

McGuire, Dix, Lakehurst become one



Trio of ceremonies unveils first DoD tri-service base

Air Force Staff Sgt. Nathaniel Bevier

ALL FOR ONE -- Master of Ceremonies Col. Joe Poth, above left, speaks to the citizens of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst during a commander's call Oct. 1 as Congressman John Adler, Col. Gina Grosso and Chief Master Sgt. Warren Wofford look on. The commander's call marks the inauguration of America's first tri-service base. Capt. Phillip L. Beachy, Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst commander, right center, relinquishes command to Col. Gina Grosso, Joint Base MDL commander, far right. Officiating the ceremony is Rear Adm. Mark Boensel, commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, near right. For stories and more photos, see page 4.



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HISTORY IN THE MAKING -- Col. Patrick J. Slowe, Army Support Activity commander, above left, accepts the U.S. Flag from Maj. John Dove, DoD Police chief, during the final Retreat Ceremony at Fort Dix Sept. 30.



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NEWSNOTES

Free golf clinic today

The Joint Base MDL Commissary will host a free golf clinic with PGA player Brad Faxon at Falcon Creek Golf Course today at 9:30 a.m. Call 754-2169/3330 or read story at www.jointbasemdl.af.mil for details.

Flu shots hours extended for active-duty personnel

Effective immediately, all active-duty personnel may proceed to the 87th Medical Group Immunization Clinic, Bldg. 3458 for their seasonal flu vaccination. The clinic will operate Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Clinic opens 10:30 a.m. last Friday of every month.)

This is not the H1N1 Flu vaccine, this is the seasonal flu vaccine. Active duty personnel may receive the vaccine one of two ways: (1) the FluMist, a live attenuated nasal vaccine or (2) Afluria, an inactivated injectable vaccine.

For more information on the seasonal flu vaccination, call the Immunizations Clinic at 754-9209. Updated information can be found at www.jointbasemdl.af.mil.

Navy Ball coming soon

The Navy Ball will be held Oct. 16 at 6 p.m. at Ocean Place Resort in Long Branch.

Weather

FRIDAY -- Some showers with highs in the mid 70s, lows in the low 60s.

SATURDAY -- Cloudy with highs in the mid 60s, lows in the mid 40s.

SUNDAY -- Partly cloudy with highs in the mid 60s, lows in the mid 40s.

MONDAY -- Showers with highs in the low 60s, lows in the low 40s.

TUESDAY -- Mostly sunny with highs in the mid 50s, lows in the low 40s.

Florida Soldiers tackle detainee ops

Ryan Morton
ASA Public Affairs

Soldiers of the 452nd Brigade Liaison Detachment (BLD) learned the proper measures to take in handling unruly individuals and rioting crowds during detainee operations training at the Army Support Activity of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Internment Resettlement (IR) site during the week of Sept. 28 through Oct. 2.

The 12-Soldier unit has been at Dix since mid-September preparing for an Operation Iraqi Freedom mission where it will help run IR sites throughout the Iraqi theater of operations.

The 452nd BLD, whose motto is, "Detain, Sustain, Control," is from Tallahassee, Fla., and has Soldiers assigned to the unit from various states and territories throughout the country including Massachusetts, New York, Georgia, Tennessee, Maryland, and Puerto Rico.

The Soldiers come from diverse civilian careers including law enforcement, education, engineering, and academia.

"They've meshed really well in a short period of time and are working really well together. We're a good team and we're tight like a family," said Lt. Col. Curtis Holden, 452nd BLD commander.

Soldiers of the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade conducted the training, including simulating unruly rioters during the riot control portion of the training.

Holden said the primary goal he and his fellow Soldiers will strive to achieve in Iraq is releasing the detainees back to the Iraqi government.



Ryan Morton

RIOT ACT -- Sgt. Bayani Ignacio and Staff Sgt. Melvin Hutson, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade trainers, above left, play protestors during riot control training for mobilizing Soldiers of the 452nd Brigade Liaison Detachment from Tallahassee, Fla., at the Army Support Activity Internment Resettlement (IR) site Oct. 1.

Pay hike coming for many JB MDL federal workers

Most Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst federal employees can expect to see additional dollars in their paychecks.

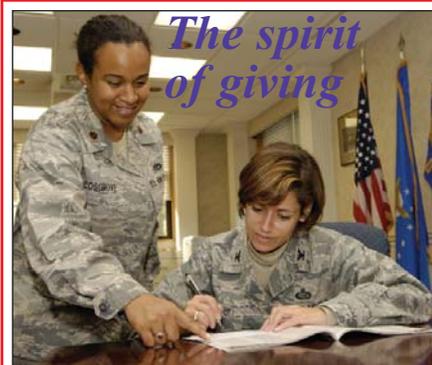
JB MDL was previously in two separate locality pay areas: Philadelphia (21.25% locality pay) and New York (27.96% locality pay). By the end of October, a majority of the joint base employees will receive the New York locality pay.

"The announcement from the Office of Personnel Management confirms we are taking the right path to success," said Col. Gina Grosso, JB MDL Commander. "Ensuring equal pay is vital to the health of our civilian work force, and the

passing of this rule signifies the importance of our civilians to the missions located here at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

This rule brings flexibility; we can now effectively consolidate our civilian employees as needed without impacting their pay."

Earlier this year, area legislators released a report detailing the pay discrepancy for the joint base. Through support from area legislators and the Department of Defense, OPM determined moving McGuire and Dix into the New York locality pay area would be in the best interest of the joint base.



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The spirit of giving
Maj. Karen Cosgrove, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (MDL) Combined Federal Campaign point of contact, left, shows Joint Base MDL Commander Col. Gina Grosso where to sign off on the first pledge card of the year. The Combined Federal Campaign will officially launch Oct. 15.

NCO gets Service Member of Year

2nd Lt. Carolyn Glover
Joint Base Public Affairs

Master Sgt. Bubba Beason, 305th Maintenance squadron first sergeant, received the "Service Member of the Year Award" at the 68th USO Gala Oct. 2 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Philadelphia.

This award, the highest military honor bestowed by Liberty USO, is granted to only one member from each branch of the Armed Forces for demonstrating outstanding commitment to both a military career and the local community.

Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General James E. Cartwright, presented Sergeant Beason with the award, recognizing him for not only his military excellence but for his dedication to the Airmen and citizens of his community.

