

## NEWSNOTES

### Navy Ball tonight in Long Branch

The Navy Ball will be held tonight at 6 p.m. at Ocean Place Resort in Long Branch. Call 866-2182 for details.

### Flu-shot 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](http://www.jointbasemdl.af.mil).

### Homeowners Assistance Program now online

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and Department of Defense have implemented guidance expanding the Homeowners Assistance Program to provide benefits to wounded, ill or injured members of the Armed Forces, surviving spouses of fallen warriors, BRAC 05 impacted personnel (non-causal), and PCSing servicemembers.

This Act provides some monetary relief for eligible federal personnel, both military (including Coast Guard) and DoD civilians faced with losses on the sale of their primary residence when there is no present market for the sale of such property upon reasonable terms and conditions.

The DoD designated the U.S. Army as executive agent for the HAP. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers administers the program for the DoD and the Coast Guard. Working with installation commanders and housing officials, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers district realty specialists will offer all possible assistance in determining and disbursing HAP benefits to eligible homeowners.

General program information and points of contact are contained on the HAP Web site at <http://hap.usace.army.mil/>. The site also contains answers to frequently asked questions and instructions for filing an application.

### Burger King closed for renovations

The Fort Dix Burger King, Bldg. 5399, is closed. The expected closure will last 50 days as the kitchen is being renovated and upgraded. Once the kitchen is completed, Burger King is expected to open for service in the DRIVE THRU ONLY for another 45 days while the dining room is renovated. The estimated \$1.3 million project is expected to take just over 90 days.

## Weather

**FRIDAY** -- Rainy and windy with highs in the mid 40s, lows in the low 40s.

**SATURDAY** -- Showers with highs in the low 50s, lows in the mid 40s.

**SUNDAY** -- More showers with highs in the mid 50s, lows in the mid 40s.

**MONDAY** -- Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 50s, lows in the low 40s.

**TUESDAY** -- Sunny with highs in the low 60s, lows in the mid 40s.

# Academy Soldiers test skills



Ryan Morton

**HOOKED ON TRAINING** -- Sgt. Michael Shannon of the Non-Commissioned Officer Academy (NCOA), Army Support Activity, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, fastens a trailer hitch to a 5-ton truck during the NCOA Rodeo Competition Oct. 2.

Ryan Morton  
ASA Public Affairs

Non-commissioned Officer Academy (NCOA) Soldier instructors of the Army Support Activity, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, took some time in between class sessions to partake in a rodeo servicing vehicles Oct. 2.

It's not a rodeo in the traditional sense of the word with horses, calves and steers, but a rodeo that's known throughout the Army as an annual event where Soldiers compete in teams performing vehicle maintenance measures. This is the first time the NCOA has conducted a rodeo.

Four teams of four-to-six Soldiers per team performed maintenance measures on vehicles including humvees and 5-ton trucks located in six different stations. The stations included mounting a cargo tarp onto a 5-ton truck, changing two humvee tires, hooking a towbar to a disabled humvee, hooking a water buffalo to a 5-ton truck and parking it, hooking a 1/4 trailer to a humvee and parking it, and backing up a 1 1/2-ton trailer to a 5-ton and parking it.

"This is good because it gets people to learn, merge together, and work as a team. We also accomplished our three main goals going in: using, refining and retooling our perishable skills, building unit cohesion, and spreading the spirit of the NCO Corps," said Sgt. 1st Class Eduardo Velez, NCOA instructor whose branchchild it was to bring the rodeo to the NCOA.

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U.S. Air Force photo

**DIGGING IN** -- Tech. Sgt. James Gregg, communication computer system operator with the 21st AMOS, drives a bulldozer during construction of a pier in support of African Partnership Station 2009.

## Airmen wrap up African mission

Staff Sgt. Francis Lalic  
21st Air Mobility Ops Squadron

Airmen from the 621st Contingency Response Wing, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, recently returned from a six-month split deployment to West Central Africa in support of Africa Partnership Station 2009, an initiative aimed at improving maritime safety and regional security on the African continent.

APS is an international, joint service initiative spearheaded by U.S. Naval Forces together with European and African allies. Part of U.S. Africa Command's

Security Cooperation program, APS activities consist of multinational joint exercises, port visits, hands-on practical courses, professional training and community outreach with the coastal nations of Africa.

During the deployment, the 21st Air Mobility Operations Squadron, a squadron under the CRW's 621st Contingency Operations Support Group, supported a contingent of 77 Navy Seabees on a road and pier construction project. The Airmen set up a satellite communications package, complete with classified and unclassified internet capability, computer net-

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## Order bans texting for feds in vehicles

Samantha L. Quigley  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON (AFNS)** -- In an executive order issued Oct. 1, President Barack Obama banned federal employees from text messaging while behind the wheel on government business.

"With nearly 3-million civilian employees, the federal government can and should demonstrate leadership in reducing the dangers of text messaging while driving," President Obama said in the order. "A federal government-wide prohibition on the use of text messaging while driving on official business or while using government-supplied equipment will help save lives, reduce injuries, and set an example for state and local governments, private employers, and individual drivers."

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## Joint Base sets sights on charity campaign

2nd Lt. Carolyn Glover  
Joint Base MDL Public Affairs

The citizens of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst are taking on yet another challenge: to raise more than a quarter of a million dollars in support of the 2009 South Jersey Combined Federal Campaign here.

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) began Oct. 15 and runs through Nov. 30.

The CFC is the sole authorized fundraising campaign taken on by federal employees. The campaign seeks to consolidate the diversity of fundraising efforts into a single campaign once a year. Employees are able to note on their pledge cards which cause they'd like to contribute to. Key workers provide potential contributors with a single guidebook containing more than 2,500 approved charitable organizations.

More than 50 representatives from throughout JB MDL assembled Oct. 8 to receive training on taking the lead for the 2009 CFC challenge. Armed with brochures, pledge slips and coffee-mug incentives for "super givers," these

key workers set out with a goal of contacting 100-percent of the people in their workcenters to share information on how to contribute through the CFC.

This year, key workers will be spreading the message: "I Care. Now More Than Ever."

Donors are encouraged to utilize the CFC's payroll-deduction donation program, through which pledges are automatically deducted from each paycheck. Those who prefer to make a one-time donation can do so by cash or check.

Employees who contribute at least six-tenths of one percent of their income (006 times their base salary) will be considered "super givers." These individuals will be recognized with a desert tan coffee mug and matching t-shirt.

Well trained and highly equipped CFC key workers will approach all employees on base throughout the campaign to answer questions and assist with the donation process.

All JB MDL members are highly encouraged to participate in the campaign in a unified effort to care "now more than ever." More information can be found at [www.cfc.snu.org](http://www.cfc.snu.org).



Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Tiffini Jones Vanderwyest

The Navy celebrates its 234th birthday in style as crew members render honors during the commissioning ceremony of the Arleigh Burke class guided-missile destroyer USS Wayne E. Meyer (DDG 108) at Penn's Landing in Philadelphia this past week. Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, addressed the audience at the commissioning ceremony. For Mullen's complete birthday address, see page 3.

# BNCOC Phase I goes online

**Sgt. Johnathon Jobson**  
3rd ID Public Affairs

**FORT STEWART, Ga.** - The Basic Non-commissioned Officer Course (BNCOC) phase I is transitioning to online courses only. The class that graduated here Oct. 1 will be the last BNCOC phase I class held by the NCO Academy.

The Non-commissioned Officer Education System is a key component in the training of NCOs. The Warrior Leaders Course, Basic NCO Course, and Advance NCO Course are requirements for all NCOs as they get promoted.

Non-commissioned Officers are used to having to attend resident courses at NCO Academy to complete these courses when it is time. The times are changing though, no longer will sergeants and staff sergeants attending BNCOC phase I have to go to the NCO academy for their course.

"BNCOC phase I is just a refresher from WLC," explained Sgt. 1st Class Roman Manzano, the BNCOC chief for the Fort Stewart NCO Academy. "They go over the same curriculum. The only difference is that in BNCOC phase I students take written exams, whereas in WLC the testing is more hands-on demonstration of the task."

Some of the instructors do not think that the change to a self-paced online course is necessarily for the better.

"I think there will be a negative impact," said Staff Sgt. Duntrill Kelly, an assistant instructor for BNCOC phase I. "When you are sitting in a classroom and you don't understand, there are 15 other people you can lean on

Online, it's just you. It's going to hurt the students."

Less student interaction and no instructor to go to when you have a problem is also an issue in student's eyes.

**BNCOC Phase I classes at the Area Support Activity, Joint Base MDL NCO Academy have not gone online at this time and are still being held in the classroom.**

Sgt. Toby Colon, a personnel NCO with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, voiced his opinion on the topic.

Colon said the online course is slower paced, and students don't get the interaction that the

would in the classroom. He fears that, with an online course, you won't get the opportunity to work with Soldiers from other units and installations that you do in the classroom.

As for the instructors currently teaching BNCOC here at Fort Stewart, their teaching jobs are complete.

Many of the instructors have been here for quite a while, said Sgt. 1st Class Manzano. They will either PCS to new duty stations or be transitioned back into the units here at Fort Stewart.

Whether the change to online coursework is a good decision or a bad one, only time will tell. Regardless of the outcome, NCOs will continue to be the backbone of the Army and leaders of tomorrow's NCO Corps.

## Nominees sought for Airman award

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS)** -- Air Force Personnel Center recognition programs section officials here are requesting nominations for the 2010 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year Award.

