-minute water pumps as part of the USACE's Task Force Pump. Active-duty, reserve and guard units made up the task force.

While many of the 99th RSC's 350 Army Reserve facilities in its 13-state area of responsibility were threatened by Hurricane Sandy, their position allowed them to offer much-needed assistance to local communities from Maine down to Virginia.

The Army wasn't the only branch offering relief to the surrounding areas. The Seabees, from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion-21 on Lakehurst, provided support to 55 Naval Mobile Construction Battalion-11 air detachment Sailors, from Gulfport, Miss. The mission of NMCB-11 was to return normalcy to the joint base area and the surrounding shore communities.

The Seabees worked to help pump water and remove derelict vehicles from throughout the Jersey shore region.

The Seabees were part of the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command Adaptive Force Package, which included New York and New Jersey assets such as Seabees, divers and Coastal Riverine Forces. The assets came at the request of state and federal agencies for immediate response following Hurricane Sandy.

Marine Air Group 49 Marines were also ready to provide post-Sandy support if necessary. A group of nearly 150 Marines from MAG 49 formed Task Force 49 and were placed on stand by in the event they would need to conduct defense support of

civil authorities in New Jersey. The guard didn't request the Marines' capabilities for relief efforts.

"MAG-49 was fully poised to 'move to the sound of chaos,'" said Col. Raymond Descheneaux, MAG-49 deputy commander, in MAG-49's monthly newsletter. "Know that our most senior leaders had the utmost confidence in Col. Tobin and our commander's abilities to excel within the chaotic environment."

Members of the Atlantic Strike Team provided support in a number of different areas that focused on their specialties.

Fourteen AST members joined the National Strike Force to provide pollution response to the region. The NSF worked alongside numerous other agencies and conducted wide-area hazard assessments over 1,245 miles of shoreline, pollution mitigation at 28 heavily impacted marinas and acted as federal on-scene coordinators for 3 oil spills.

The National Strike Force also worked to discharge 30,608,400 gallons of water from the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel during more than 118.5 hours of pump time in support of the Task Force Pump.

Comprehensive mutual aide agreements between Burlington and Ocean counties sped up recovery efforts allowed the joint base to more easily and quickly send resources.

"It allowed us to send fire resources to the shore and help rescue and relief efforts," said Robertson. "It's a legal authority for us to be able to help the county with requests immediately, instead of having to wait for a tasking. We were able to send resources from the base as long as it didn't degrade our mission."

JB MDL's professional organizations also provided relief support. Organizations such as the First Sergeants' Council, Top 3,5/6 Club, Air Force Sergeants Association and others collaborated to ensure the joint base's humanitarian relief efforts would be able to support local communities most impacted by Sandy.

A team of 24 Airmen, made up of volunteers from the 305th Air Mobility Wing and the base Honor Guard, teamed up with more than 30 community volunteers to collect and distribute supplies to Monmouth County residents impacted by Sandy at Thompson Park in Lincroft, N.J.

The 305th and 514th Air Mobility wings evacuated aircraft returned safely while the wing's members coordinated shipments of vehicles and supplies from throughout the country.

Shipments included the delivery of thousands of blankets from Travis AFB, Calif.; line trucks from Fairchild AFB, Wa.; and utility trucks from Joint Base San Antonio, Texas.

The 305th APS handled 37 Hurricane Sandy Relief missions comprised 947 short tons of cargo and 350 passengers.

The RCC received a continuous influx of personnel during the Hurricane Relief efforts. More than 104 different organizations arrived here to stage before, during and after Sandy. Some organizations included the U.S. Forest Service, state troopers, members of the Department of Energy, the U.S. Border Patrol and the New Jersey State Police among others.

Anor'easter, dubbed "Winter Storm Athena" by the Weather Channel, was headed toward the area.

The winter storm hit the Northeast Nov. 7 with the potential to hinder relief efforts but the 87th CES Snow Control team worked with plows and blowers to ensure the base's mission carried on. Leadership requested "tier 1" Airmen, the largest tier, reported to snow control for 12-hour shifts which comprised plowing, shoveling and readying equipment.

