

FALL / WINTER 2025

MILITARY

APPRECIATION MAGAZINE



**BASE MAPS
INSIDE**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICE & SERVICE TO OUR NATION

Proudly serving Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, active military families
and their members throughout New Jersey and surrounding areas



**WE ARE HONORED TO
SERVE OUR MEMBERS
IN EVERY STAGE
OF THEIR LIVES**



**READY TO SERVE. READY TO SOLVE.
READY FOR YOU SINCE 1948.**

andrewsfcu.org

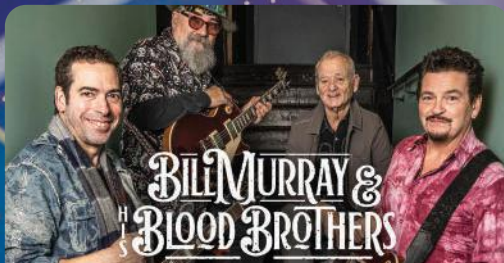
Xcite Center



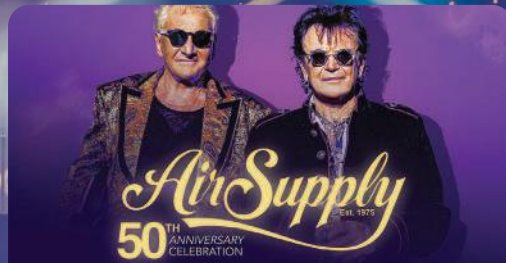
Everclear
Sparkle & Fade 30th Anniversary Tour
Friday, October 24



Almost Queen
A Tribute To QUEEN
Saturday, October 25



Bill Murray & His Blood Brothers
Saturday, November 15



Air Supply
50th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, November 21



ABBA Holly Jolly Christmas Show
Thursday, December 4



Straight No Chaser
Holiday Road Tour
Friday, December 5

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit parxcasino.com

parx
casino®

Xcite
center

MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE OR CANCEL PROMOTIONS AND EVENTS AT ANY TIME.
MUST BE 21. GAMBLING PROBLEM? CALL 1-800-GAMBLER

Military Appreciation Magazine
Fall/Winter 2025

McKinley Williams, Managing Editor
609.462.4132, mwilljr@aol.com

Rich Dmochowski, Project Manager, Sales
570.228.1672, rich.morganpsm@gmail.com

David Spector, Sales
609.330.1904, david@morganpsm.com

Dan Clark, Publisher, Sales
610.209.4650, dan@morganpsm.com

Mike Gonzales, Graphic Designer
551.655.2114, mike.morganpsm@gmail.com

Photos in this publication are provided by the Department of Defense, JBMDL Public Affairs unless otherwise noted. Cover: The world's largest aircraft carrier, USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) transits the Strait of Gibraltar, July 17, 2025. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jacob Mattingly)

MilitaryAppreciation Magazine, Morgan Publishing, LLC., the Department of Defense or any branch of the U.S. Military and the Civil Air Patrol does not endorse or accept liability for the products, services or content of the advertisements herein. The editorial content in this publication is not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, any military branch of the U.S. Government. Everything advertised shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation, or any other non-merit factor on the purchaser, user or patron. This is a community publication, and we reserve the right to reject any ad copy that we deem slanderous, unethical, immoral or hurtful in any way.

© 2025 Morgan Publishing, LLC
No Federal Endorsement Intended

Table of Contents

78th Training Division Designs Unique CSM Coin	6
ASA Fort Dix MOBEX Level II Exercise	8
AMC Reactivates 21st AF	10
Tomorrow's Innovators "Leading Edge" Course	15
621st CRW Mobility Expertise During DLE	20
177th Fighter Wing Strengthens Pacific Readiness Through Historic Exercise	23
Coast Guard's 2025 Hurricane Season Focus on Preparedness	30
From Nuclear Power to Empowering People: Meet MMN1 Valdez	32
Historic Princeton Battlefield	38
The American Red Cross	40
Army Reserve's Double Eagle Team Soars	42
USAFEC Command Team Visits 521 AMOW units in Germany	46
JB MDL's Ties to the First U.S. Army chaplain	48
Base Maps	50-51
Phone Numbers	51-53
Business Cards	27, 34, 54

Publisher's Note - Welcome to the third edition of Military Appreciation Magazine (M.A.M.), the only printed magazine serving Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JB MDL) and surrounding New Jersey communities. Military Appreciation Magazine combines the essential elements of two previously published JB MDL publications: the Military Appreciation Resource Magazine and GoMDL Magazine. These magazines have been the key printed publications focusing on JB MDL and its local community. Our experienced, newly formed team is dedicated to the vision of M.A.M. being the premier publication of high-quality military-oriented information to inspire, inform, and engage our readers. Our mission is to provide compelling stories, information, and resources that enrich the lives of the military, their families, our readers, and our sponsors.

God Bless Our Military and All Who Support It!