Nominations are due to AFPC by April 22, 2010. There are three categories for award: Airman, NCO and Senior NCO. The period of service for the award is Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2009. Submissions must be based only on achievements that occurred in 2009.

Nomination packages must include a cover letter signed by the MAJCOM/DRU commander, vice commander or executive director; a 30-line or less nomination for award write-up on Air Force Form 1206; a one-page, single-spaced biography, and a signed and dated statement of intent.

Nominations must include examples of leadership and job performance in the nominee's primary duty, significant self-improvement, and base or community involvement.

For more information about the 12 OAY program or to download your nomination forms, visit AFPC's secure "Ask" site and type "12 OAY" into the search function, or call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

## Congress finishes authorization bill

**Jim Garamone**  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON (AFNS)** -- Congress has reached agreement on a \$680.2 billion National Defense Authorization Bill for fiscal 2010.

The bill authorizes a 3.4 percent military pay increase and full funding for the Defense Health Program, and it caps F-22 Raptor production at 187 aircraft. For civilian workers,

it ends the National Security Personnel System. It includes a base budget of \$550.2 billion and \$130 billion for overseas contingency operations.

Congress released the conference report Oct. 7. The full Senate and House must pass the conference report before the bill goes to President Barack Obama for his signature.

The bill includes \$560 million to continue development and initial procurement of the alternate F136 engine for the F-35 Lightning II joint strike fighter. Defense Secretary

Robert M. Gates recommended that the funding be struck, arguing development of the F135 engine, the main engine for the F-35, is proceeding well and that any money spent on the F136 would be wasteful. House and Senate conferees still included the engine in the fiscal 2010 budget authorization. White House officials said it is up to the president whether to veto the legislation over the inclusion.

The bill authorizes payment of hostile fire pay, imminent danger pay, hazardous duty pay, assignment pay and skill incentive pay to be prorated to reflect actual qualifying service performed during the month.

The authorization bill is one of two bills needed for the Defense Department to spend money - the other being the appropriations bill, which is still in a Senate-House committee to resolve differences between the two chambers' versions.

The authorization bill includes end strengths of 562,000 for the Army, 202,100 for the Marine Corps, 331,700 for the Air Force, and 328,000 for the Navy. The legislation authorizes an increase in active-duty Army end-strength of 30,000 in fiscal 2011 and 2012.

The bill authorizes \$6.7 billion for all-terrain mine-resistant, ambush protected vehicles, known as M-ATVs. The first of these vehicles have arrived in Afghanistan, with thousands more to be delivered under the new budget.

The authorization bill conference report has full funding for the Navy's carrier replacement program, a Virginia-class submarine, a littoral combat ship, a DDG-1000 destroyer and the DDG-51 program. The bill includes \$512 million for 18 more F/A-18E/F Super Hornet aircraft and approves the full request for 22 EA-18G aircraft - an advanced electronic warfare plane named the Growler.

The bill authorizes \$7.5 billion to train and equip the Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police, and provides oversight of the \$700 million dedicated to building Pakistan's military, police and frontier corps, which guards Pakistan's border with Afghanistan. The authorization also allows for the transfer of defense property in Iraq to Iraqi security forces or Afghan security forces.

The bill kills the multiple kill vehicle program and the second airborne laser platform. It applies savings from terminations in the Army's future combat system to other promising technologies and ensures these will spin out to Army brigades quickly.

The conference report repeals the authority for the National Security Personnel System and requires that affected employees transition to previously existing personnel systems.

The authorization will provide new personnel flexibilities that include hiring, firing, assigning personnel and appraisals. The authorization also allows the secretary to propose other personnel flexibilities.

## 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

## Distance Learning Center open

**Ryan Morton**  
ASA Public Affairs

"This is a hidden gem that military and civilians can use for their education and training needs," said Timothy Phelps, Army Support Activity, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (ASA JB MDL) Distance Learning Center (DLC) manager.

The DLC offers educational and training support to military and civilian personnel with 38 computers and three Video Tele-Training (VTT) equipment pieces offering two-way audio and video-conferencing capabilities. The DLC has been in existence on the ASA since 1998.

**LESSONS LEARNED -- Lt. Col. Laurence Pike, 1st Ground, 2nd Brigade, 75th Division, works on one of the computers at the Army Support Activity, Joint Base MDL Distance Learning Center Oct. 8.**

providing training to military and civilian personnel.

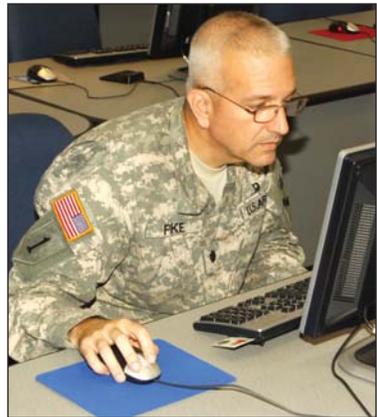
"We provide the access and means to get the training they need," said Phelps.

"It's a nice facility, it's very convenient, and can accommodate a lot of Soldiers," said Lt. Col. Laurence Pike, 1st Ground, 2nd Brigade, 75th Division.

"The facility is great. It has a high-speed modem and I use this place from time to time to help do research for my graduate school work. We need more facilities like this," said Lt. Col. Thomas Gordon, 1st Ground, 2nd Brigade, 75th Division.

The military has DLCs or Distance Training Facilities (DTFs) on various installations throughout the United States and worldwide including Japan, South Korea, Germany, and Italy.

The ASA DLC hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and after hours or weekend work times can be arranged, too. For more information call 562-4477.



Ryan Morton

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Col. Patrick Slowe  
ASA Commander

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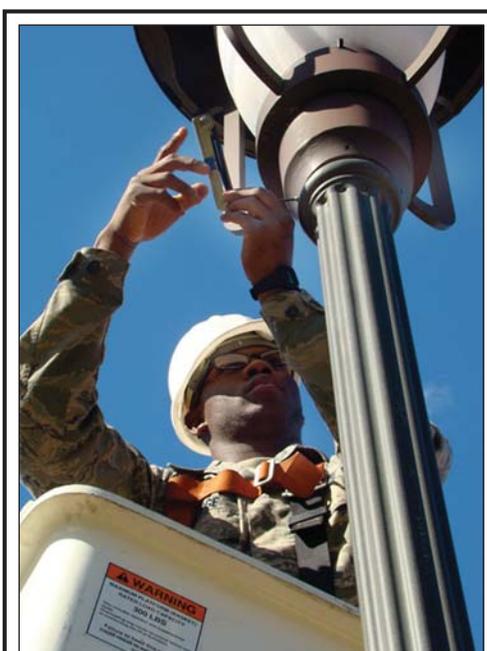
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Tech. Sgt. Denise Johnson

## Shedding light on JB MDL

**Airman Javier Lodge, 87th Civil Engineer Squadron, changes the fastening bolts on a street lamp at the intersection of West Arnold and Tuskegee Airmen Avenues Oct. 8. This is the fifteenth lamp out of 400 he and his coworkers will repair and upgrade in light of damage from recent high winds. The new hardware is intended to prevent further repairs of this kind.**

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# African mission

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-work and worldwide phone access, to provide mission and morale communication support for the Navy personnel. In addition, they provided and maintained a 3-in-1 shelter system with generators and environmental control units to house the communications node.

"This was a phenomenal opportunity to work with U.S. Navy and Cameroon Forces in support of the DoD's newest Combatant Command," said Lt. Col. Mark MacDonald, commander of the 21st AMOS. "It also provided the AMOS fantastic training in getting 'out the door' and sustaining operations with our expeditionary shelters and communications packages."

Contributing beyond their core mission skill sets, the AMOS Airmen also assisted in erecting five bed-down facilities, maintaining and repairing generators supplying power to the encampment, augmenting more than 150 hours of vehicle maintenance, aiding a Navy Underwater Construction Team by installing buoys and anchors for pier and jetty construction, and training on various weapons with U.S. Navy SEAL teams and Cameroonian forces.

"The experience was outstanding, and I'm a little taken back by the impact we were able to have," said Tech. Sgt. Nathan McNeely, a power production specialist with the 21st AMOS.

"Our team rolled into an austere location with limited infrastructure and was able to provide a sustained communications package in a joint environment," he said. "At home station, we train for opportunities like this, but when we get to push the equipment out the door and put it to use where it counts, there's genuine job satisfaction. Whether we've facilitated mission operations or just provided a means of correspondence to friends and family, our capability is appreciated."

The Airmen also completed several school beautification and safety-enhancement projects in a downtown African community. The projects included refurbishing four classrooms and re-wiring an entire school's electrical system.

"We've had the pleasure of augmenting the Seabees in various stages of the construction project," McNeely said. "Sometimes we're receiving training, other times, we're sharing our knowledge, but through this effort, we've established excellent rapport and camaraderie with the team."

Tech. Sgt. Jason Roberts, an Air Operation Center system-data communication craftsman with the 21st AMOS, said the APS deployment was rewarding and that he was glad to be part of such an important joint service mission.

"The Navy was very friendly and hospitable, and there were many lessons learned from both a communications and deployment standpoint," Roberts added. "It was a very rare working environment for the communications side of the house and it had us dealing with issues we normally never see on the short term deployments that we do."

MacDonald echoed Robert's sentiments. "This was a unique opportunity for the AMOS to expand our deployment repertoire beyond the mission sets we normally support. The experience we gained from this extended exercise will certainly pay huge dividends in our primary operations."

"Africa Partnership Station also demonstrated to the joint community the unique capabilities this wing possesses to meet expeditionary and contingency requirements," the colonel said.