WINDING DOWN

Units started to redeploy back to their home stations as the weeks wore on and the areas Sandy affected began to normalize.

The RCC assisted departing units with the redeployment process.

The 710th Brigade Support Battalion convoyed from the Contingency Operating Location here Nov. 19. The 710th BSB assisted in the delivery of thousands of gallons of fuel throughout the area from Nov. 5 to 12 and redeployed back to Fort Drum, N.Y.

The U.S. Forest Service Operating Center closed down relief operations here Nov. 14. The Forest Service helped with the removal of downed trees.

The 305th APS helped in the redeployment of line and utility trucks using their Deployable Automated Cargo Measurement System to measure and weigh cargo before loading it on to C17s Globemaster III, C5 Galaxies and commercial carriers.

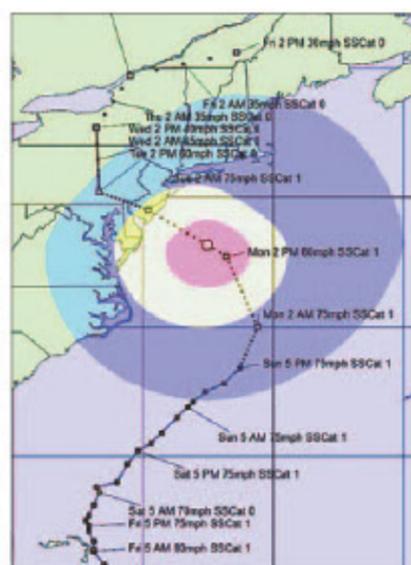
The RCC closed down Nov. 20, after the post-Sandy draw down was complete.

EM will continue to work closely with FEMA on the ISB functions until commodities are no longer required.

"FEMA is still supporting a large part of New Jersey and New York," said Robertson. "We will be assisting them until they leave."

Robertson said he attributed the overall success in how the base handled Sandy to the work done early on.

"The contacts that were made and the planning that was done prior to this storm really paid dividends because it meant we weren't meeting



Hurricane Sandy at 5 p.m. Oct. 29, 2012. (Courtesy graphic/Released)

folks for the first time during the crisis," he said. "In the long run it made it really easy to deal with something that hadn't been done here in a really, really long time, if at all. It was really heartwarming to see all the folks who came together pre-strike and post storm."

Robertson expressed preparation as the key to success.

"I can't express enough the importance of preparation," Robertson added. "You always have to be ready for that sunny Tuesday. Everything happens on a sunny Tuesday."

Hurricane Sandy Statistics

- Reception Control Center**
 - Received 3386 people
 - o Title 10 - 1972
 - o Non-Title 10 - 3414
 - Received 936 vehicles
 - o Title 10 - 163 Vehicles
 - o Non-Title 10 - 778 Vehicles
 - o Special vehicles 35
 - Between Oct. 28 and Nov. 15
 - o Used 2.1 million gallons of jet fuel, JP-8
 - o Used 66,308 gallons of diesel fuel diesel
 - o Used 45,600 gallons of unleaded
 - Received approximately 50 airlift missions
 - Received 165.4 short tons of cargo
 - Processed 104 units
- Commodities shipped through FEMA's ISB to date:**
 - 5.6 million liters of water
 - 5.3 million meals
 - 11,000 coats
 - 48 generators
 - 60 infant and toddler kits
 - 137,000 blankets
- 305th Maintenance Group**
 - 305th Aerial Port Squadron
 - o Performed at 216 percent workload capacity
 - o Handled 37 relief missions comprised of 947 short tons of cargo and 350 passengers
 - 305th Operations Support Squadron
 - o Recovered nine C-17s, 13 KC-10s and launched five Civil Air Patrol aircraft activities with the New Jersey Air National Guard
 - 621st Contingency Response Wing
 - o The 621st CRW deployed 149 members to five locations for approximately two weeks, some longer, and helped move 1043.6 short tons of cargo and 89 passengers.
- National Strike Force**
 - Mobilized 33 personnel (including 6 from Atlantic Strike Team)
 - Utilized 16 2,000 gallon-per-minute pumps (from all three strike teams) completely draining all water from the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel.
 - Discharged 30,608,400 gallons in 118.5 hours of pump time in support of Task Force Pump.
 - Conducted wide-area hazard assessments over 1245 miles of shoreline
 - Provided pollution mitigation at 28 heavily-impacted marinas
 - Acted as Federal On-Scene Coordinators for 3 oil spills
- Damage**
 - Total Damage - \$8.2 million
 - Facility damage - \$5.866 million
 - o Non-facility damage (roads, trees, wires) - \$2.4 million
 - About 300 downed trees
 - One hundred and fifteen facilities damaged