Sergeant Beason was the first Air Force first sergeant to graduate from the U.S. Army's Air Assault School in Fort Campbell, Ky. and serves as president of the McGuire First Sergeant's 21-member council. He also supervised the first-ever McGuire Air Force Base Gold Star Mother's Remembrance Ruck March. In addition, Sergeant Beason created the inaugural New Jersey statewide 140-mile running event honoring 132 fallen New



U.S. Air Force photo

TOP SHIRT – Master Sgt. Bubba Beason holds the Service Member of the Year award, Liberty USO's highest military honor, Oct. 2 at the Annual Liberty USO Gala. He is standing between Tracy Carter Dougherty, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Liberty USO, and General James E. Cartwright, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Jersey service members killed in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

According to Michael Conedine, a member of the Liberty USO Board of Directors who determined the award winners,

"We try to look beyond the medals, to the heart of the guy that beats underneath. Bubba has a huge heart."

Sergeant Beason's achievements have been applauded by his friends, family, and fellow

Airmen.

But, to Sergeant Beason, all of the recognition is unnecessary. "I was doing my job. I'm not going above and beyond. I'm just doing my job and having fun about it."

Breast cancer awareness recognized

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Health and Wellness Center's staff encourages women to become more aware of early detection methods of breast cancer.

Mammography rates have more than doubled for women ages 50 and older and breast cancer deaths have declined since the program began in 1985.

Although this is exciting progress, there are still women who do not take advantage of early detection at all or do not get mammogram screenings and clinical breast exams at regular intervals.

"If all women ages 40 and older took advantage of early detection methods -mammography plus clinical breast exams - breast cancer death rates would drop much further, up to 30 percent," said Rebecca Rhodes, Health and Wellness Center flight chief. "The key to mammography screening is that it be done routinely. Once is not enough."

The Health and Wellness Center is sponsoring a "Tea for Women" event Oct. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m., in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month. As participants enjoy an evening of tea and light refreshments, Dr. Maureen Kling, from Virtua Memorial Hospital in

Burlington, will help women become more aware of breast cancer detection and prevention.

Kling is a board certified general surgeon who specializes in diseases of the breast and breast cancer surgery.

Army Air Force Exchange Service cosmetic representative will be on hand for free beauty makeovers. Space for this event is limited. Call the HAWC to register at 754-2462.

For more information about NBCAM, visit www.nbcam.org, or call one of the following toll free numbers: American Cancer Society, (800) 227-2345; National Cancer Institute, (800) 4-CANCER; Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization, (800) 221-2141.

The National Breast Cancer Awareness Month program is dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer.

Fifteen national public service organizations, professional association and government agencies comprise the Board of Sponsors, who work together to ensure the NBCAM message is heard by thousands of women and their families.

— 87th Medical Group Staff

Joint Base leaders decry domestic violence

Steve Snyder
Joint Base Public Affairs

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst is joining a national chorus in combating what could be considered a dangerous disease. In honor of Domestic Violence Prevention and Awareness Month, JB MDL top leadership took a stand against domestic abuse Oct. 6 at the McGuire community center here.

At the symposium-like

atmosphere sponsored by the JB MDL Family Advocacy Program, mission partner commanders took turns signing a proclamation in support of a safe and healthy community, free from damage imposed by domestic abuse. This demonstrated the military's commitment to taking care of its people, investing in the health and mission preparedness of service members and their families.

Lt. Col. Robert Licciardi, 87th Communications Squadron

commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Bonita Davis, Army Support Activity, presented thoughtful speeches aimed at combating domestic abuse.

"Spouses come first," insisted Licciardi. He urged the audience to turn off their television at night to avoid family members "doing their own thing until you are no longer a family." He further suggested that parents trust their instincts and be flexible, especially when dealing with children and teenagers.

Davis added, "No one needs to be treated this way...don't just stand around and let it happen to you."

Statistics show one in five families suffer from domestic abuse situations. The frequency of domestic abuse testifies to its seriousness. Domestic abuse, after all, threatens the sanctity of marriage and tarnishes the well being of families. Children, especially, pay a high price when tempers flare and violence prevails.

COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE

The Action Line is an integral part of the base feedback network. Base personnel are urged to use the 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, call 754-3247. 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.



Col. Gina Grosso
Joint Base Commander

Tricare costs up for fiscal 2010

9/30/2009 - FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AFNS) - Every year the costs for Tricare-covered inpatient services are reviewed and are subject to change. For the coming fiscal 2010, which runs Oct. 1 to Sept. 30, 2010, there is an increase for some out-of-pocket costs paid by Tricare Standard beneficiaries at civilian hospitals for inpatient care and inpatient behavioral health services.

per day or 25 percent of the total charge, whichever is less. Additionally, these beneficiaries pay 25 percent of the Tricare-allowable charge for separately billed professional services.

The out-of-pocket costs for retirees, their families and other eligible beneficiaries for inpatient behavioral health services has increased from \$193 to \$197 per day or 25 percent of the billed charge, whichever is less.

The daily cost share for retirees, their families and other eligible beneficiaries using Tricare Standard for inpatient admissions at civilian hospitals has increased from \$535 to \$645

For additional information about copayments and cost-shares for Tricare-covered services, visit the Tricare Web site at www.tricare.mil/costs.

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Col. Patrick Slowey
ASA Commander

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Wayne Cook

TRAIN AS YOU FIGHT -- Pvt. Brandon Ogburn, 486th Civil Affairs Battalion, applies a simulated tourniquet on the right arm of Sgt. Andy Reder, 1st Training Brigade, United States Civil Affairs Psychological Operations Command, during a training scenario in the Army Support Agency Public Affairs Office Sept. 29. The Soldiers of the 486th are preparing for deployment to Iraq.

Wayne Cook
ASA Public Affairs

Soldiers of the 486th Civil Affairs Battalion from Tulsa, Okla., converged on Building 5165, Sept. 28 to participate in Combat Lifesaver (CLS) Training.

As part of the mobilization training provided to all units headed into theater, medics are required to train all Soldiers on the current methods and procedures of battlefield first aid.

To accomplish this task, it is necessary that the training be as realistic as possible. This mission is the responsibility of the 1st Training Brigade, United States Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (USACAPOC) from Fort Bragg, N.C.

Maj. Dennis Cavalier, the 486th CA Bn. public safety officer, said the training the battalion received from the USACAPOC training staff was one of the best live training events he had experienced. He noted the use of strobe lights, combat sounds, darkness, shouting, and the use of the pig intestines as factors to create chaos, which pushed the trainees to their limits to focus on their tasks and aid the wounded.

To simulate real wounds, the trainers opt to make their own moulages by going to the grocery store and purchasing ketchup and chitterlings (pig intestines). According to Master Sgt. Ken Fuller, 1st Training Brigade medical

noncommissioned officer-in-charge, the homemade moulages best simulate a real stomach wound for the trainees. A moulage is a plastic mold simulating a wound or lesion.