"Whether it's opening the airbase, conducting aerial port operations, or augmenting a theater Air Mobility Division, the men and women of the CRW are trained, skilled, and motivated to provide mobility solutions wherever needed," MacDonald added.



Ryan Morton

**TOP NCOs** -- The winners of the Army Support Activity Non-Commissioned Officer Academy's vehicle rodeo competition Oct. 2 are, from Team Two -- The Bulldogs, Staff Sgt. Abjul Martin, Staff Sgt. Jason Monsku, Sgt. 1st Class Claudy Leogene, Staff Sgt. Lennox Stephens and Staff Sgt. Brooks Patterson, from left.

## Soldiers test skills

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"Everybody really seemed to like it and had a good time," he added.

According to Velez, who has competed in rodeos before in his Army career, every rodeo is unique with different types of vehicles and even tasks. He said an Army unit tailors the event to its needs and that's what he did when he arranged the stations accordingly for the NCOA.

"We were things that we have to do annually to test skills and renew certifications and it seemed

more fun to do it this way," said Velez. The winner of the rodeo is Team Two, the "Bulldogs," who are already, as Velez says, looking forward to defending their title next year.

The NCOA plans to turn the rodeo into an annual event with more stations and is targeting a time in the spring or summer of 2010. This time, they want to open it up to joint-base participation from other units of all branches of service too. Any interested units should feel free to call the NCOA at 562-2605 for more information.

## Joint Base members urged to keep 'Eagle Eyes' open

Senior Airman Bekah Phy  
Joint Base Public Affairs

Eagle Eyes program officials at the McGuire Office of Special Investigations (OSI) are urging all joint base members to remain vigilant each and every day.

Eagle Eyes is an Air Force anti-terrorism initiative that enlists the eyes and ears of servicemembers and citizens in the war on terrorism.

OSI helps inform people about the typical activities terrorists engage in to plan their attacks. With that knowledge, they are better equipped to recognize elements of potential terror planning if it occurs and report it to OSI or 87th Security Forces Squadron personnel.

Suspicious and terrorist activities can appear in many ways. A potential terrorist could be someone asking a lot of questions or someone who is quietly, but

closely observing activities on the base.

Tests of security are popular with potential terrorists and surveillance is another thing to be aware of. If someone suspicious is observing the base or base housing, taking pictures, using binoculars or taking notes, these are all possible terrorist activities that should be reported.

Even something as insignificant as someone asking too many questions should be monitored. Something just might not sound right - they might be digging too deep or being too specific about a certain topic. OSI offers full briefings on the Eagle Eyes program to those interested, and information pamphlets are also available. OSI can be reached at 754-3353, and JB MDL security forces at 562-6001.

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst members are urged to maintain situational awareness at

all times. If you spot suspicious activity or behavior, do not confront the individuals. Follow the below procedures.

Take note of the details by remembering the acronym SALUTE:

**S** - Size (Jot down the number of people, gender, ages, and physical descriptions)

**A** - Activity (Describe exactly what they are doing)

**L** - Location (Provide exact location)

**U** - Uniform (Describe what they are wearing, including shoes)

**T** - Time (Provide date, time, and duration of activity)

**E** - Equipment (Describe vehicle, make, color, etc., license plate, camera, guns, etc.)

Suspicious activity is often recalled after an event. We must train ourselves to be constantly on the lookout for things that are out of the ordinary and arouse suspicions.

## Navy celebrates birthday

The following is the U.S. Navy 234th Birthday Message as delivered by Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. Oct. 13.

On Oct. 13, 1775, the Continental Congress met in Philadelphia and passed legislation creating what would become the United States Navy. America celebrates this day every year, marking the service, sacrifice and devotion to duty of our Sailors around the globe.

Over 45,000 Sailors are supporting joint, interagency, and multinational operations throughout the world - building, engaging, and securing - as always delivering peace through strength.

They serve on nearly 200 ships and submarines underway at any moment providing critical capabilities for ballistic missile defense, counterterrorism operations, anti-piracy efforts, and humanitarian relief missions. Their impressive and persistent presence, however, would be impossible without the steady support of our Navy families. Without them, we could not accomplish a single mission.

On behalf of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, I congratulate you and your families on 234 years of proud Navy service. Your rich heritage, combat readiness, and relentless tenacity make us very proud of you all. Bravo Zulu and Happy Birthday, Shipmates!



Adm. Mike Mullen  
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

## Order bans texting

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Text messaging, or "texting," encompasses more than simply sending a text message via a handheld communication device. It also includes reading from any handheld or other electronic device, including for the purpose of SMS, texting, e-mailing, instant messaging, obtaining navigational information, or "engaging in any other form of electronic data retrieval or electronic data communication," the order said.

The order defines driving as "operating a motor vehicle on an active roadway with the motor running." This includes the time the vehicle is temporarily stationary because of traffic, a traffic light, stop sign or other cause. "It does not include operating

a motor vehicle with or without the motor running when one has pulled over to the side of, or off, an active roadway and has halted in a location where one can safely remain stationary," Obama said in the order.

While the order applies specifically to federal employees, it also asks contractors to follow suit, and encourages civilians to adopt the same measures while operating their own vehicles.

Agencies are being directed to implement this order through the consideration of new rules and programs and re-evaluation of existing programs. Agency heads are urged to conduct education, awareness and other outreach for federal employees about the safety risks associated with texting

while driving. "These initiatives should encourage compliance with the agency's text messaging policy while off duty," Obama said.

Agencies have 90 days to take appropriate measures to implement this order, adopt measures to ensure compliance with the ban on text messaging - including disciplinary action for violations - and notify the transportation secretary of the measures undertaken.

Agency heads may exempt certain employees, devices or vehicles that are engaged in or used for protective, law enforcement or national security responsibilities or on the basis of other emergency conditions, the order says.

## International navies bond at Seapower Symposium

Judith Snyderman  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9, 2009 - Cooperation is growing between navies and commercial shipping interests in many nations, a Navy official said yesterday.

"Industries, navies and nations are in agreement that we need to have this understanding not only just for security reasons, but also for safety to avoid collisions at sea and to ensure legitimate practices," Navy Rear Adm. M. Stewart O'Bryan, director of Navy's maritime domain awareness, said during a "DoDLive" bloggers roundtable.

O'Bryan spoke with bloggers from Rhode Island, where he was attending the 19th Annual Seapower Symposium hosted by the chief of naval operations and the U.S. Naval War College. More than 100 nations were represented at the conference, he said.

The motivation to work together was strong, O'Bryan said, due to the complexity of maritime issues and budget limitations.

"While these organizations perform their assigned missions well, no organization has enough resources, whether money, people or equipment, to do it all by themselves," he said.

O'Bryan pointed out that there is much to be gained when nations share maritime data, including improved situation awareness, increased trust and



Petty Officer 1st Class Tiffini Jones Vandervorst

**HATS IN THE RING** -- Hats from representatives of more than 100 nations' navies attending the 19th Biennial International Sea Power Symposium sit on a table near the auditorium in Newport, R.I., Oct. 7.

cooperation, and expedited commerce. In the long run, he said, multinational collaboration between navies and coast guards will lead to enhanced security that will contribute to global prosperity.

Another benefit, he added, is that best practices and lessons learned can be shared. Recent dialogue between navies already has paid off in several cases.

"Piracy levels have decreased in the Straits of Malacca [in Indonesia] because of this kind of sharing of information and security that provides the ships' safe and free navigation across choke points, [and also] we've seen recent improvements in the Gulf of Aden."

O'Bryan said U.S. efforts to boost the maritime domain awareness strategy include recent work to consolidate U.S. maritime operations centers and to link them together. Today, the network of eight centers located around the world operates on a combined network and work continues to integrate their capabilities and grant them access to the same data sources. Another project will integrate naval installation regional operations centers with maritime operations centers.

The maritime domain awareness effort also is engaged in dialogue with the U.S. Coast Guard to facilitate its homeland defense mission, he said.

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Spc. Kevin D. Harrison, 99th Regional Support Command

**END OF AN ERA** — Brig. Gen. Walter B. Chahanovich, commanding general of the 78th Division, left, stands at attention as Antonia Ricigliano, councilwoman of Edison, accepts a folded flag from the 78th Division on behalf of Edison Township during the 78th Division Inactivation Ceremony at Sgt. Joyce Kilmer Army Reserve Center in Edison Oct. 3. After more than a half-century of being a part of the Edison community, Soldiers of the 78th Division will relocate to Army Support Activity, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

## Lightning Division finds new home on Joint Base

Staff Sgt. Alyn-Michael Macleod  
99th RSC Public Affairs

EDISON, NJ — As the bugler played “call to assembly,” the local community and Soldiers from the 78th “Lightning” Division said goodbye in a bittersweet inactivation ceremony of the Sgt. Joyce Kilmer Army Reserve Center at Camp Kilmer in Edison Oct. 5.

The inactivation ceremony attracted many guests and high-ranking officials, including Brig. Gen. Walter B. Chahanovich, commanding general of the 78th Division, Senator Barbara Buono of New Jersey, Legislative District 18, and Councilwoman Antonia Ricigliano of Edison Township.

Camp Kilmer was named for local resident Sgt. Alfred Joyce Kilmer, known as a fearless noncommissioned officer and hero, but known nationally and internationally as a famous journalist and poet. Kilmer was killed by a sniper during a scouting mission at the Second Battle of Marne on the morning of June 30, 1918, and post-humously awarded the Purple Heart by the United States Army as well as the Croix de Guerre by the French Republic.