- fuel for the affected regions.
- Nov. 3 National Urban Search and Rescue operations begin.
- Nov. 7 A nor'easter blankets the northeast with three to six inches of snow.
- Nov. 9 The EOC the CAT stands down. The RCC moves back to the 87th Logistics Readiness Squadron building to continue operations.
- Nov. 13 710th Brigade Support Battalion returns back to Fort Drum, N.Y.
- Nov. 14 The U.S. Forest Service departs JB MDL
- Nov. 19 Congressman Jon Runyan (R-NJ) visits JB MDL to tour staging operations for forces assisting in the Hurricane Sandy recovery of the New Jersey coast and New York City metro area.
- Nov. 20 The RCC shuts down.



Rachel Patterson, 16, will perform with other daughters of joint base leadership in the role of Clara during the Nutcracker Suite. (Courtesy photo/Released)



Four ballerinas (left to right) Katie Bulis, 6, Ana and Camille Mesquit, 8, and Eva Wingfield, 8, strike a pose. The young ladies will perform in the Nutcracker Suite at Rancocas Valley Regional High School Performing Arts Center today. (Courtesy photo/Released)

Nutcracker ballet features local talent

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

Five ballerinas from the joint base community will perform the Nutcracker Suite at the Rancocas Valley Regional High School Performing Arts Center at 2 and 7 p.m. today.

The JB MDL performers include Katie, 6, daughter of Navy Capt. William Bulis, JB MDL deputy commander, and wife Eva; Rachel, 16, daughter of Air Force Col. Chris Patterson, U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center deputy commander, and wife Lynne-Alison; twins Ana and Camille, 8, daughters of Air Force Lt. Col. Brent Mesquit, 2nd Air Refueling Squadron commander, and wife Lisa; and Eva, 8, daughter of Air Force Lt. Col. Emmett Wingfield, 819th Global Support Squadron commander, and wife Cally.

All are members of the Mount Laurel Ballet Company and will join the Donetsk Ballet Company in the Suite's performance.

The daughters were asked about the roles they

portray and what the upcoming performance meant to them.

"My main role is the part of Clara, but I also dance as a Snowflake," said Rachel. "I love classical ballets and performing in shows such as Sleeping Beauty and Cinderella."

Rachel is no stranger to dancing. Enrolled into a ballet, tap and tumbling class at 3, she has continued to improve her dancing abilities to include modern and jazz.

"Being able to perform with an internationally known ballet company is incredible," said Patterson. "When I watch the Ukrainians dance my breath is taken away. They perform with such ease and grace."

Dancing for a second time in a Nutcracker Suite performance are sisters, Ana and Camille Mesquit, who perform as little dolls and Polichinelles.

When asked how it feels to be performing in the Suite, Camille responded, "It feels like a great and amazing privilege."

The young ladies were drawn to ballet for different reasons, one through reading about the Nutcracker, and the other by seeing it performed. The duo are planning to pursue ballet in the future, but via different paths.

Ana would like to pursue ballet in Russia and Camille is looking forward to perform in Hawaii.

Asked how it feels to be performing with the Donetsk Ballet Company, Camille responded, "It's a great privilege and something not everyone gets to do."

Composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky conducted the first Nutcracker Suite in December 1892 in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Prescribed burn set to take place on JB MDL

By Robert Lemanski
Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Fire Emergency Service

The skies over Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst will fill with smoke several times during fall and early spring. This can cause concern for local residents and employees, but the Joint Base Fire Emergency Service and Natural Resource personnel are merely conducting a prescribed burn.

What is a prescribed burn? Technically, a prescribed burn is the skillful application of fire under exacting conditions of weather and fuel in a predetermined area, for a specific purpose to achieve specific results.

Fire has been used for many years as a tool to protect the lives and property of the residents living near the forestlands of the joint base. This is done by setting fires under exact conditions to reduce the underbrush (the "fuel" for a fire), in areas which are prone to fire or may be located where an oncoming wildfire can best be defended.

The primary purpose of prescribed burning on JB MDL is to reduce the hazardous accumulations of forest fuels. This aids in the prevention of wildfires, reduces the intensity of the fires, and also provides a foundation for safer, more effective fire suppression and protection operations.

The practice has proven to be an effective and economical when protecting the joint base wildlands and safeguarding the joint base and surrounding communities. While the principle reason for prescribed burning is wildfire hazard reduction, it also has numerous secondary benefits, including:

- Wildlife habitat management
- Site preparation for

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<p>Music by: NORTHERN BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Friday, December 7th • 12:30pm JC Fenwick Court</p>	<p>MALL NEW YEAR'S EVE HOURS Monday, December 31st 10am - 6pm</p>
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Wingman Day: JB MDL Airmen foster resiliency



Retired Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Johnson addresses 305th Air Mobility Wing Airmen about the importance of teamwork Dec. 5, 2012, during the 305th AMW Mission Focus Day at JB MDL, N.J. Johnson spoke about how his career was all about his achievements and accomplishments until he lost his wife in a tragic car accident. Friends and co-workers came to his side, realizing it's all about teamwork. (U.S. Air Force photo by Wayne Russell/Released)



Airmen from the 87th Logistics Readiness Squadron secure an egg for a team building exercise during Wingman Day Dec. 5, 2012, here. The group activity taught Airmen to work together and complete tasks as a team. Wingman Day 2012 emphasized the importance of being a good wingman every day and caring for fellow Airmen. (U.S. Air Force photo by Russ Meseroll/Released)

Tis the season to save with Exchange 'holiday extended price guarantee'

By Chris Ward
Army and Air Force Exchange Service

DALLAS – The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is putting its money where its mouth is this holiday season with the "Holiday Extended Price Guarantee." Now through Dec. 25, all purchases made at the Exchange are guaranteed to be the lowest price in town as shoppers who find an identical item elsewhere for less will receive an Exchange gift card for the difference.

"We want to make the Exchange military customers' first choice this holiday season," said Chief Master Sgt. Tony Pearson, the Exchange's Senior Enlisted Advisor. "This price guarantee, combined with our everyday low prices, price matching and tax-free shopping, should help lighten the load on the wallet."

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- reforestation projects
- Forest disease and pest control
 - Nutrient recycling
 - Grassland management
 - Improved accessibility
 - Enhanced appearances

Joint Base Fire Emergency Services along with the Natural Resources personnel will commence the prescribed burning plan starting in the next few weeks and will continue through March. Weather permitting. The burns will take place in various locations throughout the joint base with a total of approximately 2,500 acres being burned.



Airmen from the 621st Contingency Response Wing perform a squat circuit during a wing-wide physical training session held as part of Wingman Day Dec. 5, 2012 here. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. James Stewart/Released)

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New process improves household goods shipments

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — A system being implemented at U.S. Transportation Command is making permanent-change-of-station moves more convenient, while reducing lost and damaged shipments and saving the government money.

The Defense Personal Property System, introduced in 2009 as a pilot program at 17 installations, now supports 90 percent of all military moves, said Jill Smith, personal property division chief at Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command.

The web-based system automates many of the steps involved in military moves: pre-move counseling, scheduling, tracking, invoicing and claims filing for household goods shipments.