Dan Clark McKinley Williams Rich Dmochowski
David Spector Mike Gonzales

Advertiser Index

3 Brothers Pizza	Pg 44	Johnsons Corner Farm Market	Pg 54
3D Physical Therapy	Pg 18	K&B Bagel	Pg 8
ABC	Pg 55 Inside Back Cover	Laurita Winery	Pg 46
Access Self Storage	Pg 12	Lester Glenn Auto Group	Back Cover
AdvoCare	Pg 16	Lucas	Pg 22
All In One Golf Academy	Pg 27	Maranatha Stairs & Rails	Pg 32
Andrews Federal Credit Union	Pg 2 Inside Front Cover	NJ Camera One Hour Photo	Pg 18
Appliance Express	Pg 39	NJMEP	Pg 31
Atomic Tire	Pg 45	Ocean Casino	Pg 11
AUSA	Pg 17	Parx	Pg 3, 6, 7
Auto Hub Express	Pg 16	Patriot Roofing	Pg 27
B&B Auto Sales & Towing	Pg 46	Pic-A-Lilli Inn	Pg 9
B&K Hydraulics	Pg 36	Power Half Wrestling	Pg 54
Birds Towing & Auto Repair	Pg 54	Pride Industries	Pg 48
Booster Beer Brewing	Pg 34	Princeton Battlefield	Pg 34
Bowman & Company	Pg 6	PY Kitchen	Pg 10
Braven Health	Pg 37	Reliable Auto	Pg 15
Bross & Frankel, P.A.	Pg 27	Sacred Heart School	Pg 13
Browns Mills Baptist	Pg 38	Saint John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church	Pg 49
Cape May Tourism	Pg 23	SB Barber Shop	Pg 27
Cardinale Entertainment	Pg 34	Schneider Real Estate	Pg 54
Cat's Mobile Massage	Pg 44	St. Dominic's Church	Pg 8
Champion Disposal Services	Pg 54	Standard Hair Cuts	Pg 34
CME Associates	Pg 30	Sure Stay	Pg 43
Dream Drive Auto	Pg 54	TD Bank	Pg 20
EAS Carpenters Union	Pg 25	Texas Roadhouse	Pg 35
Eastern Auto Exchange	Pg 34	The Cigar Hub	Pg 40
Economy Motors	Pg 27	Top Nails	Pg 34
Evergreen Dairy Bar	Pg 27	United Communities	Pg 28-29
Gervasio's Italian Rest.	Pg 54	USA Towing	Pg 27
Happy Tap Spirits	Pg 41	Valley Forge Tourism	Pg 21
Heritage Cigar	Pg 20	Vincetown Diner	Pg 16
Hill Top Mobile Village	Pg 34	Vincetown United Methodist	Pg 54
Inspira	Pg 26	Visit Delco	Pg 14
J&C Camper	Pg 26	Wheelies	Pg 27
John B Collectibles	Pg 34	WSFS	Pg 32
Johnson Ford	Pg 19		



Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst

The 42,000-contiguous acres of JB MDL are home to more than 80 mission partners and 40 mission commanders providing a wide range of combat capability. The base spans more than 20 miles, from east to west. It is situated in the two largest counties in New Jersey—Burlington and Ocean—and includes portions of eight municipalities: the borough of Wrightstown and the townships of New Hanover, North Hanover, Pemberton, and Springfield, in Burlington County, and the townships of Jackson, Manchester, and Plumsted in Ocean County. The 87th Air Base Wing provides installation management support for 3,933 facilities. More than 44,000 airmen, soldiers, sailors, marines, coast guardsmen, civilians, and their family members live and work on and around JB MDL.

The United States Air Force's McGuire Air Force Base, the United States Army's Fort Dix and the United States Navy's Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst were merged on 1 October 2009. JB MDL is the Department of Defense's only tri-service joint base.

As America's premier joint warfighting base, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst is uniquely capable of projecting air, land, and sea power in support of our nation's defense.

Though consolidated into a single joint base, the three facilities which were adjoining, but separate military installations remain commonly known by their pre-merger names. Although the installation management functions have been consolidated, the missions of each of the three installations will continue.

The Air Force provides global mobility and expeditionary combat support, the Army mobilizes and train soldiers, and the Navy continues to assure fixed and vertical wing aircraft operate safely and effectively worldwide.



**Colonel
Michael D.
Stefanovic**
Commander



**Colonel
Bryan
Dunker**
Deputy Commander



**Captain
James B.
Howell**
Deputy Commander

87TH Air Base Wing

**Colonel
Michael D. Stefanovic**
Commander
Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst
and 87th Air Base Wing



Col. Michael D. Stefanovic is the Commander, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JB MDL) and 87th Air Base Wing, JB MDL, New Jersey. He is responsible for providing mission-ready expeditionary Airmen, Guardians and Sailors to combatant commanders in support of joint and coalition operations.

Colonel Stefanovic entered the Air Force in 2001 after obtaining his commission through the ROTC program at the Georgia Institute of Technology, earning a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering. He has served in various base level and headquarters assignments, including an international assignment as a counter-IED and explosive subject matter expert to the United Nations in New York. He has deployed to multiple locations in support of overseas contingency operations.