The history of Camp Kilmer dates back to 1941 when the Department of Defense, then known as the War Department, used the 1,600-acre camp as a transportation hub processing over 20 divisions that came to Camp Kilmer before being deployed to Europe during World War II.

Camp Kilmer occupied one of the most essential processing and administrative posts in the United States during that time.

The camp was deactivated in the fall of 1949 but reactivated at the outbreak of hostilities in Korea.

Not as active during the Korean War as it was in World War II, Camp Kilmer lost its status as a major processing point to Fort Dix and was once again made inactive in 1955.

In 1963, most of the 1,600 acres was auctioned and sold to local universities and colleges. Rutgers University, the state university of New Jersey, maintains most of the camp as Livingston College.

With a limited military presence on the last remaining 24 acres of government-owned land, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) recommended closing the camp in 2005.

The 78th Division, currently the last major headquarters on Kilmer, will relocate to the recent-

ly-dedicated Maj. John P. Pryor Army Reserve Center at Army Support Activity, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

“This day closes an era that spans over 60 years and through the years the township of Edison and its patriotic citizens have stood by in support of the Soldiers who passed through Camp Kilmer, never wavering in this endeavor,” he emphasized.

Chahanovich seemed saddened by the passing of history.

“My solemn duty today is to bring closure to an era as the last post commander and the last commander of the 78th as an Army division,” he stated solemnly. “The remaining area is currently planned for use as homeless shelters, recreational land and the town of Edison Public Works Center.”

Buono highlighted the importance of the 78th Lightning Division role as she echoed the emotion of the day.

“This is a day of mixed emotions and heavy hearts,” Buono stated. “The ‘Jersey Lightning’ played a very vital role in Operation Desert Storm and continues to this day to give our brave men and women on the front lines the training they need to be successful in their missions abroad so they can all come home safely to their families and friends.”

Buono also spoke about the history of the facility and its importance to the community.

“To bid our final farewell to a facility that has played such an important role in protecting our nation against threats abroad... this facility and the millions of men and women who have passed through it over the years have served their country with distinguish,” declared Buono. “The mission of these hallowed grounds will now turn to preparing our young people for the challenges they face in a very difficult and evolving world economy.”

In a voice shaking with emotion, Ricigliano spoke of Sgt. Joyce Kilmer.

“Joyce Kilmer would be proud of this Army base and the many uses it has had in these almost 70 years,” she said.

As the ceremony drew to a close, it became apparent that those involved with this historic base did not want the memories to simply drift away with the years.

“It is up to all of us to make sure that the years of history that unfolded here will not fade away, will not be forgotten. We ensure that future generations will remember that the freedom and liberties that we so often take for granted today exacted great sacrifices,” Buono concluded.

## Navy courses upgraded

NEWPORT, R.I. (NNS) — The Naval War College (NWC) and Staff at NWC, and for all officer and enlisted Primary Professional Military Education (PPME) courses through Navy Knowledge Online Oct. 1.

Developed and managed by NWC’s College of Distance Education (CDE), the updated courses contain a greatly expanded emphasis on regional expertise and cultural awareness subject areas, as well as updated service and joint lessons to reflect recent changes that have occurred in the world and military operations.

“This reshaping of the PPME courses is consistent with the Department of Defense’s increased emphasis on regional and cultural sensitivity and awareness,” said Professor T. H. Jackson, CDE director.

Successful completion of these broad and dynamic courses are a prerequisite for Navy officers entering the 10 month resi-

dent College of Naval Command and Staff at NWC, and for all Navy senior enlisted attending the Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA) in Newport.

“The Naval War College and the Senior Enlisted Academy want to ensure that our officers and chiefs entering the demanding academic environments at NWC and SEA have a shared foundational level of knowledge about naval and joint operations,” said Professor Walt Wildemann, the deputy at CDE.

Nearly 38,000 officer and enlisted students worldwide have enrolled in the NWC Online PME courses since initial deployment in May 2006. Implementation of version 2.0 was designed to ensure those students currently enrolled will be able to continue work uninterrupted.

“Students are encouraged to pace themselves through the course,” said Professor Dave Kelly, CDE Online PME faculty

member. “The complete course is nearly 70 hours, so we have designed the courses in a way that allows students to complete a lesson, log off, and come back to it later to continue the course, as their busy schedules allow.”

The new versions are the culmination of nearly 18 months of student feedback, research, curriculum development and coordination with both military and civilian subject matter experts.

The changes fulfill CDE’s objective of keeping the courses timely, relevant and accurate. CDE currently fields three courses through NKO/ILE that provide enlisted personnel a PME at key milestones throughout their careers from E-1 through E-9. One course is designed for the chief warrant officer and junior officers (O-1 through O-3).

For more news from Naval War College, visit [www.navy.mil/local/nwcl/](http://www.navy.mil/local/nwcl/).



Spc. Tia P. Sokimson

**SUPPORT FROM ABOVE** — U.S. Soldiers prepare to gather fuel supplies being dropped from a C-130 Hercules aircraft onto a landing zone at Forward Operating Base Baylough in the Zabul province of Afghanistan. The Soldiers are assigned to Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment.

## Airmen continue record-setting pace for airdrops

Capt. Frank Hartnett  
Air Forces Central Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA — Continuing to feed, fuel and arm the fight, September marked the fourth consecutive month in an escalation of supplies airdropped by the U.S. Air Force to U.S. service members, Coalition partners and local citizens across Afghanistan.

In total, 4.1-million pounds of goods were dropped to forward operating bases, combat outposts and other austere locations in support of ground forces.

This tops August’s record 3.8-million pounds of supplies delivered and brings the four month total to 14.5-million pounds.

“The increase in airdropped supplies reflects

the Air Force’s ability to adapt to support shifting conditions on the ground and provide direct support to the forces actively engaged in counterinsurgency operations in Afghanistan,” said Col. Keith Boone, Air Mobility Division director at the Combined Air and Space Operations Center.

Shifting tactics has placed more ground units in remote locations, far from roads and other supply routes, leaving air delivery the only option.

“For a mobility pilot, there is no better feeling than delivering the ammo, water and food to our ground forces,” said Lt. Col. Jon Olekszyk, Air Mobility Division, chief of Mobility Operations, Combined Air and Space Operations Center.

“They can’t continue without the essentials, it’s our job to make sure the Marine corporal has ammo for his M-4, fresh chow and clean water to keep him going.”



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Capt. Antonia Greene, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade

## Increasing elevation

Capt. Mkeal Rodgers, logistics operations officer-in-charge, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, has his new major's rank pinned by his wife, Kim, during a ceremony Oct. 8 at brigade headquarters.

# Programs recall retiree, reserve officers

**Daniel Elkis**  
Air Force Personnel Center PAO

9/29/2009 - RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- The secretary of the Air Force has initiated two voluntary recall to active duty programs and expanded the number of eligible Air Force specialties for an existing one to help minimize the service's critical shortage of rated officers.

"The rapid expansion of unmanned aircraft systems as well as other emerging missions and rated requirements that directly support contingency operations created a demand for experienced, rated officers that exceeds current Air Force levels," said Col. William Foote, Air Force Personnel Center director of per-

sonnel services.

The Voluntary Retired Rated Officer Recall Program allows the secretary of the Air Force to order retired Air Force rated officers to active duty.

The Voluntary Limited Period Recall Program and Voluntary Permanent Rated Officer Recall Program allow Reserve officers the opportunity to apply for recall to extended active duty. Rated officers include pilots, combat systems officers and air battle managers.

Adriana Bazan, the chief of voluntary officer recall operations, said these programs are designed to put experienced and motivated officers back into the Air Force ranks.

"There has been a tremendous response to these programs with more than 500 rated officers selected for recall

to active duty," Bazan said. "Applications remain steady, averaging 70 per month."

The success of these programs was lauded by Maj. Gen. Mark Gibson during a recent visit to AFPC.

Gibson, the Air Force director of operations, praised the results of the programs and underscored the operational impact of these critical positions in today's fight.

"These officers possess the knowledge and training to effectively contribute to our success in the joint fight," Gibson said. "Their role is crucial as the Air Force boosts its unmanned aerial systems capabilities and leverage our latest technologies across all warfighting domains."

Lt. Col. Deborah Landry, AFPC

operations staff assignments branch chief, said officers returning thus far have been assigned to the full spectrum of the Air Force's rated billets and come from backgrounds as diverse as those retiring later this year to F-111 Aardvark pilots who last flew in Desert Storm.

"Each officer brings unique expertise and wisdom to the Air Force mission," said Landry.

In the fall 2009 assignment cycle, 149 recalled officers were matched to rated staffs, filling critical billets that would have otherwise remained vacant due to the shortage of active-duty officers available to move out of operational flying assignments. In addition, many of those recalled officers who are current and qualified in an Air Force aircraft or are eligible for local training are being

utilized in flying assignments.

"Unfortunately, there is not enough training available to return every rated officer to an active flying assignment," she said. "But, every qualified applicant is being offered an assignment and will be a valuable asset to the rated force."

More than 225 officers have already received orders and are returning to active duty.

Information about the rated recall programs, to include detailed eligibility criteria and application requirements, can be found on the Air Force Personnel Center's "ASK" Web site. Click on "Voluntary Officer Return to Active Duty" under the Military Quick Links section to learn more. Interested officers may also call the Total Force Service Center at (800) 525-0102.