"The beauty of DPS is that customers can do all this from the comfort of their own homes. They can do it early in the morning or at 11 o'clock at night, whatever works best for them," Smith said. "Plus, all the information they might want; whether it's about gypsy moths or weight allowances, or just tips about how they can have a smoother move; is right at their fingertips, a click away, and available 24/7."

DPS also gives customers the opportunity to track their shipments online. If their shipment is lost or damaged, they can file a claim online and settle directly with the moving company.

Moves not yet covered by DPS, generally those involving long-term storage or moves within an overseas theater, will be included as new features are added to make the system fully operational by September 2017, Smith said.

Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, Transcom's Army component, processes about 600,000 personal property moves each year for Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, Defense Department civilian employees and their families, Smith reported. About one-third of these moves take place during the summer, and almost 70,000 include privately-owned vehicle shipments.

Collectively, they cost the Defense Department about \$2.2 billion a year, Smith said. But with DPS, she projects between \$117 million and \$136 million in annual savings — while providing customers with better service.

That's because rather than relying on "low-bid" transportation providers to conduct military moves, DPS provides "best value" services. This, Smith explained, factors in not just cost, but also variables such as timeliness, reliability, the incidence of

lost or damaged shipments and ease in providing reimbursement for claims.

"We want to provide carriers that are not only qualified, but fully capable of making sure that they protect the members' household goods, provide a great quality move and communicate with that customer," she said. "The bottom line for us is that we want to do business with carriers that pick up the household goods on time and deliver them on time, with no or the least amount of damage — whether (that carrier) happens to be cheaper or a little bit more expensive."

Those determinations are based directly on customer satisfaction surveys that help ensure the best movers get singled out for DoD business. "We rely on these surveys because (customers) get to evaluate the (transportation service provider's) performance, and that ties directly into the best-value score," Smith said. "The higher the customer satisfaction, the higher the score and the more opportunity that (carrier) gets to participate in future traffic."

As an additional incentive for moving companies to apply extra

care while handling DoD shipments, carriers are now required to pay full replacement value for anything lost or broken. Before that change was introduced about five years ago, transportation carriers paid a depreciated value on all claims.

The result has been a dramatic reduction in claims.

"If they break your \$500 china, that means they have to replace or repair it. So carriers have a tendency to be more careful," Smith said. "That is a good thing, because it helps make service members feel a little bit more comfortable about turning over their prized possessions, knowing that the carriers are going to be held responsible for it."

Smith said she's looking forward to the complete rollout of DPS and the convenience it will provide DoD customers throughout the move process.

"This will be a brand new era," she said. "Customers will have a centralized one-stop shop that gives them all the tools they need to plan and manage their moves, that provides them best-value service and uses their feedback to ensure other service members will, too."

Heritage event plus homage to original Tuskegee Airman



Francis "Frank" McGinley, New Jersey veteran and artist, presents retired Tech. Sgt. George Watson, a documented original Tuskegee Airman, with a signed painting depicting "The Great Train Robbery" Dec. 5, 2012, at the Kish Airman Leadership School on here. (U.S. Air Force photo by Wayne Russell/Released)

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This month, we asked service members at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst this question:

What has been your favorite gift or holiday memory?



Marine Sgt. Mike Milone, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 773 Detachment B central technical publications librarian from Waldorf, Md.

"My favorite memory is attending a Christmas festival with my family in Munich in 2000. It brought my family together during the holidays."



Army 1st Sgt. Brett Eberlin, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade battery first sergeant from Little Egg Harbor, N.J.

"My favorite holiday memory is surprising my children with Disney Dollars. When they opened the presents, they were confused because they knew you can only spend them at Disney. Despite repeated hints, they didn't realize we were all going to Disney the next morning."



Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Marcus Leibowitz, Atlantic Strike Team yeoman from Tampa, Fla.

"My favorite holiday memory is visiting family in Chattanooga, Tenn."



Air Force Staff Sgt. Emily Marino, 87th Force Support Squadron fitness specialist from

"My favorite holiday memory is attending my squadron's potluck at my previous base."