**Chief Master Sergeant
Nicholas "Nic" Conner**
Command Chief
87th Air Base Wing



Chief Master Sergeant Nicholas Conner serves as the 87th Air Base Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. As senior enlisted leader of the Department of Defense's only tri-service joint base, he is the principal advisor to the installation commander. The wing provides mission support, civil engineering, and medical services to more than 88 mission partners and 52,000 active duty, reserve, guard, civilian, retiree and family members residing on the joint base with an infrastructure valued at \$9 billion. He is entrusted with the combat readiness, organization, training, professional development and effective utilization of more than 1,200 Airmen and Sailors. Additionally, he is the functional manager of 21 First Sergeants who maintain a mission-ready force and support the military community's quality-of-life.

78TH TRAINING DIVISION DESIGNS A UNIQUE CSM COIN

Published January 1, 2025
By Sgt. Salvatore Ottaviano
78th Training Division

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, N.J. – When Master Sgt. Carlos Meza, an automated logistical specialist at the 78th Training Division listened to the voices on a conference call, his thoughts suddenly turned to an entirely different skills set.

“Hey CSM, I do graphic design if you want to work with me on creating a coin,” he remembers telling his command sergeant major. Units don’t produce coins very often, but then CSMs don’t always launch a brand new one.

Under the direction of Command Sgt. Maj. Jodi R. Renner, a new, one-of-a-kind CSM coin has been produced by the 78th headquarters here on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

Army coins, sometimes called challenge coins are a tradition in the Army as well as the Army Reserve. They’re used to recognize Soldier’s achievements, build camaraderie, and helps boost unit morale. Anyone serving in the military can tell you, one of the most important keys to a unit’s success and readiness is morale.

continued on page 12



Parx Casino® Salutes Our Military

Thank You for Your Service!



Street Road Exit off I-95 or PA Turnpike • parxcasino.com

GAMBLING PROBLEM? CALL 1-800-GAMBLER

Fall Into Fun at the #1 Casino

**3,000 Hot Slots • 140 Live Tables • Dining
Nightlife • Live Entertainment • Sportsbook
100% Smoke Free**

parx
casino®

This is how you win.

MUST BE 21. GAMBLING PROBLEM? CALL 1-800-GAMBLER

ASA FORT DIX CONCLUDES MOBEX LEVEL II EXERCISE, VALIDATES MOBILIZATION READINESS

Published June 9, 2025
Story by Rochelle Naus
USASA, Fort Dix



Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. — Army Support Activity, Fort Dix concluded its Mobilization Exercise (MOBEX) Level II on May 3, 2025, following more than five weeks of continuous operations designed to evaluate the installation's capability to mobilize, deploy and sustain combat-ready forces in support of Army requirements.

The exercise, which began March 27, was a large-scale mobilization validation event that tested every phase of the mobilization process, from initial in-processing through Soldier readiness, equipment staging and convoy movement. More than 1,200 service members participated in the training, representing units from the Army Reserve, National Guard and active-duty components. ASA, Fort Dix coordinated closely with mission partners across Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst to ensure comprehensive support throughout the duration of the exercise.

"This exercise was about validating our ability to support a rapid and scalable mobilization effort," said Bob Hood, lead MOBEX planner for ASA, Fort Dix. "From reception and in-processing to movement and final departure, every element of our team was tested, and they performed exceptionally well."

The MOBEX Level II scenario simulated a time-sensitive deployment requirement for overseas contingency operations. Units arriving at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-



Fresh Baked Bagels & Full Service Ice Cream Bar
Breakfast Sandwiches • Egg Platters • Subs
Burgers & Hot Dogs • Cheesesteaks • Wings • Salads
and much more!

Breakfast & Lunch
Ice Cream Cakes, Handspun Milkshakes, Cyclones,
Cold Brew, Iced Lattes, & Bubble Teas

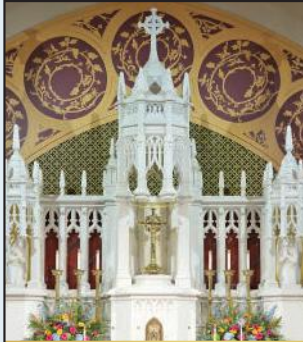
Monday - Friday: Opens 6 am
Saturday - Sunday: Opens 7 am

Minutes from Browns Mills Gate
396 Lakehurst Rd, Browns Mills, NJ
(609) 893-2400


Scan QR Code to order

Order Ahead Online
KandBbagels.com






CHURCH OF ST. DOMINIC
Diocesan Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis
250 Old Squan Road
Brick, NJ 08724
(732) 840 - 1410
www.stdominicsparish.com
REV. BRIAN PATRICK WOODROW, PASTOR



ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL
*Academically excellent catholic education
in a 21st century learning environment*
250 Old Squan Road
Brick, NJ 08724
Tel: 732.840.1412
www.stdomschool.org
MRS. MARA TIERNAN, PRINCIPAL



*Our Parish & School
Family supports our
Military with gratitude
and prayer.
May God bless, guide,
and protect all who serve.*

Soldiers are shown here conducting dry runs for CREW GUNNERY TABLES at range 65. The 1st Army MAR – 3 MAY 2025. The MOBEX is designed to validate the ASA Fort Dix Mobilization Force Generation





Lakehurst were rapidly processed through Soldier Readiness Processing, medical and dental evaluations, and finance and legal stations. Commanders were evaluated on their ability to complete deployment checklists, account for personnel and equipment, and execute movement timelines in accordance with Army regulations.