# Soldier's life adventurous in or out of uniform

**Wayne Cook**  
ASA Public Affairs

When danger lurks around the bend or life is hanging in the balance, there is one man who is sure to be found in the area.

No, it's not Superman. Master Sgt. Ken Fuller, 1st Training Brigade medical NCOIC (non-commissioned officer-in-charge) United States Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command from Fort Bragg, N.C., lives to overcome challenges and take on the impossible.



courtesy photo

**LUST FOR LIFE -- Master Sgt. Ken Fuller, brigade medical NCOIC, 1st Training Brigade, United States Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C., far left, instructs Soldiers on the proper procedure for a litter carry.**

assigned as the NCOIC of the emergency rooms at the 5502nd Field Medical Hospital at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Aurora, Colo., and Evans Army Hospital at Fort Carson, Colo. While at the emergency rooms, he gained untold experience in emergency medicine.

In 1990, Fuller returned to United States Army Special Operations Command as both an instructor and active combat medic.

In 2007, as he was preparing to retire from the Army and make the jump to full-time civilian, he received an invitation to join the 1st Training Brigade at Bragg as both instructor and brigade medical NCOIC. Still seeing the need for Soldiers to be trained proficiently to save their battle buddies' lives, his military career continues.

When this mild-mannered Soldier takes off his military uniform and enters the civilian community, he doesn't lose his hunger for helping others. This adrenaline junkie helps as a member of his local Emergency Medical Service. As an emergency medical technician-intermediate, he is also swift-water rescue and mountain-rescue qualified and has been for nearly 30 years. An EMT-I is an EMT who is qualified to provide advanced life support as a midlevel provider of pre-hospital emergency medical care but is not qualified as a paramedic.

A much smaller number of first responders are qualified as swift water rescuers or mountain rescuers, as both duties require a certain skill-set expertise.

Fuller pulls all of his experience together as he trains Sol-

diers to provide combat lifesaver techniques during combat situations.

"My military and civilian experiences have greatly enabled me to handle the task as an instructor. Most incidents in the civilian world can translate to the military. Some automobile accidents resemble the results of an explosion during war," he said.

Fuller's combat medic instructors have the opportunity to glean from the many years of his experience, both in uniform and as a civilian. He has implemented training scenarios where authenticity is added through the use of strobe lights in the darkness, recorded combat sounds, screaming, role players and realistic moulages.

Instead of using plastic casting of wounds, Fuller has his instructors purchase chitterlings (pork intestines) and ketchup from the grocer to simulate open wounds. They use pork ribs and balloons to practice negative needle insertions so the students can get the feeling of the resistance while treating a lung and chest wound.

According to Fuller, being able to reproduce the most realistic training environment for the students is a must so that the skills they learn are useful in a combat situation.

"We present the training in the most realistic environment that we can in the confines of buildings or on the battlefield. In order for it to be beneficial it must be useful, functional and reproducible. We do our best to ensure that the training is stress inducing with lifelike, real scenarios. Of course, the key to our success is having the top professional Soldiers that we have as

members of the cadre," he said.

The multi-faceted NCO loves a good challenge when he's not working. On June 18, 1995, Fuller set a Guinness World Record for highest free rappel of 1,053 feet from the Royal Gorge Bridge in Colorado to the Arkansas River bed below. The event took him 34 minutes to complete and has not yet been beaten.

He has also been a member of a team that has rafted, canoed and kayaked thousands of miles of rivers throughout the Western Hemisphere.

For his next challenge, he will lead a white-water and canoeing

expedition from the headwaters of the Arkansas River in the Rocky Mountains near Leadville, Colo., to the Mississippi River Delta at the Gulf of Mexico.

During River Challenge 2010, which will launch in May 2010, a seven-member team will travel more than 2,000 river miles for a new world record.

This Soldier is of a different caliber, and though he cannot outrun speeding bullets and leap tall buildings, he is as much a man of adventure and courage as the comic book character, and the Army and his troops are better for it.



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**GOING FOR BROKE -- The Royal Gorge Bridge near Leadville, Colo., where Master Sgt. Ken Fuller, 1st Training Brigade, United States Civil Affairs and Psychological Command, Fort Bragg, N.C., set a world record for highest free rappel on June 18, 1995. From the bridge to the Arkansas River below is a height of 1,053 feet.**

# Jersey Guard participate in 25th Army 10-miler

The 25th annual Army Ten Miler took place in Washington D.C., Oct. 4, with a record-setting 30,000 registered runners.

Proceeds from this event are donated to the Morale Welfare and Recreation funds that support troops and their families all over the world. More than 50 Soldiers and Airmen represented the New Jersey Guard.

Congratulations to the New Jersey Army Guard (Male) Competitive Running Team of Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Christy, 50th BCT, 1:10:30; Master Sgt. Robert Cuff, J2TDC, 1:11:08; Master Sgt. Alex Estrada, 254th Regiment (CA), 1:11:14; and 1st Sgt. Gary Davidson, 254th Regiment (CA), 1:21:13.

"The Jersey Blues" placed 7th out of 14 teams in the Male National Guard Division.

Other personnel who completed the race were from a variety of commands throughout the state: JFHQ-NJ - Capt. Mehdi Kohanbani (NGB), Warrant Officer Gerald O'Rourke, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Adkins, 1st Sgt. Anthony Ortiz, Master Sgt. Matthew Krug, Sgts. 1st Class Louis Tuck and Jerome Grant.

N.J. Air Guard - Maj. Yvonne Mays.

50th BCT - Maj. Jonathan Tango and Robert Martinez, Capt. Ian Cairns and Fran Remo, 1st Lts. Reid Caster and Sarah Bernal, 2nd Lt. Lilliam Bernal, Cadets Taigunov (RU SMP), Coates (RU SMP),

and Conte (RU SMP), and Sgt. 1st Class Eric Weltner.

42nd RSG - Capt. Monica Marin, Felix Delacruz, and Patrick Cramer, retired Chief Warrant Officer Christopher Perron, 1st Sgt. Hicks, Master Sgt. Joseph Prieto, Sgts. 1st Class Joseph Thorpe and Philip Faustus, Staff Sgt. Daniela Talharim, Sgts. Salomon Aparicio and John King, and Spc. Ivanhoe Ortiz.

57th Troop Command - Lt. Col. Todd Berger, Maj. Charles McDonald, Capt. George Fedorczyk, and Master Sgt. Juan Acevedo.

J2TDC - Master Sgts. Rene Sales, Joe Bostina, and Ramon Morales, Sgts. 1st Class Geraldine McDaniels, Robert Simms, and Louis Gonzalez.

254th Regiment (CA) - Capt. James A. Tom, and Sgt. 1st Class Dan Coleman.

Recruiting and Retention Command - Lt. Col. Jemal Beale, Maj. Joseph Gagnon, Capt. Lonell Jenkins and Michel Blachowski, Master Sgt. Robert Huster, Sgt. 1st Class William Steele Nurpe, and Sgt. Jacqueline Rivera-Buie, NJ Counter Drug - Master Sgt. J. Prieto and Sgt. 1st Class Thorpe.



Sgt. Nicole Dykstra, 72nd FA Bde.

**Soldier retires after 20 years**

Lt. Col. David Knellinger, commander, 3rd Training Support Battalion, 315th Engineer Regiment, presents Master Sgt. Jeffrey Lane the Meritorious Service Medal at Lane's retirement ceremony Oct. 1. Lane, who served with the 3-315th as the rear detachment non-commissioned officer in charge, is retiring with 20 years of service to the United States Army.

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## Half-billion in aid helps homeowners

**Bekah Clark**  
AMC Public Affairs

Details were announced Sept. 30 by Department of Defense officials about the distribution of the \$555 million available under the Homeowners Assistance Program, or HAP, which was expanded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act passed in February.

The expanded program is available to provide monetary relief to servicemember homeowners, including the Coast Guard, who have suffered a financial loss on the sale of their primary residence. Federal employee homeowners, including non-appropriated fund employees, are also eligible.

HAP is available to assist wounded servicemembers with 30 percent or greater disability, surviving spouses of fallen warriors, and wounded DoD civilian homeowners reassigned in furtherance of medical treatment or rehabilitation or due to medical retirement in connection with their disability. The program is also available to homeowners impacted by the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure, or BRAC, and servicemember homeowners undergoing Permanent Change of Station moves during the mortgage crisis.

At the top of the program's priority list are those wounded, injured or ill. Within that category applications will generally be processed in chronological order of the wound, injury or illness. The program covers those wounded, injured or ill since Sept. 11, 2001, and those who relocate for medical treatment.

Next are surviving spouses moving within two years of the death of the spouse. Applications generally will be processed in chronological order of the servicemember's or employee's date of death.

Next up are servicemembers

and civilians affected by the BRAC 2005 process. Applications generally will be processed in chronological order of the date of job elimination, officials said. Under the legislation, homeowners do not have to prove that the BRAC process caused the drop in housing price.

Servicemember homeowners receiving orders dated on or after Feb. 1, 2006, through Dec. 31, 2009, for a PCS move are next on the priority list. The orders must specify a reporting date on or before Feb. 28, 2010, to a new duty station or home port outside a 50-mile radius of the former duty station. These dates may be extended to Sept. 30, 2012, based on availability of funds, officials said.

For more information on the program, including the application process, points of contact and benefits, log on to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' website at <http://hap.usace.army.mil/homepage.html>. Members are encouraged to seek help from their local Housing Office.

The Army is the executive agent for implementing HAP and uses the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to execute the program. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics has overall responsibility and oversight for the program.