"At first it was hard. With all the chaos, people shouting, darkness and strobe lights flashing and everything, it was hard to discern the scenario. We had to focus on our patients. I feel that I have a lot better idea of what the battlefield will be like," said Pvt. Brandon Ogburn, a supply specialist with the 486th.

The commander of the 486th CA Bn., Lt. Col. Henry Barker, pointed out that his Soldiers had gained a significant combination of training in both combat lifesaving and security while at the Army Support Activity.

"By going through this live training, which we couldn't get at home station, our Soldiers are better prepared to go downrange. The instructors and trainers are both skilled and experienced combat-tested Soldiers who are providing current training to events going on in theater. The professionalism of the instructors makes this training very valuable," he said.

The instructors take their jobs very seriously. They know the importance of every Soldier being able to provide aid to their combat buddies.

"I think there are two vital things that a Soldier can do -- be able to eliminate the enemy and save your buddy's life," said Spc. Donald Doude, combat medic with the 1st Training Brigade.

Navy moves to meet information age challenges

Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Navy is merging its information technology, intelligence and communications operations into one organization to better address Information Age challenges, including threats to computer networks, the Navy's top officer said here Oct. 2.

"If we as a Navy are to remain dominant in this Information Age or Cyber Age, or whatever moniker you choose to put on it, I think that we have to take advantage of the new opportunities that exist, such as the vast stores of collected data -- information and intelligence that often lie at rest, unrecoverable, unavailable and untapped," Adm. Gary Roughead, chief of naval operations, said during remarks

at a Center for Strategic and International Studies-sponsored event at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

Because the Navy must capitalize on its ability to access, filter, analyze and then disseminate information to warfighting commanders for action in real time, Roughead said, it's consolidating its intelligence directorate, communications networks and related information technology capabilities to form a single new organization: the deputy chief of naval operations for information dominance.

The reorganization is slated for completion by year's end.

The Navy also is standing up Fleet Cyber Command, Roughead said, to be operated by the reconstituted U.S. 10th Fleet. The 10th Fleet was involved in efforts to thwart enemy submarines during World War II.

The Air Force and Army also are standing up organizations that focus on information operations and network security.

Fleet Cyber Command will be a subordinate unit to U.S. Cyber Command, the formation of which was directed by Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates on June 23.

Cyberspace presents "a huge potential vulnerability for us because of our dependence on the electronic world for communications -- for everything we do," Gates said during a Sept. 16 speech at the Air Force Association conference at the National Harbor in Maryland. It is important, Gates said, for the Defense Department and the military services to integrate the different information technology and communications elements "from exploitation to defense," to achieve unity of effort.

Today's Navy requires "uninhibited access to assured communication capabilities in cyberspace" to operate, Roughead said. However, he added, ever-present online saboteurs with various allegiances and intent make cyberspace a daily battlefield.

"We must be prepared to operate in cyberspace when it's denied, and then we must also be able to deny space when it's required or when it's appropriate," Roughead said.

U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan, Dorsett said, have successfully employed a series of tools that "enabled operational commanders, down to the brigade and, in several cases, the battalion and that type of level, to get large quantities of information."

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People are key in cyberspace, Roughead said, and that's why the Navy is moving its information technology, intelligence, information warfare, oceanography and space cadre specialists into a new Information Dominance Corps.

Now numbering about 44,000 officers, enlisted members and civilians, the corps is slated to add 1,000 trained technicians in the near future, Roughead said. Military members will retain their current branches and skill ratings, he added.

The consolidation of information technology, communications, intelligence and other assets moves away from the Navy's tradition of stove-piped organizations, Roughead said, which "have really caused us to sub-optimize our ability to aggregate combat capability and the movement of information in ways that can maximize the effectiveness of a fleet, of a unit or of an individual."

Military officials have found that new technology has mitigated concerns that battlefield data collected by unmanned aerial vehicles and other methods in overseas combat zones would be overwhelming to commanders, Navy Vice Adm. David J. Dorsett, director of naval intelligence, told reporters at the Hilton after Roughead's speech.

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Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Tiffini Jones Vanderwyst
ALL HANDS -- Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Gary Roughead delivers remarks for "Information Dominance: The Navy's Initiative to Maintain the Competitive Advantage In The Information Age" at the Center for Strategic & International Studies.

this tremendous volume of data" by overlaying or sorting it according to the category of intelligence, such as technical or human-based.

"That overlaying then provides clarity and leads to operations against adversaries, insurgents, terrorists," Dorsett said, noting the system has been "very, very successful" over the past few years.

The Navy is working with other agencies to apply these proven information-technology tools in the maritime security environment, Dorsett said.

"We are using the Navy's

intelligence structure and the Navy's oceanographers, overlaying information concerning how pirates operate -- trends, activities, etcetera -- with what the weather looks like over a period of time," Dorsett said. That information, he added, is shared with U.S. partners to determine where anti-pirate forces need to operate.

"And, what we've seen is fairly significant successes in putting forces in the right place -- really over the last few weeks -- to counter pirates in their attempts to hijack ships," Dorsett said.

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Joint base operational

Defense Department's only tri-service base opens for business

Steve Snyder and Tech. Sgt. Denise Johnson
Joint Base Public Affairs

The 87th Air Base Wing commander kicked off her first Commander's Call as she assumed the role of Commander, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, to celebrate the inauguration of the nation's only tri-service military base Oct. 1.

Dignitaries including congressmen, local politicians, military leaders and rank and file from the newly-formed base and local area listened to Col. Gina Grosso's eloquent and sometimes poignant testimony amid sunny and windswept terrain swirling around the hangar housing the Air National Guard's 108th Air Refueling Wing.

Grosso addressed challenges and opportunities amid attentive members of previous separate entities, McGuire Air Force Base, Fort Dix and Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst, as the plan to transform three of America's military installations into one became reality.

Noting that McGuire and Lakehurst originally evolved from Camp Dix, Grosso emphasized "what makes this transition so exciting is that of the twelve joint bases directed by the 2005 (Base Realignment and Closure) legislation, we are America's only tri-service joint base."

The Department of Defense estimates there will be \$2 billion in savings over the next 20 years by consolidating 12 joint bases. But, Grosso said, that fact is not the most impressive in the base-coordinating scenarios.

According to the commander, unity should breed excellence.

"This new construct (has) the ability to take the best practices of each base and apply them across what will now be one installation," she said. "For every installation management function, we have the opportunity to look at three unique ways of doing business and creating a new process that takes the best of the three."



HAVING A BLAST — Col. Patrick Slowsky, Army Support Activity commander, fires the canon for Fort Dix's final Retreat Ceremony Sept. 30. Helping their father as the pulls the lanyard on the big gun were, from left, George and John Slowsky, ages 5 and 7. Also pictured is DoD Police Officer Mike Kennedy.