Tech. Sgt. James Young, U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center management of aerial port operations course instructor

"My favorite holiday memory is my first Christmas with my family in 2001. We didn't have a tree so we put our gifts around a small, potted plant."



Petty Officer 3rd Class Evan Carter, Navy Support Activity Lakehurst admin clerk from Dallas

"My best holiday gift was a car. My brother gave me an old, beat up 1985 Lincoln Town Car. The Lincoln had a lot of problems but it gave me a lot of good memories."

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NEWSNOTES

Introductory Pottery Class

The 87th Force Support Squadron is set to host a six-week introductory pottery class, Wednesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. starting Jan. 9 through Feb. 13, 2013, at 6039 Philadelphia St. The class will focus on wheel throwing techniques as well as hand-building skills. The cost is \$75. Call 562-4285 for more information.

Framing Qualification Class

The 87th Force Support Squadron is set to host two framing qualification classes from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 9 and 16, 2013, at 6039 Philadelphia St. Participants will complete one piece as they learn to operate the framing equipment. Preregistration fee of \$10 is required prior to class. Call 562-5691 for more information.

Lensbaby Photography Class

The 87th Force Support Squadron is set to host two Lensbaby photography classes from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 10 and 17, 2013, at 6039 Philadelphia St. Students will learn to use these unique lenses for \$25. Students must have an SLR camera to participate. Call 562-5691 for more information.

Health Expo

The McGuire Fitness and Sports Center is set to host a health expo starting 8 a.m. Jan. 11, 2013, at 2504 McGuire Blvd. This event provides the public with knowledge to make the new year a healthy year. Various health organizations will be present to give out information. Call 754-6085 for more information.

Quilts for Children

The 87th Force Support Squadron is set to host a Quilts for Children event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 12, 2013, at 6039 Philadelphia St. Make quilts for children in long-term healthcare, safe houses, children of deployed Soldiers and for wounded warriors. Call 562-5691 for more information.

Military Family Action Plan Conference

The Military and Family Support Center is set to host the Military Family Action Plan Conference from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Jan. 23 and 24, 2013, at 5441 Pennsylvania Ave. 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. Preregistration is required. Call 754-3154 for more information.

International Spouses' Group

The Military and Family Support Center is set to host an International Spouses' Group meeting from 11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Jan. 25, 2013, at 3435 Broidy Road. The group assists foreign-born spouses with cultural adaptation and serves as the first stop, as well as on-going support, for multicultural families. Call 754-3154 for more information.

Hearts Apart Seminar

The Military and Family Support Center is scheduled to host a Hearts Apart Seminar from 6 to 7 p.m. Jan. 25, 2013, at 3811 South Bowling St. The seminar is designed for spouses, children and loved ones of military members currently deployed or on an extended temporary duty assignment. Call 754-3154 for more information.

Resume Writing Class

The Military and Family Support Center is set to host a federal resume writing class from 9 to 11 a.m. Jan. 30, 2013, at 3435 Broidy Road. The class is meant to give a clear understanding of the federal application process. Preregistration is required. Call 754-3154 for more information.

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 the second week in January. Call 754-2010 for more information.

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 Broidy 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.

87th 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. 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 Falcon Courts 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 on-going 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 6039 Philadelphia St. Call 562-5691 for more information or to register.

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Chapel Holiday Schedule 2012

Catholic Schedule

- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Masses
4 p.m., Dix Chapel (Children's Mass)
midnight, Dix Chapel
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day Mass
9 a.m., Dix Chapel
- Jan. 1 New Year's Day Mass
9 a.m., Dix Chapel

Protestant Schedule

- 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.

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

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.

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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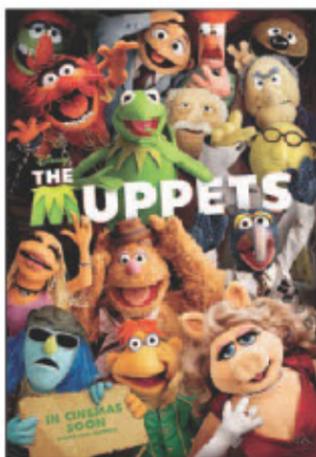
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JB MDL Base Theater Movie Schedule



Tonight:
Fun Size
(PG-13) 7 p.m.