Mobilized forces also conducted training on tactical movement procedures, convoy operations, Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and nuclear readiness, and communications planning. The Mobilization Support Force activated its full operations center and executed real-time support to all participating units. The exercise also introduced updates to digital tracking systems, allowing for improved accountability and situational awareness throughout the mobilization cycle.

"Our mission is to support the Army's ability to project power whenever and wherever it's needed," said COL Dunker. "Exercises like this ensure that we remain a ready and reliable

mobilization platform, capable of supporting large-scale deployments at a moment's notice."

ASA, Fort Dix is one of the Army's designated Mobilization Force Generation Installations and plays a vital role in the nation's ability to respond to global contingencies. A key partner at the tri-service led joint base, the Army supports Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst as a critical power projection platform for the total force. ★



174th IN BDE, and ASA Fort Dix are conducting a Level II Mobilization Exercise (MOBEX) from 27 on Installation (MFGI) mission. (Photos provided by the (TSC) Training Support Center / Daniel Amburg)





"TAKE A TRIP TO THE PIC"

IF YOU CAN'T STOP IN, STOP BACK!

MONDAY - TRIVIA @7P

WEDNESDAY - ALL YOU CAN EAT WINGS 5 TO 9PM

THURSDAY - MUSIC BINGO @7PM

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY - LIVE MUSIC

@PICALLI206

WWW.PICALLI.COM

866 RT 206

SHAMONG, NJ

609.268.2066

AMC REACTIVATES 21ST AF REALIGNS NUMBERED AIR FORCE STRUCTURE

Published Sept. 8, 2025
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. -- Twenty-First Air Force reactivated Sept. 5, realigning units from the Eighteenth Air Force and U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center under the new Numbered Air Force structure responsible for Air Mobility Command's forces.

The NAF activation and command structure realignment allows AMC and subordinate units to achieve a more effective posture, diversify mission sets and better equip Airmen to project and sustain power at relevant speed, scale, and distance in support of national strategic objectives.

"Today, the USAF Expeditionary Center and the USAF Expeditionary Operations School are going to continue to thrive. Right next to it, we are going to stand up the 21st Air Force," said Gen. John Lamontagne, AMC commander. "The vision was to take the 18th Air Force, at 30,000 strong, and the USAF Expeditionary Center, at 11,000 strong, and bring those to about even. We are going to put flying operations at both Numbered Air Forces, put the global air mobility support system in both Numbered Air Forces, and bring unity of command, at the NAF level for the installations, to have a clear prioritization of what needs to be done."

Lamontagne presided over the 21st AF activation ceremony, where Maj. Gen. Darren Cole assumed responsibility for leading the Air Force's newest numbered air force. Cole is now responsible for nine Wings, one group, the Expeditionary Operations School and associated subordinate units that



Gen. Johnny Lamontagne, Air Mobility Command commander, passes a guidon to Maj. Gen. Darren Cole during the 21st Air Force assumption of command ceremony at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, Sept. 5, 2025. The 21st Air Force reactivated Sept. 5, realigning units from the Eighteenth Air Force and U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center under the new Numbered Air Force structure responsible for Air Mobility Command's forces. (Courtesy photo)

enable contingency response efforts, humanitarian aid, and global-reach operations in support of national objectives.

"For the last 13 years, the Expeditionary Center has a proud history of organizing, training, and equipping the global air mobility support system, sustaining critical power-projection bases, and training Airmen for expeditionary missions," said Cole, Twenty-First Air Force commander. "As we consider the future, we have to change. With the activation of the 21st AF, our mission is to deliver rapid global mobility excellence. It is in our DNA, it is who we are as mobility Airmen, and it is the standard. It is time to deliver."

Cole will also lead the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center as a dual-hatted commander. No units will be physically moving and the Center's mission will continue alongside the Twenty-First Air Force. 🌐

GRAND OPENING

PY KITCHEN
CHINESE & HIBACHI RESTAURANT

HIBACHI • SASHIMI • SUSHI • DINNER BOXES & MORE



SCAN TO ORDER

MON-THUR: 11AM-9PM
FRI & SAT: 11AM-9:30PM
SUN: CLOSED

WE DELIVER • BYOB

609-621-3017

18 BROADWAY ST. SUITE J
BROWNS MILLS, NJ 08015



MILITARY
DISCOUNT



SENIOR
DISCOUNT



ORDERS
OVER \$80



ORDERS
OVER \$40



OCEAN CASINO RESORT IN ATLANTIC CITY SALUTES OUR U.S. VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS

**CELEBRATE VETERANS DAY AT
OCEAN ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
WITH THESE EXCLUSIVE OFFERS:**

- ★ **FOOD AND DRINK SPECIALS**
- ★ **DISCOUNTED ROOM RATE STARTING
AT \$79 ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10
OR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**
- ★ **EXCLUSIVE GIFTS AND MORE!**

**PLUS, SIGN UP FOR OUR VETERANS OCEAN REWARDS CARD
AND RECEIVE EXCLUSIVE PERKS YEAR-ROUND!**

LEARN MORE AT [THEOCEANAC.COM](https://theoceanac.com)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

Visit the Ocean Rewards desk for complete details. Select dates apply. Veterans Day promotions are open only to Veterans Cardholders, Veterans, Active Duty Members, and military spouses with valid military ID. \$79 room rate valid on 11/09/23 only. Based on availability. Must be 21 or older to wager or consume alcohol. Must not be a part of any exclusionary lists. Gambling Problem? Call 1-800-GAMBLER.