Fort Dix transitions to Army Support Activity

Shawn Morris
ASA Public Affairs

Fort Dix entered a new phase in its nearly century-old history this past week as it transformed into an Army Support Activity and became part of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, the first Department of Defense tri-service base.

"The transformation was marked by a ceremony held at Sharp Field Sept. 30. As the Army Song played during the ceremony, the distant roar of engines was heard as an aircraft departing McGuire rose high above Sharp Field.

"We're going to have an opportunity to bring Department of Defense standardization and improve the quality of everyone's lives," said Hall. "We've got a great team here."

That team now includes Air Force, Army and Navy personnel, as well as the combined civilian workforce. The joint-base concept is rooted in the Goldwater-Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986, which mandated joint initiatives designed to allocate inter-service redundancies that often proved counter-productive.

"The synergy achieved by the combination of our three bases, coupled with the efficiencies gained in eliminating duplicate services, will better serve our nation and its service members," Slowsky explained that the joint base providing for base operations such as security, building and grounds and morale, Welfare and Recreation, ASA staff will have more time to focus on training, mobilizing and demobilizing service members.

"For 92 years, Fort Dix has served and supported you and your forefathers, particularly in the areas of training and mobilization," said Col. Patrick J. Slowsky, Army Support Activity (ASA) commander. "The Ultimate Weapon — the men and women or our armed forces — is depending on us. We have never failed to support the Ultimate Weapon and their families and the ASA will continue to carry on that tradition."

Those gathered for the transition ceremony included Col. Gina Grosso, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-

Lakehurst (MDL) commander, Robert McGuire, civilian aide to the secretary of the Army, Maj. Gen. William Monk III, commanding general, 99th Regional Support Command, Wrightstown Mayor Thomas Harper, Pemberton Mayor David Patriarcha, and other military, civic and community leaders.

"I will work tirelessly with other services to ensure that the Army Support Activity provides the best training and mobilization support to any unit or individual of our armed forces, no matter what their branch of service," he promised. "I am proud to be a member of the new joint base team and even more honored to lead the Army Support Activity."

Slowsky also pledged to do everything in his power to make the ASA and its role in the new joint base a success.



LOOKING AHEAD — Russell B. Hall, director of Northeast Region, Installation Management Command, speaks during a ceremony on Sharp Field Sept. 30 marking the transition of Fort Dix into Army Support Activity, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

Lakehurst is the critical link between Naval Aviation and the Navy Aircraft Carrier (CV) Battle Groups worldwide. Lakehurst is the Navy's engineering support for the Carrier Battle Group Recovery Equipment (ALRE) and Naval Aviation Support Equipment (SE), and is responsible for maintaining fleet support and infusing modern technology across the entire spectrum of equipment needed to launch, land and maintain aircraft from ships at sea. Navy Lakehurst was the first to develop the Navy's Carrier Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment (ALRE) and Naval Aviation Support Equipment (SE), and is responsible for maintaining fleet support and infusing modern technology across the entire spectrum of equipment needed to launch, land and maintain aircraft from ships at sea. Navy Lakehurst was the first to develop the Navy's Carrier Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment (ALRE) and Naval Aviation Support Equipment (SE), and is responsible for maintaining fleet support and infusing modern technology across the entire spectrum of equipment needed to launch, land and maintain aircraft from ships at sea.



THE ULTIMATE WEAPON — Trainers and Soldiers from the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade and the Army Support Activity's Mobilization Readiness Battalion stand at attention in the shadow of the Ultimate Weapon State on Sharp Field Sept. 30 during the reading of the order converting Fort Dix to an Army Support Activity. The Army Support Activity (ASA) is part of the first Department of Defense tri-service base, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, which became fully operational Oct. 1. The ASA will retain its mission of training, mobilizing and demobilizing service members.

Lakehurst weighs anchor for new joint-base voyage

Pattie Odoardo
Lakehurst Public Affairs

On Sept. 30, Naval Air Engineering Station (NAES) Lakehurst transitioned from its storied 88-year history as a military facility operated solely by the U.S. Navy to becoming an integral part of the nation's first tri-service joint base called Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JB MDL).

As a result of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission decision in 2005, the Department of Defense (DoD) and Congress decided to close some military installations and realign others to save money on operations and maintenance.

They determined that the collocated military facilities in Central New Jersey (McGuire Air Force Base, Fort Dix and NAES Lakehurst) should be realigned under the administrative management of the Air Force, while still retaining the existing operational missions and identity of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

In a ceremony held at NAES Lakehurst, Air Force Colonel Gilbert E. Lee, the new commander of JB MDL, accepted command of the Lakehurst portion of the base from outgoing commanding officer, Navy Captain Phillip Beachy and from Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, Rear Admiral Mark Boesem.

"Navy Lakehurst" has a long storied history of supporting the aviation mission from the days of lighter-than-air flight to today's ultra-modern nuclear aircraft carrier fleet.

The property now known as the Naval Air Engineering Station (NAE) was established in 1916 when the Edlystone Chemical Corporation bought the first parcel of land from the Manchester Land Company with the intent of using it as an ammunition testing ground for the Imperial Russian Army. Shortly after the United States entered World War II, the Army purchased the property and named it Camp Kendrick and continued to use the facility for testing munitions.

Following the war, the Navy purchased 1,499 acres of the property for \$14,190 for use as an airship station, and in 1921 commissioned the base as Naval Air Station (NAS) Lakehurst. Another purchase of 5,892 acres in 1942 brought the station to its present size of nearly 7,430 acres or 11.5 square miles.

Hangar One, now a registered historical landmark, was constructed between 1917 and 1921 at a cost of \$4 million dollars. All of the Navy's four rigid air ships, USS Shearwater, USS Los Angeles, USS Akron and USS Macon, were housed in Hangar One. The Hindenburg was built at a cost of \$4 million dollars. All of the Navy's four rigid air ships, USS Shearwater, USS Los Angeles, USS Akron and USS Macon, were housed in Hangar One. The Hindenburg was built at a cost of \$4 million dollars.

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However, on May 6, 1937, the Hindenburg burst NAS Lakehurst into history forever, as an airship dramatically burned and crashed in the open field just west of Hangar One.

Hangars Five and Six, completed in 1943 are the largest, single-arch wooden structures in the world, each with 241,000 square feet of floor space. They were constructed to house the greatly expanding fleet of antisubmarine patrol blimps of the World War II era which numbered six in 1940 and rose to 130 by the war's end.