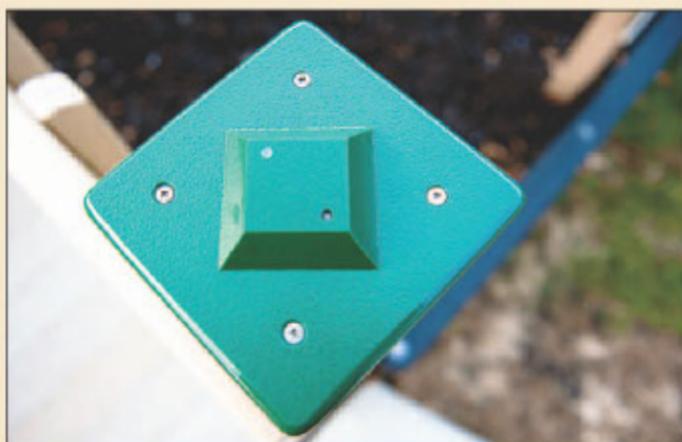


Saturday:
Muppets
(G) 2 and 7 p.m.

The Exchange's Special Holiday Hours

	Dec. 24, 2012	Dec. 25, 2012	Dec. 31, 2012	Jan. 1, 2013
Shopping Center Retail	7 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed	9 a.m. to 8 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Concessionaires Activities	9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Closed	9 a.m. to 8 p.m.	11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
McGuire Shoppette/Gas	6 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Closed	6 a.m. to 9 p.m.	Closed
Dix Shoppette/Class 6	6 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Closed	6 a.m. to 9 p.m.	9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Military Clothing Sales	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
MCS Shoppette	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Pomona Branch Store	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Burger King	7 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Closed	10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Closed
Manhattan Bagel	7 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Closed	7 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Closed
Anthony's Pizza	10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Closed	10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Closed
Captain D's	10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Closed	10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Closed
Cinnabon	8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Closed	8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Closed
Charley's Grill	10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Closed	10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.	10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Manchu Wok	10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Closed	10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Closed

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 hand rail leading to the base theater. The theater shows first-run movies on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and has a complete snack counter. The theater can accommodate up to 500 people and is also used for various installation meetings, ceremonies and events.

Unity

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liaison support, exceptional family member program and personal and family readiness. The building's design was awarded in 2010, with the vision that this facility be a welcoming place for military personnel and families, with ample light and a feeling of spaciousness, as well as kid friendly. "This facility was strategically placed in the hub of the joint base," said Army Col. Joseph Poth, then JB MDL deputy commander. "It represents warmth, compassion, safety and most importantly a home for the joint

base community." Karen Doll, wife of Army Col. Jeffrey Doll, Army Support Activity-Dix commander, along with other key spouses were present for the ceremony. "It was inspiring to be part of such a momentous occasion," said Doll. "Coming to a new installation is always a challenge and this joint base is certainly unique. This beautiful new building will become a one-stop shop for all the incoming families and that's a wonderful thing." Air Force Col. John Wood, JB MDL commander, said some final words before base leaders cut the ceremonial ribbon. "The building serves not only as a testament to how far joint base consolidation has

come, but also a representation of the hard work of everyone involved with its planning and execution," said Wood. The ceremony guests were then permitted to tour the new facility, taking in the "earthy" color scheme of both the walls and carpet. The MFSC provides service members and their families with targeted support and services, contributing to mission readiness, resiliency, and well-being of the JB MDL community. The MFSC hours of operation are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 754-3154 for more information about the MFSC and the services they provide.