Ocean
CASINO • RESORT
ATLANTIC CITY



access
SELF STORAGE

of Cookstown

Show this coupon for

15% OFF
YOUR MONTHLY RENT RATE

Proof of military status required.

If you are being deployed, get

25% OFF
YOUR MONTHLY RENT RATE

Proof of deployment required.

PCS/DEPLOYMENT SPECIALS

 **FREE Truck Use**
with Rental



 **FREE 24-Hour**
Access Available

609.293.4864
AccessSelfStorage.com
66 Wrightstown-Cookstown Rd.
Cookstown, NJ 08511

Unique CSM Coin continued from page 6

Meza explained his approach. "It was mentioned she (CSM) wanted to create a new coin. 'I said you know, 'I've done several coins, I can give you samples of them' and she's like sure, no problem and so that's how we got the whole thing started."

He and Renner sat down together for about ten minutes and jotted down some of the elements Renner needed on the coin. "Once we got talking, the coin was basically done in my head," explained Meza, "it was just a matter of getting it done, presenting it and just tweaking it. I think we only did one or two versions of it before it was complete.

The 78th motto "Audaciter" which means boldly, is placed around the top of the coin. "A lot of coins have slogans or mottos, but it's just on the very top and kind of small. I figure I want to bring that out you know, so you can see it from anywhere," said Meza.

The coin's imagery includes the 78th lightning patch on the front as well. "I said 'let's add things on the inside of the patch itself like 'lightning strikes'" Meza explains, "CSM said let's try to wrap a flag around the patch, you know because we all fall on the United States flag."

"There's a large 78th TD on it. You can see the numbers and you can see what units it is," said Meza also citing the words "Presented for Excellence" appearing on the bottom side of the coin. "It stands out a lot so you can see it better, it's different from other coins."

Renner asked to incorporate the history of the 78th by including some numbers on the coin which carry special meaning to the unit. When it comes to the 78th Training Division, there's a rich history over the years going back as far as World War One.



Appearing on the back of the coin is "1917" the year the division was constituted, as well as "125" representing the 125 days 78th served in combat.

The number "3" is on the back of the coin, representing the three Medal of Honor winners while the unit was the 78th Infantry

“Anyone serving in the military can tell you, one of the most important keys to a unit’s success and readiness is morale”

Division. Prominently represented on the back are the rank symbols of Command Sgt. Maj Renner and Brig. Gen. Scarcella.

“The numbers and words on it are just for somebody to start a conversation about the coin with more of a history of the 78th. That’s what she (CSM Renner) was targeting basically,” Meza said.

The image of “Sparky” the 78th’s mascot was re-created and placed on the back of the coin. Sparky was originally created during World War II by created by Warner Brothers’ director of Looney Tunes and Merry Melodies, Robert McKimson.

“I like the image, I like the cartoon part of it, so, I said ‘well, let me try to recreate it,’ to basically retrace it in Adobe Illustrator, give it color and bring it to life,” Meza explains, “it was one of the things I suggested, that maybe we could put Sparky in because there’s really not Sparky in the (78th) coins I’ve seen, so she’s like ‘yeah, let’s go with it.’”

He cited CSM Renner’s enthusiasm for designing of the new coin. “Oh, she’s like ‘I love this’ and she was coming up with good ideas, ‘OK, let’s tweak this and that,’” said Meza.

Meza has deployed twice and works as a civilian as well as a Soldier for the 78th. While normally working in Exercise Support Opps for the 78th, he’s completed multiple graphic art projects throughout his Army career including coins, posters and printed displays as well as some animated presentations for Guardian Response training.

Renner appreciated the new coin so much that she selected Meza himself as the first to be awarded the new coin. Meza describes how he received the coin. “I think I was in Wisconsin and went to go pick CSM up at one of the air bases she was flying into. She’s like ‘Oh, I have something for you!’ and presented it to me,” Meza said proudly, “I got the first the first coin.”

“When you tie everything together and you love doing it and it’s like your passion, it’s like

there’s no work involved. So, when we talk about something like this to do, it’s already done in my head you know I mean? It’s just a matter of now using my tools,” said Meza.

Receiving a coin from leadership is considered a significant honor and can represent acknowledgment of exceptional service, going above and beyond in duty, or exemplifying the core values of the Army, such as Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage.