In 1957, the Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC) was established at Lakehurst. Its mission over the years included training sailors to serve as Aviation Boatswain's Mates, Naval Air Support Equipment, Aerographer's Mates, Naval Security Guards, and Marine Corps Expeditionary Airfield Technicians. NATTC also houses within Hangar One, the flight training aid in the Navy's Carrier Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment (ALRE) and Naval Aviation Support Equipment (SE), and is responsible for maintaining fleet support and infusing modern technology across the entire spectrum of equipment needed to launch, land and maintain aircraft from ships at sea.

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MAJOR EFFORT — Col. Gina Grosso, the first tri-service Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst commander, front and center, stands among service members from all military branches, representing the first JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst color guard during a ceremony held at the former Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst Sept. 30. The ceremony disestablished Lakehurst as a separate Naval aviation and transferred responsibility to the U.S. Air Force. From top left are Staff Sgt. Aaron Reese, U.S. Air Force, Petty Officer Second Class Robert Henderson, U.S. Navy, Petty Officer First Class Robert Alvarez, U.S. Coast Guard, Specialist Alex Dubs, U.S. Army, Petty Officer Second Class Kenn Walls, U.S. Navy, Master Sgt. Kevin Archer, U.S. Army, Petty Officer Third Class Vince Berry, U.S. Navy, Lance Corporal Chris Heater, U.S. Marine Corps, Seaman Jessica Ward, U.S. Navy.

another new tenant, the Naval Air Test Facility (NATF). Its mission was to test and evaluate aircraft launch and recovery systems and aviation support equipment. By 1962, all lighter than air operations were discontinued by the Navy. From 1965 to 1975 antisubmarine helicopter squadrons were a part of the station's mission. In 1973, the Naval Aircraft Factory, renamed the Naval Air Engineering Center (NAEC), moved from Philadelphia to Lakehurst. In 1977, NATF and NAS Lakehurst were merged to become NAEC, and in a 1992 consolidation, the base became a part of the Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division.

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U.S. Air Force photo/Carlos Cintran
TAKING COMMAND — Col. Gina Grosso, commander of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, addresses a crowd of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and civilians during a commander's call Oct. 1. The commander's call marks the inauguration of America's first tri-service base.

Base gets 3-star rating

Pascal Flores and 2nd Lt. Carolyn Glover
Joint Base Public Affairs

Lt. Gen. Robert Allardice, 18th Air Force and U.S. Air Force Transportation Commander, visited the Department of Defense's only tri-service base Oct. 1 to 2.

As the commander of the 18th Air Force, responsible for more than 51,000 active-duty Airmen and more than 1,400 airlifts and air refueling aircraft, Allardice holds a position of key responsibility in the Air Force's vast range of global operations. He manages a streamlined organization that focuses an air mobility warfare capability by unleashing the forces inherent in the 618th Tanker Airlift Control Center, two other expeditionary mobility task forces, 18 wings and one stand-alone group.

Allardice inspected prevailing conditions at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and consulted with senior leadership about what the future might hold.

Col. Gina Grosso, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst commander, escorted Allardice, his wife, Susan, and Chief Master Sgt. James Cody, 18th Air Force command chief, as they made their way around the base. Throughout the two days, the group learned all the ins and outs of the new joint base, visiting a variety of key sites throughout McGuire, Dix, and Lakehurst.

First on the agenda was a visit to Lakehurst for a windshild tour of the installation. The following day, Allardice met with Army Support Activity Commander Col. Patrick Slowsky and 72nd Field Artillery Brigade Commander Col. Timothy Williams at the Joint Readiness Center on Dix.

Allardice's last stop on Dix was the Warfighter and Family Readiness Center on Dogwood Loop. Chief of the WFRCC, Joan Cole, gave him a rundown on the various functions and resources that help keep service members high-charged and ready to go. "We provide service members with a sense of belonging and value."



HAND-IN-HAND — Col. Timothy Williams, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade commander, left, and Col. John Ecksmond, Waikou Support Activity commander, center, greet Lt. Gen. Robert Allardice, 18th Air Force and U.S. Air Force Transportation Commander, during his visit to the new joint base Oct. 2.

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Honors and Awards



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Johnnie Jackson, transportation division chief, above far left, receives a pin and Longevity Award certificate from Bob Cole, director of logistics, for 50 years of federal service Sept. 24. Vincent Vacarro, supply technician, above center, was awarded a Longevity Award certificate and pin for 50 years of federal service Sept. 24. He is flanked by Dave Gamacorda, left, supply and services division chief, and Bob Cole, director of logistics. Sgt. 1st Class John Maroney and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Eric Goodwin, 408th Adjutant General Company, acting first sergeant and commander, above right, hang their unit's Yellow Banner at Infantry Park Sept. 25. The unit, from Fort Totten, N.Y., mobilized for an Operation Enduring Freedom mission where they will perform post office operations in the western part of the country.



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First Sgt. Peter Moran and Capt. Dean White, 411th Civil Affairs Battalion, D Company, above far left, and Lt. Col. Otto Busher and Staff Sgt. Damek Pantin, 353rd Civil Affairs Command, Detachment 11, fasten their units' Yellow Banners to the line at Dix's Infantry Park, Sept. 14. The 411th CA Bn., D Co. is from Dunbury, Conn., and the 353rd CA Cmd., Det. 11, is from Staten Island, N.Y. Each unit mobilized for a Horn of Africa mission. 1st Sgt. Don Ritter, Capt. Jermaine Carter, Command Sgt. Maj. Don Catalon, and Brig. Gen. Scott Chambers, 261st Theater Tactical Signal Brigade, Headquarters and Headquarters Company first sergeant, commander and brigade command sergeant major and commander, above center, display their Welcome Home plaque and Yellow Banner upon their return from an Operation Iraqi Freedom mission Sept. 25. The unit, part of the Delaware National Guard, from Smyrna, Del., handled the tactical communication operations network for the Iraqi theater. Maj. Stephen Julian and 1st Sgt. Willie Oden, 346th Military Police Detachment from Nashville, Tenn., above right, displays their unit's Yellow Banner Oct. 1 before deploying to Iraq.

NEIGHBORHOOD

The Corner

Walson Alumni Brunch coming to Pemberton

A brunch has been scheduled for alumni and friends of Walson Army Hospital. The buffet brunch will be held **Oct. 25** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Anapa's Country House in Pemberton. The cost for the brunch is \$18, payable at the door. Call Christa Karycinski at 893-7559 or e-mail lobo102@comcast.net, or Mary Filippini at 499-1289 or e-mail maryfilippini@comcast.net to make reservations by Oct. 16. Call your fellow alumni and friends to inform them of this event. The brunch provides an excellent opportunity for fellowship, to reminisce, and enjoy good dining.