The temporary expansion of HAP was made possible by the modification of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act in response to the mortgage foreclosure and credit crisis.

The program has been in place since 1966. The current program is expanded to cover those affected by the economic downturn. The program is not designed to pay 100 percent of losses or to cover all declines in value, officials said, but it can help to protect eligible applicants from financial catastrophe due to losses in home values.

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## Joint Base Airman to compete in Icon finals

**Scott Black**  
AMC Icon Program Marketing

**SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill.** - This year's contestants for the Air Mobility Command (AMC) Icon finals - including Master Sgt. Lisa White from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst - will sing along with a live band, MC's own Starlifter from the Air Force Band of Mid America.

For the upcoming finals at the Scott Club, 6:30-9 p.m. CST, Oct. 22, the prospect of live accompaniment promises to energize both the audience and contestants alike.

Starlifter also will play 2-3 sets of R & B, rock and other popular music as an added special performance for the event.

As another added feature, the command finals will be broadcast to AMC installations planning an Icon viewing party. All AMC installations will receive a DVD of the command performance for use on their installations.

"AMC Icon provides Air Force vocalists an opportunity to shine, and this year we have some truly exceptional talent," said Sam Parker, program manager for Icon.

Participants are competing for \$2,000 in cash prizes, and the winner also receives a special invitation to audition with the Air Force Tops in Blue - the Air Force's premier entertainment showcase.

One of last year's AMC Icon contestants, Senior Airman Jeffrey Collins from Dover AFB, is currently touring with Tops in Blue.

Participants in the 2009 Icon command performance include:

•Staff Sgt. Shawn Summers, Charleston AFB, S.C.  
•Tech. Sgt. Latisha Eddy, Dover AFB, Del.



•Master Sgt. Ron Johnson, drums  
•Tech. Sgt. (ret.) Phil Guillaume, keyboardist  
•Staff Sgt. Shawna Kuebler, keyboardist

•Tech. Sgt. Keisha Gwin-Gooden, vocalist  
•Tech. Sgt. Albert Williams, vocalist  
•Staff Sgt. Ethan Hall, audio technician  
•Master Sgt. Dan Kenemore, broadcast audio feed technician

•Capt. Manuela Peters, Fairchild AFB, Wash.  
•Airman 1st Class Marshall Merriweather, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.  
•Staff Sgt. Latazha Meabon-Whiteside, Little Rock AFB, Ark.  
•Senior Master Sgt. Craig Hall, MacDill AFB, Fla.  
•Airman 1st Class Rachel Kleist, McChord AFB, Wash.  
•Staff Sgt. Doug Boren, McConnell AFB, Kan.

•Master Sgt. Lisa White, Joint Base MDL  
•Airman 1st Class Charlie Parker, Pope AFB, N.C.  
•Staff Sgt. Rick Bislich, Scott AFB  
•Staff Sgt. Janina Morrison, Travis AFB, Calif.  
•Senior Airman Anthony Kingston, Andrews AFB, Md.

Starlifter bandmen to perform are:  
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•Master Sgt. Ron Johnson, drums  
•Tech. Sgt. (ret.) Phil Guillaume, keyboardist  
•Staff Sgt. Shawna Kuebler, keyboardist

•Tech. Sgt. Keisha Gwin-Gooden, vocalist  
•Tech. Sgt. Albert Williams, vocalist  
•Staff Sgt. Ethan Hall, audio technician  
•Master Sgt. Dan Kenemore, broadcast audio feed technician

The master of ceremonies for AMC Icon is Tech. Sgt. Walter Campbell. Sergeant Campbell has toured with Tops in Blue performing throughout the United States and around the world.

Additionally, a special panel of judges will be on hand to select the best of the best. The judges include two St. Louis radio personalities, "Smash" from FM 103.3, and "Cornbread" from FM 92.3.

The third member of the judges' panel, and special guest performer, is Stella Markou, director of vocal studies at the University of Missouri.

"AMC Icon supports the command's commitment to the Year of the Military Family and promises to be an outstanding program," said Parker.

# Honors and Awards



Capt. Antonia Greene, 72nd FA PAO

First Sgt. Bennett Jandreau, Capt. Edward Bombita, Brig. Gen. Donald Currier and Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Liles of the 49th Military Police Brigade, California National Guard, from left, affix the brigade's Yellow Banner to the lanyard to be hoisted above Infantry Park Sept. 22. The MP brigade deployed to Iraq to take up the leadership role in the police transition team mission.



Ryan Morton

## Years and years of service

Army Support Activity (ASA), Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JB MDL), Directorate of Logistics maintenance employees longevity awardees are John Anderson (35 years), George Turnbaugh (35 years), Raymond Webb (35 years), Angel Aponte (30 years), David Baker (30 years), Donald Conklin (30 years), Anthony Distefano (30 years), James Anderson (25 years), Joseph Avvento (25 years), Philip Loatman (25 years), Robert Takakjy (25 years), Arthur Vitale (25 years), Lamont Shipman (15 years), Peter Conboy (10 years), David Lawrence (5 years), and Carmen Santo (5 years). Also pictured with the red hat is Bob Cole, ASA, JBMDL director of logistics. Other DOL personnel receiving longevity awards were: (5 years) Lyle Fleming, Robert Jensen, Audrey McGraw, Lloyd Pearson, Camille Blackman, Arney Berthau, Lance Barret, Vivian McKenzie, and Krystyna Morris, (10 years) Vince Kraemer, Gerald Zerns, Mario Baraneky, Robert Bradley, Dennis Bush, and Jose Cuevas, (15 years) William Carruba, Curtis Harbin, Joseph Evans, and Harold Stillyes, (20 years) Stephen Pipes, Sean Griffin, Nettia Lawrence Harper, Craig Robinson, Howard Carter, Cynthia Martinez, Charlene Hayward, Cynthia Jones and Roxie Lee, (25 years) Mickey Myers, Glenn Chappell, Donald Wilson, Keith McKrae, Michael Hayward, Donna Cistaro, Patricia Wright Dill, Sheila Thompson-Douglas, Betty Johnson, and Collins Sherrod, (30 years) Robert Jones, John Roethlein, Faye Greene, Dave Gambacorta, Sharon Stamp, Clarence Williams, Thomas Ferguson, Rosemarie Bond, Karl Myers, James Doughty, and Patricia Lynch, (35 years) Dennis Adams and Dennis Halpin, (40 years) Calvin Garner and Victor Thugut, (45 years) Barbara Worthy, and (50 years) Vincent Vacarro and Johnnie Jackson.



Capt. Antonia Greene, 72nd FA PAO

Lt. Col. Marc Garcia, commander, 336th Military Police Battalion, left, joins Sgt. 1st Class Bryant Swink, Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment (HHD) first sergeant and 2nd Lt. Michael Taskov, commander, HHD 336 MP Bn., as they hang their unit's Yellow Banner in Infantry Park Sept. 22. The 336th HHD MPs are subordinate to the 49th MP Bde. heading to Iraq in support of ongoing contingency operations.



Sgt. Kenneth Bince, 49th MP Bde.

Capt. Olubunmi Adekunle, 847th Human Resource Company, and detachment sergeants Staff Sgt. Laroy Warren and Sgt. 1st. Class Stanley Barber, from left, attach their unit's Yellow Banner to the lanyard in Infantry Park Sept. 22 in honor of the unit's scheduled deployment in support of ongoing contingency operations.



photos by Lisa Evans

Capt. Kevin Harold and 1st Sgt. Jeff Shuster of the 585th Military Police Company from Nayrsville, Ohio, above left, receive their Yellow Banner Oct. 1 prior to leaving for duty in Iraq. First Sgt. John Nelson and 1st Lt. Shawn Parsh, 339th Military Police Company from Davenport, Iowa, above, accept their Yellow Banner and Welcome Home plaque Oct. 4 upon returning from 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 today. 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 p.m. 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 armbands 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.

### 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](http://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 and performed by local teens, will be performed at Timmermann Center today and Saturday 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 (703) 607-9817 or visit the Website, [www.myarmyonsource.com](http://www.myarmyonsource.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.

### Bingo at the American Legion Post

Bingo is held every Friday night at the American Legion Post 452, 2 Meadowbrook Lane, New Egypt. The hall and kitchen opens at 5 p.m. Bingo card selling starts at 6:30 p.m. and calling starts at 7:30 p.m. Bingo consists of regular games, early bird/late bird, 50/50, specials, jackpot and progressive.

## Leaders pledge to fight abuse

Steve Snyder  
Joint Base Public Affairs Staff

Joint Base Family Advocacy Outreach Manager Melody Giovanni said she was impressed with the proclamation issued by DoD and endorsed by Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst's top leaders at a symposium on domestic abuse held Oct. 6 at the McGuire Community Center.

Giovanni said the proposal represented a proactive commitment to give more than lip service to protecting military communities from a domestic ill that statistics indicate threatens to become widespread.

Domestic or spousal abuse is defined as when one person in an intimate relationship or marriage tries to unduly dominate and control the other person. Domestic abuse involving physical violence is called domestic violence.

Abuse, violent or not, can destroy marriages and harm families.

The proclamation listed positive actions for combating domestic abuse; among them are: recognizing the signs of domestic abuse, acknowledging that interpersonal violence is always wrong, referring victims to places where help is available, leading from the front, reaching out for help, reaching out to help,

taking advantage of many family services and programs currently being offered, reaching out to support victims, holding offenders accountable, and doing everything you can to create a climate of safety and respect.