“Our job as the 78th Training Division is to basically plan and implement exercises to train other units, so when there’s Soldiers that stand out and stuff like that, when they get these things, of course it’s a morale booster,” said Meza. “It shows the leadership is actually looking at you or seeing what you’re doing or watching how other soldiers react to you or how you lead.” ★



The 78th Training Division has unveiled a new command sergeant major coin, designed by Master Sgt. Carlos Meza under the direction of Command Sgt. Maj. Jodi R. Renner. The coin, a unique creation for the unit, incorporates several elements significant to the 78th's history and identity. (Photo by Sgt. Salvatore Ottaviano)



SACRED HEART SCHOOL

SCHEDULE A TOUR TODAY

Preschool Age 3 - Grade 8

ASK ABOUT OUR MILITARY FAMILY DISCOUNTS





REGISTER NOW

WWW.SACRED-HEART-SCHOOL.ORG

250 High Street, Mount Holly, NJ 08060 | 609.267.1728

Limited Seating
Still Available
2025-2026
SCHOOL YEAR

**They Say
We're A Lot**

AND
THEY'RE
RIGHT



Wineries & Breweries



Main Streets



History



Arts



Local Flavors



Gardens



Family Fun



VisitDelco.com





U.S. Army Col. Bryan Dunker (center), Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Deputy commander and U.S. Army Support Activity Fort Dix commander, poses with service members of the Leading Edge course at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., June 26, 2025. (U.S. Air Force photo by Susan Moriarty)

JB MDL FORGES TOMORROW'S INNOVATORS AT 'LEADING EDGE' COURSE

Published July 7, 2025
By 2nd Lt. Gabriel Davenport

U.S. service members gathered June 23-27, 2025 at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey to participate in one of the Department of Defense's premiere joint military training courses.

Leading Edge is a joint operations-focused course offered twice a year that provides service members between the ranks of E-4 to E-6 the opportunity to demonstrate their capabilities and gain insight into how their peers from different branches contribute to a unified, joint mission.

During this intensive 40-hour course, students learn through a combination of classroom instruction by senior leaders and hands-on group training scenarios that simulate

real-world challenges. The program culminates with capstone presentations, where students address national security issues and brief their solutions to instructors and classmates.

This summer's cohort included 19 active duty and reserve students from all service branches, providing a valuable opportunity to practice joint operations together.

"It was cool to see and understand what each branch really does and the other jobs and skillsets I had in the room with me," said U.S. Army Sgt. Alithia Hollenkamp, 87th Medical Group Veterinary Services food inspection noncommissioned officer. "Really understanding each

continued on page 15

GSA Approved



Reliable

AUTO REPAIR

Open:
Mon - Fri 9 to 5
Sat & Sun.... Appointments Only
GSA Authorized Repair Facility
Call For Appointments &
Drop Offs 24/7
609-248-5189




We Repair All Makes & Models

Autos & Light Trucks • Lawn Equipment • Tractors

Chainsaws • Snow Plows • Blowers • Trimmers • Edgers • Welding • Fabrication

Over 75 years combined ASE experience

**All Debit & Credit
Cards Accepted**



222 Trenton Rd., Browns Mills, NJ 08015
ReliableAutoRepairNJ.com


branch's role and how we all have different missions but also work cohesively together to be successful was extremely eye-opening."

The course included a range of training activities such as using a damage control trainer to simulate responding to hull damage, firing various weapon systems in electronic simulators, and touring each branch's facilities to learn about their operations and equipment.

This year's courses were planned and led by the JBMDL's Leading Edge Top III Professional Development Committee, including U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. David Liu, superintendent of Group Tactics, 305th Maintenance Group, and Master Sgt. Dane Kelly, director of operations for the 818th Mission Support Advisory Squadron, Air Mobility Command. They helped revive this professional development program, which dates back to 2013, with a renewed emphasis on joint leadership development.

Liu emphasized that the benefits of the course extend far beyond the classroom, fostering a strong network of joint-service professionals committed to supporting one another.

continued on page 18



AUTOHUB EXPRESS

Auto Parts, Recycling & More

**WE/U PULL JUNK YARD
WEIGH STATION FOR MILITARY
WE BUY ALL JUNK CARS**

CONTACT DETAILS

☎ 609-758-1919

🌐 www.autohub.express

📍 242 Monmouth Rd
Wrightstown, NJ 08562

Your Health. Our Purpose.



Medford & Mansfield Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine

520 Stokes Road	3242 Rt. 206
Ironstone Building B10	Bldg. A, Ste. 1
Medford, NJ 08055	Bordentown, NJ 08505
T 609.654.9112	T 609.920.5116
F 609.654.7404	F 609.291.0061

advocaremedfordandmansfieldpeds.com











ROUTES 206 & 38 - VINCENTOWN, NJ - 609-267-3033 - 10% MILITARY DISCOUNT

FULL BAR - SEASONAL MENUS - LOCAL PRODUCE - HOMEMADE DESSERTS



BECOME A PREMIUM MEMBER TODAY

**SPECIAL
OFFER**

EXP. 12/31/25

The appearance of U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) visual information does not imply or constitute DoD endorsement.

250TH ARMY BIRTHDAY PRICING

LIFE
\$250
~~\$400~~

5-YEAR
\$50
~~\$75~~

2-YEAR
\$30
~~\$40~~



JOIN TODAY

www.ausa.org/premium





U.S. Army Col. Bryan Dunker, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Deputy commander and U.S. Army Support Activity Fort Dix commander, addresses students during the Leading Edge course. (U.S. Air Force photo by Susan Moriarty)

Leading Edge continued from page 16

"Some Leading Edge alums reached out to us to help when they found out we were soliciting their branch for support," said Liu. "This proves that the Leading Edge course has had a significant impact on the participants who have attended this course."