Spouse group to host Fall Festival

The ASA Dix Spouse and Civilian Group will host a Fall Festival and Membership Drive **Oct. 18**, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The event will be held at John Mann Park rain or shine. This fun, free, event will feature snacks and fall crafts, kids' bounce house, door raffle prizes, and information on the ASA Dix women's group as well as United Communities and Joint Base Youth Sports and Community Services. Half price arm-bands for admission to the go-carts, miniature golf, and batting cages will be available for \$5.

Issues sought for Family Action Plan Conference

Speak out and be heard at the Military Family Action Plan Conference, **Oct. 29** from 8 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. at Timmermann Conference Center. For more information call 562-2767.

United Communities offers Resident Referral Program

Need some extra cash? United Communities is now offering a resident referral bonus program. It's as simple as referring your friends and co-workers to live with United Communities. For more details call the United Communities Leasing Office at 723-4290.

Dinner Theater coming to Club Dix

"The House of Conundrums," an interactive Mystery Dinner Theater Show is coming to Club Dix **Oct. 16**. Tickets are \$19 or adults and \$12 for children. Tickets are available at Club Dix. Doors open at 5 p.m., showtime is 7 p.m. For more information call 562-5355.

Enter to win free Joint Base shirt

Celebrate the most unique military installation in America by entering to win a joint base shirt at www.gomdl.com. One shirt for each branch, Navy gray, Army green and Air Force blue, will be drawn at random each week. Winners notified by e-mail. Brought to you by the 87th FSS.

Free play at Timmermann Center

"The Not So Heroic Murder Mystery," an original play written by and performed by local teens, will be performed at Timmermann Center **Oct. 16 and Oct. 17** at 7 p.m. Admission is free. This superhero mystery comedy is fun for the whole family.

Free tutoring, homework assistance available

Tutor.com is available to Army families – military, civilian and contractor – regardless of deployment status or component. The Web site is 24/7 real-time, individualized, one-to-one tutoring and homework assistance with a qualified and screened tutor. Spanish speaking tutors are available from 2 p.m. Adult assistance for college coursework and resume/job search, citizenship and standardized testing is also available. If you have questions, call Nadine Moore at the National Guard Bureau, 703-607-9817 or visit www.mymarionec-source.com.

Blood Drive scheduled for McGuire

The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive **Oct. 19** from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and **Oct. 20** from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the McGuire Passenger Terminal. If you are interested in donating blood contact 2nd Lt. Jennifer Palko at 754-2967.

Scenario offers students insight on deployment



After passing through the security screening area and sitting through pre-deployment briefings, the Upper Elementary School fifth and sixth graders board a McGuire C-17 Globemaster III. Second Lt. Dave Sustello, 6th Airlift Squadron C-17 pilot, above, gave a tour of the flight deck and answered questions.



photos by Wayne Russell

Fifth and sixth grade students from McGuire's Upper Elementary School, above, experience a deployment line Oct. 2. While processing through, the students received a deployment bag, orders, simulated vaccinations, dog tags and a boarding pass. This provided the students with an opportunity to experience first-hand what their parents and friends go through before every deployment. When the students' simulated flight landed in Saudi Arabia, they were briefed by 87th Security Forces Squadron on weapons used in forward locations. Upon return from their 'deployment', they were welcomed home with meals from the USO, and received a post-deployment briefing.



General addresses chapel audience

Lisa Evans
ASA Public Affairs

the wounded Soldiers he visits with or the family who has lost a Soldier. What he cares about is helping Soldiers grow through and beyond wounds.

"Earlier this year, I was informed that I had three more skin cancers on my ear and they were going to have to take my ear off," Chap. (Brig. Gen.) Eugene R. Woolridge, assistant chief of chaplains for mobilization and readiness, said during a sermon Sept. 27 at the Fort Dix Main Chapel.

And they did.

Woolridge doesn't worry about the loss of his ear. What he cares about are

A decorated Soldier, Woolridge resigned his commission as a captain to answer a call to serve God.

"I felt a strong calling to a local church where I knew God wanted me to be," he explained. "It was a calling from God. I think the most important thing is for you to be true to your calling; and most important is a divine calling. God has shaped me better to be a chaplain than an infantry officer."



Lisa Evans

WISE WORDS -- Chap. (Brig. Gen.) Eugene R. Woolridge, assistant chief of chaplains, delivers a sermon to the gospel service at the ASA Main Chapel Sept. 27.

Woolridge has degrees from the Military Academy at West Point and a master's degree in Strategic Studies from the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa. After resigning his commission, he graduated from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas in 1992. He then founded a Southern Baptist church in Powder Springs, Ga., and worked as its pastor for 10 years.

But he never gave up the military. Having stayed in the Army Reserve, Woolridge was commissioned an Army Reserve chaplain in January 1994 and continued serving his country. As an active duty officer, Woolridge was a Ranger, a platoon leader, an adjutant, a supply officer, and an antitank company commander in Germany and Fort Carson, Colo. During his Reserve career he has served not only as a chaplain, but as a rear area security officer and adjutant of the 607th Military Police Battalion, Fort Worth.

Having twice served Operation Enduring Freedom in Kuwait and in Afghanistan, Woolridge has been where

the Soldiers he cares so much about have been. Woolridge's wife Deborah accompanied him on a recent trip to Hawaii. She visited wounded Soldiers with him, talking with them, comforting them and offering them knowledge that their sacrifice was appreciated.

"I don't think the nation understands the sacrifice of our Soldiers and the chaplains and their assistants," Woolridge said following a service he conducted at the chapel. "Think of the chaplains at Dover. They are meeting Soldiers coming off the planes and greeting the families making visitations to their loved ones' remains. It just rips your heart out. Soldiers families greeting caskets coming off the plane."

Citing a Soldier he has recently counseled, Woolridge said the Soldier felt guilty because he has deployed only once, but the Soldier has buddies who have deployed several times. He volunteered and is heading back to Iraq in November.

"Soldiers are now deploying more often and earlier. Units have deployed

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Civilian employee returns from Iraq

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ASA Public Affairs

Harriet Lugo, director of School Age Services, just came back from a six-month deployment to Iraq.

They were looking for someone in my job series and grade to go over and do Morale, Welfare and Recreation entertainment and recreation programs," Lugo said. "My children are grown, so I felt this was my chance to do something for the military, a chance to do something patriotic."

So she volunteered and went to Iraq. Arriving in country, she couldn't reach any of the numbers she had been told to call. She and two other civilians got off the plane Sunday each with three duffel bags and a backpack and no sleep since Friday. She said they finally reached someone who sent a bus.

When the bus driver showed up, she explained, he was Pakistani and didn't speak English. The airport is in the mid-

dle of nowhere, with no towns around, and their first introduction to the country was to get on a bus with curtains drawn, not look out, and trust that this man was taking them where they needed to go.