"We see things we don't want to get involved in," Ms. Giovanni notes, but adds that there are no innocent bystanders. It's sort of like the old 1960s maxim which stated if you're not part of the solution you're part of the problem.

Visible injuries, isolation, quiet withdrawals, depression and substance abuse can all be warning signs that domestic violence is rearing its ugly head. Solutions involve talking, if possible, to the people involved or contacting the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Family Advocacy Program at the medical clinic on 3458 Neely Road or by phoning 754-9680.

Giovanni emphasizes that her office tries to prevent domestic abuse by offering many programs designed to help keep families happy and healthy before any trouble arises. Once a problem is identified, counseling and other services are tapped.

In any event, domestic abuse will not disappear on its own volition. That's why identified, seasoned professionals from Family Advocacy stand by, ready to face a problem that can wreck homes.



Steve Snyder

**FIGHTING FOR FAMILIES** – Joint Base Family Advocate Melody Giovanni checks out a DoD proclamation against domestic abuse that was signed by leaders at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and became the subject of a recent symposium at the McGuire Community Center.

## Family Readiness volunteers honored

Spec. Pablo Vizecaino  
444th MPAD

For Linda Pagan, spending a weekend outside a ShopRite collecting money to buy Valentine's Day cards for deployed Soldiers is just part of life as a Family Readiness Group volunteer.

Pagan was among 30 volunteers recognized at the Family Programs Awards luncheon Oct. 3 for exemplary service in support of the National Guard's 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team deployment.

Of those recognized, Pagan and Nancy Lacorte stood out.

Pagan and Lacorte each logged more than 600 volunteer hours. Both have sons who deployed to Iraq with the 50th IBCT.

Although both Pagan and Lacorte said supporting deployed Soldiers is the most important mission of the Family

Readiness Groups, they believe the organization is obligated to help people with no military or veteran connections understand there are still New Jersey National Guard troops being sent into harm's way.

Lacorte recalled a woman who watched the 50th Chemical Company homecoming in Somerset and then asked: "Is the war over?"

"People need to understand that we are still deploying Soldiers and still have families left at home," Lacorte said.

Although volunteering involves long hours and hard work – think five-hour visits to the post office to mail hundreds of holiday cards – there are some fringe benefits.

Pagan's efforts to get celebrities behind the support effort led to a recent special package from her favorite New York Giant: quarterback Eli Manning.

"He sent an autographed picture and everything," she said.



N.J. Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

**SERVING OTHERS** – At the Family Programs Awards luncheon held in Green Brook Oct. 3, volunteers Nancy Lacorte and Linda Pagan, from left, receive Presidential Service Awards for providing more than 600 hours volunteering to the Soldiers and families of the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. Both women had sons who deployed to Iraq with the 50th IBCT, which prompted them to volunteer.

## Commissary now on Twitter

Millie Slamin  
DeCA Public Affairs

The Defense Commissary Agency has great news for its commissary customers, employees and industry partners – it is now "tweeting" on Twitter and posting to Facebook about everything from money-saving events to eating healthier.

"I'm tremendously excited about getting the word out about our military's most valued nonpay benefit on Twitter and Facebook," said DeCA Director and CEO Philip E. Sakowitz Jr. "I enjoy using these mediums because, even with my busy schedule, there's always time to 'tweet' or post a short message."

The agency will use its Twitter page at [www.twitter.com/TheCommissary](http://www.twitter.com/TheCommissary) to talk with those who visit the site about the latest cost-saving programs, promotions and events at DeCA's more than

250 commissaries worldwide; share information unique to those stores; and discuss issues that affect customers and industry partners.

Its Facebook fan page at [www.facebook.com/pages/Defense-Commissary-Agency](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Defense-Commissary-Agency) will expand DeCA's online presence.

Postings to this page include the latest happenings at commissaries, information on special events and promotions as well as answers to frequently asked questions.

"This technology really expands our ability to reach out to everyone from authorized patrons and employees to stakeholders and industry partners," said Sakowitz.

"These are excellent mediums in which to reinforce the importance of the 30 percent and more savings our service members, retirees and their families enjoy when they shop the commissary," he continued.



Carlos Cintron

**MEETING THE PAST** – During a C-17 tour at JB MDL, A1C Jennifer Drane, 6th Airlift Squadron, listens to Robert H. Tank, 305th Bomb Group, as he recounts some of his experiences during World War II. Members of the 305th Bomb Group Memorial Association also attended a memorial service at the base chapel and a luncheon at the Community Center as part of their 2009 reunion activities.

## 'Can Do' members reunite at McGuire

History Report  
Gary Boyd  
305th AMW Historian

Sixty-six years after the famous "Black Thursday" mission in Schweinfurt, Germany, members of the famous 305th Bombardment Group (305th BG) reassembled in the local area for a reunion Oct. 7 to (Oct. 11.

Scores of European air war veterans from World War II made the pilgrimage to the local area to revisit their honorable past, rich heritage and rekindle friendships. The "Can Do" successor of the bomb group – the 305th Air Mobility Wing (305th AMW) – celebrated its 15th anniversary on McGuire this month as well.

The wing hosted their predecessors here Oct. 8. The day began with a memorial service in McGuire Chapel I, honoring "Can Do" warriors who passed away the previous year and making special note of today's deployed Airmen unable to attend the reunion. Next, 305th AMW Commander, Col. Scott F. Smith, hosted the 305th BG veterans for a luncheon in the McGuire Community Center where the veterans were joined by today's Airmen of all

ranks and ages. The guests were escorted on a visit to the flightline highlighted by a tour of today's Boeing aircraft. The flightline also provided a temporary respite to Kermit Weeks' B-17 Liberty Belle, which is named for an original 305th BG aircraft.

The 305th BG was initially organized and trained by the renowned Curtis E. LeMay. General LeMay was the first wartime commander of the 305th BG. He is famous for his efforts to reshape daylight strategic bombing in Europe and credited with turning around the strategic bombing offensive over Japan, while later forging the Air Force's peerless Strategic Air Command.

All present and former members of the 305th AMW and BG were invited to the reunion to share stories and honor the service and sacrifice of these World War II veterans through-

out. A culminating banquet, with guest speaker Brig. Gen. Frederick "Rick" Martin, former 305th AMW commander and current deputy director, Operations and Logistics, AFRCOM, took place Saturday.

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# Stalag 17 remains vivid for former POW

Dave Benjamin  
Tri-Town News

This is the first in a two-part story. Read next week's Post for the final installment.

Some people may remember the World War II story about Stalag 17 in which American prisoners of war were held captive in a German prison camp in Austria.

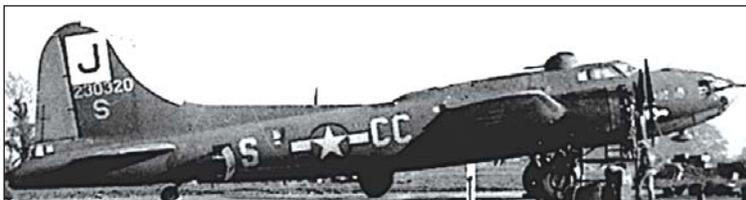
Armand C. Di Schiavi, 89, who spent time as a prisoner of war in the German-controlled POW camp Stalag 17 during World War II, shows the Purple Heart he received during his time in the military.

Due to the efforts of the Four Seasons Metedeconk Lakes History Club, that story has now been retold once more in a first-hand glimpse into the past by one of the surviving American POWs.

Di Schiavi, one of two remaining survivors of the 390th Bomb Group crew No. 24, who was imprisoned in Krens, Austria, 1944-45, recalled his experiences, first as a B-17 flight engineer who had his plane shot up by German ack-ack fire, losing first one and then a second engine in flight, being captured by German troops, and finally dealing with life in the infamous Stalag 17B.

"Don Bevan and Ed Trzcinski were the writers of 'Stalag 17' [a 1951 play and 1953 film about a German POW camp for captured American military personnel] and they were in the camp with me," said Di Schiavi. "After the war they wanted to get the story on Broadway as a play, but couldn't get a sponsor. Finally, Rosemary Clooney's husband, Jose Ferrer, backed them in 1951, and in 1953 Billy Wilder picked it up and made a movie of it. William Holden received an Oscar for his portrayal of Sergeant Sefton."

Di Schiavi shows the book he kept during World War II that tells the stories of the men who were prisoners with him at Stalag 17. But the actual experience



courtesy photo

**BOMBS AWAY** -- Armand C. Di Schiavi flew this B-17 Bomber, 230320S, during World War II prior to his becoming a prisoner of war in Krens, Austria.

and story of Stalag 17 now belongs to Di Schiavi, who kept a diary while he was a prisoner and has retold the story of his internment as a POW for more than 16 months in his own book, "The Eternal Soldier," published by Xlibris Corp.

"For many, many years my brain has been a repository of wartime memories, and now I have decided to share them all," said the author, flight engineer and POW. "I relived that hell all over again and have spent many sleepless nights doing so."

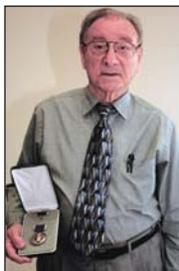
These memories were held deep inside for 65 years and fortunately, he said, he held on to his log book with all the events of his military career.

Di Schiavi, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., graduated from New Utrecht High School in 1938. He was drafted into the military in late 1942 and reported to Camp Upton in Yaphank, Long Island.

It only took a few days on cleanup patrol for Di Schiavi to volunteer for the Army Air Corps, where he was trained to be a flight engineer on a new B-17.