The next Leading Edge course is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 13-17, 2025, continuing JBMDL's commitment to building stronger, smarter, and more connected enlisted leaders across the joint force. For those interested in participating, contact Kelly at Dane.Kelly.1@us.af.mil. 🌟



Service members participate in M4 carbine qualification during electronic simulation training hosted by U.S. Army Support Activity Fort Dix as part of the Leading Edge course at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., June 26, 2025. (U.S. Air Force photo by Susan Moriarty)

NEW JERSEY
ONE HOUR

CAMERA & PHOTO

2495 Route 1 South, Lawrenceville, NJ

[@njccamera1hourphoto.com](https://www.instagram.com/njccamera1hourphoto.com)
[njccamera1hourphoto.com](https://www.facebook.com/njccamera1hourphoto.com)

Email Digital Images to
Doug at:
Primephoto@yahoo.com

Phone: 609-799-0081

www.njcamera1hourphoto.com

A preferred Physical
Therapy provider for
TRICARE and the
Veteran's Affairs
Community Care Network

3 DIMENSIONAL
PHYSICAL THERAPY

TACTICAL
ATHLETE

REHABILITATION
PROGRAM

A specialized Military Physical Rehabilitation Program to support members of
the military seeking to regain strength and resilience

- ✓ **Tailored Rehabilitation Plans**
- ✓ **Experienced Military-Focused Therapists**

- ✓ **Functional Training and Conditioning**
- ✓ **Injury Recovery and Prevention Strategies**

Visit our website for more information and to schedule a consultation

www.3DPT.com

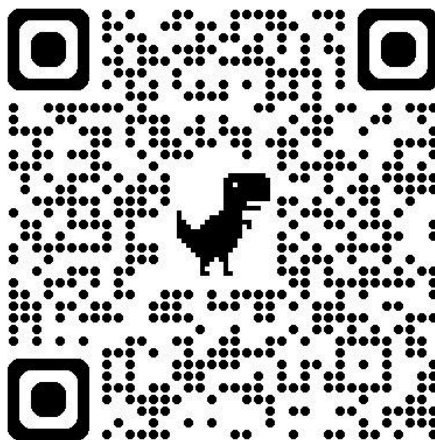


900 E Route 130 Burlington NJ 08016

609-386-3100

www.johnsonfordburlington.com

Turn Your Car Into Instant Cash Sell Us Your Vehicle Today!



Scan this QR code to go directly to our vehicle value estimator

Introducing our tailored service for military personnel and their families: a seamless, stress-free way to sell your car before deployment or a big move. We understand the unique challenges that come with military life, and our team is here to make your transition smoother.

Our process is straightforward and respectful of your time, offering competitive prices and quick transactions. Whether you're gearing up for a deployment, just looking to get out of your current vehicle or relocating across the country, let us take the hassle out of selling your vehicle.

Trust us to handle your car sale with the care and efficiency you deserve, so you can focus on what truly matters. Contact us today and experience the ease of selling to those who truly understand.





621ST CRW SHOWS OFF MOBILITY EXPERTISE DURING DLE

A C-5M Super Galaxy aircraft stationed out of Dover Air Force Base awaits deploying during Air Force's 2025 Department-Level Exercise series at Port of Moses Lake, Washington, July 4, 2025. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Warner)

**Unexpectedly
Loyal. Friendly.
Flexible.
Passionate.
Human.**

Bank how you want to—online, in the TD Bank app or in person.

Connect your way today. Visit tdbank.com



America's Most Convenient Bank®

Connect to TD:

[f](#) @TDBank [t](#) @TDBank_US [i](#) TDBank_US [v](#) @TDBankUS

Member FDIC, TD Bank, N.A.

*Published July 15, 2025
By Staff Sgt. Scott Warner
621st Contingency Response Wing*

Beginning July 4, more than 185 members with the 621st Contingency Response Wing deployed across the United States and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command's area of responsibility to generate support for the 2025 Department of the Air Force's "first-in-a-generation" Department-Level Exercise (DLE) series.

During this large-scale exercise that included joint and multinational partners, more than 12,000 USAF and U.S. Space Force personnel and more than 350 aircraft participated with a focus on enhancing rapid global mobility capabilities.

"This series isn't just about exercising our capability to open airbases to move cargo or refuel jets," Col. John Foy, 621st Contingency Response Group commander said. "It's about showcasing our unique ability to generate air power across the globe regardless of time, space or distance."

From July 4-15, at Grant County International Airport in Moses Lake, Washington, more than 100 Airmen with the 521st and 321st Contingency

continued on page 26



HERITAGE PREMIUM CIGAR SHOP

VETERAN OWNED AND OPERATED

At **Heritage Premium Cigar Shop**, we believe in preserving the rich tradition and craftsmanship of premium cigars. Step into South Jersey largest walk-in humidor with a curated selection of the finest cigars from around the world. We offer a unique experience for both seasoned aficionados and beginners alike. Indulge in the timeless pleasure of a well-crafted cigar while enjoying our comfortable lounge area.

Discover the art of cigar smoking at Heritage Premium Cigar Shop.