That was her introduction to the job. She was posted first to Baghdad and then to western Iraq at Al Asad, where she was responsible for the entertainment for 17 base camps. Using skills gained through a lifetime – the daughter of a Sailor, an Army spouse, and a professional career spent solely with the Army – she ensured entertainers and VIP's and entertainers were booked, escorted, and treated well. She sourced all movements from flights to accommodations for talent.

"We had singers like Charlie Daniels, Joe Nichols, and Mark Chestnut; bands like Los Lonely Boys and Sevendust, a hard rock group," Lugo explained. "They were men covered with tattoos, but they were family men,

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Civilian employee returns

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grounded people with children. I had to Google some of the groups so I would know who they were, but the military sure knew who they were."

Aside from musicians, she booked comedians, golf pros, some professional fishermen for areas with lakes and fish, NFL cheerleaders, and even a hypnotist.

"I brought them entertainment and gave them some laughs. But the day the hypnotist was there, it went red (emergency) and some of the guys who were going to watch the show had to lock and load; they had to leave," she said, saying snipers had been seen in the area.

The troops work seven days a week and long hours, she explained, saying that only very rarely anyone complains that they are tired.

"You know that you are there to listen to these guys. It's really rewarding. The experiences I had there were just amazing," she said, pausing. "Not all of them made it back. I talked with a young man who was the only survivor from his Humvee when it went over an IED (improvised explosive device.) He was recovering from shrapnel wounds and when the band went to visit the combat support hospital he was excited to see them so the head nurse took him to the concert that evening. The band made a dedication to him and he thanked the band for coming and doing what they were doing."

Explaining that the entertainers all performed because they wished to support the troops, she said even they experienced some difficulties while on tour in Iraq.

"In Iraq, sandstorms are bad. Pilots won't fly if visibility is less than two to three miles," Lugo explained. "If we had a sandstorm, entertainers would have to stay three to four days longer and give two to three additional concerts in that location. They would FOB (forward operating base) hop, spend time doing acoustic shows and meeting and greeting the troops.

Moving from place to place, Lugo said she always felt safe even when she found herself in circumstances that were not safe.

"You can't say 'Soldiers.' Because all of the forces are there. The Marines have a pride that is just amazing," she said. "They took really good care of me while in western Iraq. When I had to go between FOBs, I usually traveled in MRAPS or Black Hawks and was never nervous."

"There was a convoy of five MRAPS so the first and the last ones had no civilians in them," Lugo said of one event. "On this convoy, the first MRAP went over an IED and we all had to stop."

While she was safe in the vehicle, the Soldiers surveyed the situation. They sat there for about 30 minutes before proceeding. "I wasn't afraid," Lugo stated simply.

When she first started her job, she said she was required to

wear Desert Camouflage Uniforms.

"That stuff is really hot," she said. "And with the hat, it was never a good hair day. During July and August, the temperatures would be anywhere up to 135 degrees. We had air conditioning in all the buildings, but you have to walk everywhere you go. You know how they say dry heat is easier. I don't care if it's dry or humid, it is really hot."

It wasn't the heat that was the greatest surprise to her, but the dust and dirt.

"I'd only be working 14-hour days and thought I would have time to relax, wear sandals and regular clothes. My sandals never left the back seat of my car here," Lugo laughed, but it was a serious matter. "There, you wear boots or sneakers. I went through three pairs of sneakers while I was there. We had to walk everywhere and dust and dirt got into everything. My socks looked like

they'd been steeped in tea. I had my daughter send me black socks," pausing, she smiled. "I would do it again."

Being completely serious, Lugo said she now really understands what the military stands for.

General visits chapel—

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multiple times. They are very tired. They need time to reset. It is the responsibility of the chaplaincy to help them. We tell them to take a knee, take a rest, restore resiliency," he explained.

Soldiers have spiritual needs and need spiritual support, Woolridge explained. "This has been historically recognized and always has been since the beginning of the Army. The chaplaincy has changed over time, adapting to operational force and reserve needs," he said.

"We have an Army that really tends its wounded, but we have chaplains who are wounded also. In a time of persistent conflict, it is not a time when you defeat the enemy or they surrender and it's over. You have to reset the chaplain corps and the Reserves have a big role in that," he said.

That is why Woolridge spent a year with First Army in Atlanta helping chaplains prepare for mobilization.

Chaplains must have resilience to ensure they are available to Soldiers. As the conflict draws on, possibly for years, Woolridge explained, Chaplains must be able to draw on their beliefs and share belief with their charges.

His career as assistant chief of chaplains for mobilization and readiness means that he visits many posts across the nation and beyond.

Working part-time, he spends approximately 100 days a year with his duties, most of them traveling. The major difference he has noted in his travels is the professionalism of all of the forces.

"To go over there and see what the military does on a daily basis, the camaraderie, they build, the camaraderie, and just see the interaction and how they are there for each other. They have no choice but to be there; I did. That makes a difference.

"I was there when they needed somebody to talk to and provide entertainment," Lugo explained. "That was my contribution to the military. Freedom isn't free. I just felt it was a real privilege to go over and give of myself to the troops."

changed." The Army is doing everything it can to help them grow through the trauma, he said.

The most important idea Woolridge wants to help wounded Soldiers understand is not to see their injuries, internal or external, as a disorder. Woolridge wants them to see everything as an opportunity for post-traumatic growth.

"We have a generation of people who have been wounded, some visible and some not. We must help them grow. They have served the nation, and that service has been tragic. As chaplains, we are here to say there is a spiritual answer," Woolridge tells Soldiers.



courtesy photo

THERE AND BACK AGAIN -- Harriet Lugo, director of School Age Services, just returned from a six-month deployment to Iraq.

Community Events

Chapel Services

Dix - 562-2020
Sunday Services
Dix Main Chapel
 Traditional Protestant
 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Catholic
 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Gospel
 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sunday School
 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Jewish Prayer Room
 Room 27
 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Dix Chapel 5
Bldg. 5950 Church St.
 If chapel is closed
 call 562-3311
 to schedule a time for prayer
Protestant, Catholic,
Latter Day Saints
 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Islamic Prayer Room
 Monday through Friday
 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
COL - Chaplain's tent
 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
McGuire - 754-4673
McGuire Chapel 1
Daily Catholic Mass
 Monday through Thursday
 11:35 a.m.
Catholic Reconciliation
 Saturdays 4 p.m.
Catholic Mass
 Saturdays 5 p.m.
 Sundays 9 a.m.
Protestant Gospel Service
 Sundays 11:15 a.m.
McGuire Chapel 2
Protestant Contemporary
Service
 Sundays 9:45 a.m.
Jewish Services
 Join Chap. (Capt.) Rabbi
 Berdugo for Lunch and Learn
 every Monday and Wednesday
 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at
 Chapel 1. Call 754-5908 for
 information.