On Dec. 30, 1942, Di Schiavi boarded the new plane for his first mission deep into Germany.

"On a B-17 there were two flight engineers, one up front and the second flight engineer was one of the two waist gunners," he told the audience. "On this first mission, I was a waist gunner and when [German planes] came in for the attack, we knocked a few of them out of the sky."



Dave Benjamin

**HONORED** -- Former World War II prisoner of war Armand C. Di Schiavi holds the Purple Heart he received.

During a mission on Jan. 4, 1944, Di Schiavi's plane was hit by ground fire, then developed engine trouble and finally had to try to return to its base before reaching the target.

"We radioed ahead that we were going to ditch and tried to make it to Holland so patrol boats could pick us up," he said. "As we got close to the coast of Holland, two German fighter planes approached us."

The Americans bailed out of their plane. A young man found Di Schiavi, and he followed that individual until they met a second man, whom he then fol-

lowed to a house where he was about to be hidden from German soldiers.

But before long, a tap on the window proved to be two German soldiers who took him prisoner, and after several interrogations, he and 48 other prisoners, along with two guards with machine guns, were taken in cattle cars to Stalag 17B, about 37 miles from Wien (Vienna), Austria.

Through the slits in the train car walls, Di Schiavi saw only destruction, railroad yards flattened out, and every city he passed was beaten to a pulp.

After arriving at the train station, the prisoners were marched to the barracks at Stalag 17B.

Di Schiavi described the housing situation for the 4,000 prisoners at the camp. He noted that 172 prisoners were non-commissioned officers and said the officers were in a different camp.

"The houses held 240 people, but they put in 300," he told the audience. "They were really tight quarters."

Di Schiavi said that in the center of his building there was a small bathroom and a slop sink.

"At night you couldn't get out after 9 p.m. when the barracks were shut down tight from the outside," he said. "The main latrines were outside the barracks. Can you picture all those prisoners? They only had 30 to 40 men in [one barracks] in the movie."

Di Schiavi said the bunks

were made so that there were four prisoners on top, four in the center and four on the bottom. The mattresses were burlap stuffed with wood shavings.

"We were fortunate that we didn't have to use the very bottom, so we were able to use that for storage," he said. "Every bunk had a different number of prisoners."

The POWs were given tags by the Germans, and Di Schiavi's tag number was 105817.

Each night at 9 p.m. the lights went out and many of the men cried themselves to sleep.

The prisoners awoke at 6 a.m. for a head count, which lasted about an hour.

"After roll call, you had brown water for breakfast and nothing for lunch," said Di Schiavi. "At night there was some purple cabbage, jelly and hard bread that was like sawdust. When you are hungry, you eat anything."

He said his guard, Hans, was tall, blond and spoke English. Hans was a professor at Brooklyn College until he was instructed to return home to serve in the German military.

"He gave up everything and went back to Germany," Di Schiavi said. "Imagine being a professor. He [also] had an ice cream parlor, which his wife would run during the day and he would run it at night."

Very little mail was received during the prisoners' stay at Stalag 17B, only two letters were received. Five food packages

were supposed to have been delivered, but he only received one a week. The Germans censored everything, he said.

They told the prisoners that when the railroad cars came in, the civilians, who were starving, raided the railroad cars.

"I'm sure the [German] officers got their cut out of that," he said. "They ate well."

There were D bars (chocolate candy bars), C rations, liver patties and five packs of cigarettes. Di Schiavi said he did not smoke, so he sold his cigarettes.

"When we got a package, we flattened out the cardboard, stapled it to the walls and [someone who was an] artist would paint all the scenic designs for the play for that night, and that's when we first saw 'Stalag 17' in our camp," he said. "The two writers were in my camp. We saw it [first] in my camp."

Although getting information from the outside world was not easy, Stalag 17B had men who made crystal radio sets and so it was possible to get some news from the outside world.

Di Schiavi said the prisoners could trade silk stockings with the German guards in return for food.

"My wife used to send me all of her old stockings, even if they had runs in them, because the guards wanted them," he said. "For [the stockings] you could get whatever you wanted."

Getting information from the GIs was not easy for the Germans, but they tried.

"The Germans would get one of their own soldiers, teach them the English language real well and then dress them up as Americans," he said. "Then they put them in the barracks with us."

The prisoners never knew who the German spy was in their midst, the one who would bring back all the stories by speaking to different GIs and trying to get useful information.

"The Germans interrogated us and we didn't give them any information," Di Schiavi said.

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# 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 Street**  
 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

**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

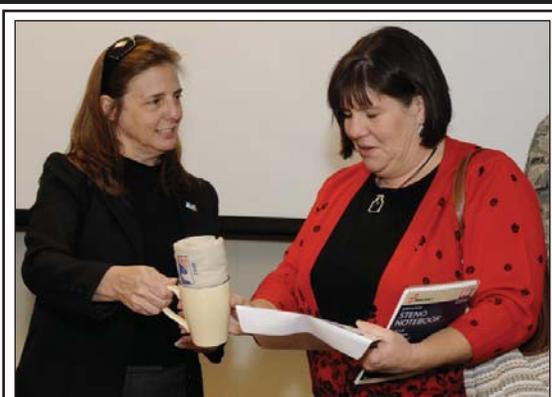
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**Hours of Operation**  
**Smokehouse**  
**Restaurant**  
 Lunch Served  
 Tuesday through Friday  
 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
 Closed Saturday to Monday  
**Java Café**  
 Monday through Friday  
 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
**Blue Room**  
 Wednesday  
 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.  
**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 pro-  
 gressive 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 Thurs-  
 day night at 7 p.m. in the Fireside  
 lounge; free for members.

## McGuire Thrift Shop

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, house-  
 wares, 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 Vehi-  
 cle Resale Lot).  
**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  
 never leaving McGuire. This pro-  
 gram is self paced and based on  
 the honor system while each day  
 will have an event that once per-



U.S. Air Force photo/Carlos Cintron

## CFC fundraiser underway

Maj. Karen Cosgrove, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) point of contact, and Valerie Scott, CFC representative from United Way, from left, hand out training materials to JB MDL campaign key workers. The goal of this year's CFC fundraiser is to raise more than a quarter of a million dollars across JB MDL.

formed 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.

## 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.  
 Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## McGuire Legal Office

The McGuire legal office has  
 new hours of service:  
 Monday from 1 to 4 p.m.  
 Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m.  
 Friday from 9 to 11 a.m.  
 Walk-in hours are now on  
 Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.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 on Sat-  
 urdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Spouse Program

Phoenix Spouse Program vol-  
 unteers are selected by squadron  
 leadership and are trained volun-  
 teers who promote individual,  
 family, and unit readiness; estab-  
 lish 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 leader-  
 ship's support team. For more  
 information about the Phoenix  
 Spouses and how to volunteer,  
 call the Warfighting and Family  
 Readiness Center at 754-3154.

## 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.

## The Attic

The Attic needs volunteers.  
 Call the Warfighting and Family  
 Readiness Center at 754-5748.

## Passport photos now available

The 87th Air Base Wing Visu-  
 al 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 partici-  
 pate in the inauguration of JB  
 MDL's Native American Heri-  
 tage Committee. All personnel  
 are welcome to join and partici-  
 pate, 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.

## Red Cross

The American Red Cross has  
 volunteer opportunities during  
 the week and on weekends help-  
 ing 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 infor-  
 mation 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 Com-  
 munications Squadron, at 754-  
 1651, or Senior Master Sgt. John  
 O'Donnell, 87th CS, at 754-  
 6726. Visit www.habitat.org.

## Upcoming Events

### Informed Decision Briefing

The next informed decision  
 briefing will be Oct. 20 from 8 to  
 11 a.m. in the auditorium, build-  
 ing 2610. The Informed Decision  
 Briefing is designed for first and  
 second termers who have  
 between 12-15 months before  
 their date of separation.  
 During the 3-hour briefing,  
 we will discuss the major factors  
 affecting retention, active duty  
 career opportunities and options  
 for reserve and guard duty.  
 Because of the many decisions  
 required to make a career  
 change, family members are wel-  
 come to attend.

If you are contemplating separa-  
 tion and are looking for  
 answers and alternatives please  
 attend the Informed Decision  
 Briefing. If you have questions  
 about the briefing, contact Senior  
 Master Sgt. Dwana Moore via e-  
 mail at: dwana.moore-02@  
 mcguire.af.mil or by telephone at  
 754-3949.

### American Legion meal

The American Legion Post  
 455 will prepare a made-to-order  
 breakfast of fried eggs, scram-  
 bled eggs, biscuits, french toast,  
 SOS, pancakes, omelets, coffee,  
 decaf coffee, tea and juice.

Step up to the special order  
 window and place your order and  
 the food will be delivered to your  
 table while you stroll the exten-  
 sive buffet line.  
 Price is \$6 for adults, \$3 for  
 children under age 12, and free  
 for kids under age 5. The Ameri-  
 can Legion Hall in New Egypt is  
 on Route 528 West, across from  
 Agway.

The breakfast is held every  
 first Sunday of the month from  
 7 to 11 a.m. at 2 Meadowbrook  
 Lane, New Egypt, 08533. Call  
 758-8131 for more information.

### Tuition Assistance Briefs

Mandatory Tuition Assistance  
 Briefings will be held for first-  
 time TA users every Monday, at  
 8:30 a.m. in Bldg. 3829, Room  
 206. Call the Education Center at  
 754-3019.

Visit  
[www.jointbasemdl.af.mil](http://www.jointbasemdl.af.mil)  
 for more information