Joint Base Intramural Sports Standings

2012 -13 Lakehurst Intramural Basketball

Team	Win	Loss	GB
MAC ATTACK	3	0	0.0
STOOPID GOOD	2	0	0.5
CNATT	0	0	1.5
The Untouchables	1	2	2.0
PDG	0	2	2.5
The Destroyers	0	0	2.5

Game schedule

Week 6

Jan. 10	11:15 a.m.	The Destroyers vs. STOOPID GOOD
	12:05 p.m.	MAC ATTACK vs. PDG
Jan. 11	MAKE UP DAY	

Week 7

Jan. 14	11:15 a.m.	STOOPID GOOD vs. PDG
	12:05 p.m.	The Untouchables vs. CNATT
Jan. 15	11:15 a.m.	The Destroyers vs. PDG
	12:05 p.m.	The Untouchables vs. MAC ATTACK
Jan. 16	11:15 a.m.	The Destroyers vs. MAC ATTACK
	12:05 p.m.	PDG vs. CNATT
Jan. 17	11:15 a.m.	The Untouchables vs. The Destroyers
	12:05 p.m.	STOOPID GOOD vs. CNATT

All games played at Lakehurst Fitness Center

2012-13 Intramural Racquetball

JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst

Team	Win	Loss	PCT
Lakehurst-Gunners	1	0	1.000
305th MXS - A	1	0	1.000
305th OSS	1	0	1.000
621st CRW	0	0	0.000
87th CONS	0	0	0.000
87th MDG	0	0	0.000
305th MXS - B	0	1	0.000
VR-64	0	1	0.000

PCT = Winning percentage

Game schedule

Week 5

Jan. 3	3 p.m.	621st CRW vs. 305th OSS
	4 p.m.	87th MDG vs. VR-64
	5 p.m.	87th CONS vs. Lakehurst-Gunners

Week 6

Jan. 8	3 p.m.	87th CONS vs. 621st CRW
	4 p.m.	305th MXS - A vs. 87th MDG
	5 p.m.	Lakehurst-Gunners vs. 305th MXS - B
Jan. 10	3 p.m.	87th CONS vs. 305th MXS - A
	4 p.m.	305th OSS vs. 305th MXS - B
	5 p.m.	Lakehurst-Gunners vs. VR-64

All games played at McGuire Racquetball Ct.
Current as of Dec. 10.

Life

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medication to help me focus on the task at hand. After finishing the work in the garage, we went back inside to play video games. During the following weeks, I didn't really think about it again. On October 11, 2012, several months later, I found myself in the very service dress uniform that I had once been so proud of. It was then that I experienced yet another life changing moment. However, there was nothing accomplishing about standing in front of my commander as she read her recommendation for discharge from the Air Force. As I stood at attention, I realized that my career was severely short-lived because I chose to make poor decisions. As a result, I was required to perform extra duties, was restricted to base and lost a stripe along with my dignity. I called my mom and told her that I'd made a mistake that cost me my career. I then had to tell her that I had to move back home, which was not easy.

My actions didn't just impact me, they negatively affected my unit as well. Due to my reckless disregard for the Uniform Code of Military Justice, my discharge has caused low morale in my squadron and strained my wingmen, who now have to pick up my extra duties and responsibilities. In addition, knowing that I disappointed senior leadership was a lot to deal with. I was one of the most responsible and respected troops in my unit, and what I did erased all the credibility I had worked so hard to attain. Temptation is all around us and it presents itself in different ways. The choices and decisions we make today, directly affect our futures. Just because you didn't get caught in the act does not mean it won't come back up later. Please don't get caught up as I have, because life on the other side of the gate is not promising. Make smart decisions and go with your gut feeling when in doubt, because a bad choice will land you in hot water. A couple hours of fun aren't worth a permanent discharge.

Marines celebrate 237 years



Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Mingledorff, Marine Aircraft Group 49 sergeant major, receives the first piece of the ceremonial cake as the oldest Marine present at the 2012 Marine Corps Ball Dec. 8, 2012, in Atlantic City, N.J. This year's Ball was delayed due to the events of Hurricane Sandy. A piece of cake is presented to show honor and respect accorded to experience and seniority. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. David L. Waite/Released)