Religious Activities

Dix Chapels
Protestant Men of the
Chapel Prayer Breakfast
 Fourth Saturday of each month
 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Protestant Women
of the Chapel
 Tuesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
 at the Dix Main Chapel
 and the fourth Tuesday at
 Buttonwood Hospital.
McGuire Chapels
Protestant Women
of the Chapel
 meeting at Chapel 2
 Wednesdays from 6:30-8 p.m.
 Thursdays from 9-11 a.m.
 (Wee Church Provided)
Catholic Women of the Chapel
 Fridays 9 a.m.
Joint Base Protestant
Chapel Night
 AWANA Clubs at Chapel 2
 Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
CLUB DIX
723-3272
Hours of Operation
Smokehouse
Restaurant
 Lunch Served
 Tuesday through Friday
 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 Closed Saturday to Monday
Java Café
 Monday through Friday
 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Blue Room
Wednesday
 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Thursday through Saturday
 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Computer Lab
Monday and Tuesday
 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday through Friday
 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Saturday
 Noon to 10 p.m.
Sunday
 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Lisa Evans

Sign of the season

A groundhog sits outside the ASA, Dix Public Affairs office Sept. 23 eating crab apples as he puts on weight for his long winter hibernation.

Bingo Nights at the McGuire Club
 Bingo starts at 7 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday evening at the McGuire Club. Early Bird starts at 6:45 p.m. and features a variety of games including a progressive number jackpot of \$2,000, consolation of \$200. Call 754-2396.
Texas Hold 'Em at the McGuire Club
 Sponsored by Brave Spirits and held at the Club every Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the Fireside lounge; free for members.
McGuire Thrift Shop
 Building 3446
 353-1126
 The McGuire OSC Thrift Shop is now open and ready for

business. After being closed for the past month, the store is open and stocked with a wide variety of clothing, shoes, accessories, uniforms, books, toys, housewares, sporting goods, baby gear, and more! The hours are:
Wednesday through Friday
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
First Saturday of the month
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 For more information or to volunteer, call Jennifer Roberts at (609) 353-1126 or visit Bldg. 3446 (between the BX and Vehicle Resale Lot).
Thrift Shop
 5105 Pennsylvania Avenue
 723-2683
 Summer clothes bargain: \$2.50 per grocery bag stuffed with summer clothing. Stuff your own bag with a large variety to choose from.

never leaving McGuire. This program is self paced and based on the honor system while each day will have an event that once performed will lead to the next day of your journey. Call 754-6085 for more information.
Arts & Crafts Center
562-5691
Bldg. 6039
Philadelphia Street
Registration hours:
 Tuesday - 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
 Wednesday and Thursday
 Noon to 5 p.m. and
 6 to 8:45 p.m.
 Friday - 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
 Saturday - 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
 Upcoming classes include:
Quilts for Kids - Oct. 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Surprise in a Box Sewing Class - Oct. 15 from 6:15 to 9 p.m.
Fall Table Runner - Oct. 22 from 6:15 to 9 p.m.
Fall Pumpkin Platter - Oct. 29 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Framing Qualification Classes - Oct. 17 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and Oct. 21 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.
Kids Sculpt-A-Ghoul Class (Ages 6 & up) - Oct. 10 and 17 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Kids Mixed Media Class (Ages 6 & up) - Oct. 17 to Nov. 7 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Kids Pottery Class (Ages 6-9) - Oct. 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 10:30 a.m. to noon
Tween Pottery Class (Ages 10-13) - Oct. 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.
 Call 562-5691 for details.

The Attic
 The Attic is in need of volunteers. For more information, call the Warfighting and Family Readiness Center at 754-5748.
Griffith Field House
Building 6053
562-4888
Combat Fitness Challenge (Military Only)
 Monday and Wednesday
 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.
Go Around the World in 90 Days at McGuire Gym
 The Fitness Center's "Around the World in 90 Days" program takes you around the world while

Joint Base Library

2603 Tuskegee Airmen Avenue
 754-2079
 Hours of operation
 Monday through Thursday
 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 Friday and Saturday
 noon to 5 p.m.
 Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

McGuire Family Advocacy classes

The Family Advocacy Program is holding the following classes. For registration and information, call 754-9680.
Anger Management: Learn how to identify the warning signs of anger, learn how to express anger appropriately and keep anger from taking over. This is a three-part series held on the first three Fridays of the month at the HAWC from 1 to 3 p.m.
Baby Basics: This class helps prepare expectant mothers for upcoming labor and delivery experience. The class is offered once a month 5 to 7 p.m.
Pregnancy 101: Learn about a wide variety of topics on what to expect throughout each stage of pregnancy. Class is held the second Friday of each month.
Child Birth Preparation: This class helps prepare expectant mothers for upcoming labor and delivery and is held monthly on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Passport photos now available

The 87th Air Base Wing Visual Information office accepts walk-ins for passport photos every Monday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 754-3581 for info.

Volunteer Opportunities

Native American Heritage Committee
 Volunteers are needed to participate in the inauguration of JB MDL's Native American Heritage Committee. All personnel are welcome to join and participate, and do not need to be of Native American descent. All that is required is to share in the interest and education of others. If you are interested in helping plan activities, call Mimi Cirillo at 754-2079 or Georgia Dupuis at 754-2214.
Spouse Program
 Phoenix Spouse Program volunteers are selected by squadron leadership and are trained volunteers who promote individual, family, and unit readiness; establish continuous contact with spouses and families; encourage peer-to-peer (wingman) support; welcome the unit's newcomers; and more. Phoenix Spouses meet a vital need of spouses to have an informal sounding board through an informal network system and help strengthen the unit leadership's support team. For more information about the Phoenix Spouses and how to volunteer, call the Warfighting and Family Readiness Center at 754-3154.

Red Cross

The American Red Cross has volunteer opportunities during the week and on weekends helping out on a "deployment line," handing out coffee and snacks as well as comfort kits for service members.
 Volunteer hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday through Sunday (not available every weekend). For more information about volunteering with the Joint Base American Red Cross, call Gayle Lynch at 562-2258 or e-mail gaylel@redcross-bcnj.org. For other volunteer opportunities, contact Frances Booth at 562-2767 or frances.booth@us.army.mil.

Habitat for Humanity

Interested in volunteering with Habitat for Humanity? Daily volunteer opportunities are available. For more information, call 1st Lt. Jay Hart, 87th Communications Squadron, at 754-1651, or Senior Master Sgt. John O'Donnell, 87th CS, at 754-6726. Visit www.habitat.org.

Visit
www.jointbasemdl.af.mil
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