107 Merchants Way, Marlton NJ 08053

Phone (856) 988-7665

[WWW.HERITAGEPREMIUMCIGARS.COM](https://www.heritagepremiumcigars.com)



RETREAT TO VALLEY FORGE



Book Now

BOOK YOUR STAY IN MONTCO, PA FOR THE PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Play your way across 50+ GOLF COURSES, just minutes from Aronimink. With 80+ HOTELS and 2000+ RESTAURANTS, Montco is the perfect place to stay, dine, and unwind after your round.

U.S. Air Force Tech Sgt. Matthew Baruffi, aircrew egress systems specialist assigned to the 177th Fighter Wing of the New Jersey Air National Guard, carries a ladder from one F-16C Fighting Falcon to another during exercise Resolute Force Pacific at Komatsu Air Base, Japan, July 24, 2025. REFORPAC is part of the first-in-a-generation Department-Level Exercise series, employing more than 400 Joint and coalition aircraft and more than 12,000 members at more than 50 locations across 3,000 miles. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Darion Boyd)



YOU'LL **LOVE IT** AT LUCAS



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!
VISIT OUR **SALES & AWARD WINNING **SERVICE** DEPARTMENT**

www.lucascars.com

177TH FIGHTER WING STRENGTHENS PACIFIC READINESS THROUGH HISTORIC EXERCISE

Published August 8, 2025
 Story by Senior Airman Darion Boyd
 177th Fighter Wing - NJ Air National Guard



The 177th Fighter Wing of the New Jersey Air National Guard participated in exercise Resolute Force Pacific (REFORPAC) 2025, a first-of-its-kind Department Level Exercise (DLE) at Komatsu Air Base, Japan, this July and August. The DLE was designed to demonstrate the armed forces' ability to rapidly deploy personnel, equipment and aircraft to the Indo-Pacific theater of operations.

The DLE series encompasses all branches of the Department of Defense, along with allies and partners, employing more than 400 Joint and coalition aircraft and more than 12,000 members at more than 50 locations across 3,000 miles.

"REFORPAC will help solidify Agile Combat Employment (ACE) concepts and execution among the men and women of the 177th Fighter Wing," said Lt. Col. Eric Emerson, 119th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron commander. "Lessons learned from this exercise will have a direct effect on how we train, fight and win our nation's future conflicts."

ACE concepts include the ability to rapidly deploy forces, altering enemy understanding of friendly intentions, capabilities, and posture, to gain advantages.

"Every lesson learned here, every process refined, directly contributes to making our Wing more capable and agile," said Chief Master Sgt. Grant Holway, 177th FW Quality Assurance Senior Enlisted Leader.

continued on page 24

CAPE MAY COUNTY NEW JERSEY:

OCEAN CITY, SEA ISLE, AVALON, STONE HARBOR, THE WILDWOODS, CAPE MAY

YOU KNOW THE JERSEY SHORE, but do you know the Jersey Cape? It's a place that's real... and really charming. Authentically charming attractions, quaint small towns, seasonal events galore, fantastic wineries and restaurants!

Escape the everyday, pursue your passions
 at escapetothejerseycape.com or 1.800.227.2297



#escapetothejerseycape

Escape
 TO THE JERSEY CAPE

AUTHENTICALLY CHARMING ATTRACTIONS

Sincerely Yours.

NEW JERSEY
 SOUTHERN SHORE
 CAPE MAY & CUMBERLAND COUNTIES

SUPPORTED IN PART BY A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF TRAVEL & TOURISM. WWW.VISITNJ.ORG

New Jersey



U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to various duty stations pose for a photo during exercise Resolute Force Pacific at Komatsu Air Base, Japan, July 25, 2025. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Darion Boyd)

177th Fighter Wing continued from page 23

Desired outcomes for units participating in REFORPAC include enhanced interoperability and readiness across the Pacific theater.

"This exercise tests our ability to generate airpower with limited support and resources as we repositioned multiple times around Japan," said Emerson. "We relied on Airmen to step outside of their comfort zones, use their judgment backed up by their training, while solving complex problems."

REFORPAC offers Airmen an opportunity to interface with service members of various U.S. military branches as well as service members from other allied countries.

"In addition to our State Partnership Program mission, this has been another successful venture in creating relationships with other nations and allies," said Holway. "Overall, I have met nothing but friendly people overcoming language and logistical barriers to help each other."

Maintaining strong relationships with allies ultimately enhances combined capabilities for all parties. During these engagements, the 177th FW members had the opportunity to teach as well as learn different tactics, techniques and procedures.

"Everything from refueling aircraft, towing aircraft, providing equipment, and training in emergency procedures, pilot extraction and hydrazine response, has been bilateral adding to mission success," said Holway.

This iteration of REFORPAC is the largest crisis response exercise in Pacific Air Forces history.

"It is an honor to be part of such a monumental exercise," said Emerson. "The lessons learned from this exercise will set the foundation of how we fight; projecting power and security throughout the 21st century. We had a part in that, and that's pretty cool! I'm incredibly proud of what the Jersey Devils accomplished during REFORPAC."

While the scale of the exercise was historic, it was the commitment and resilience of individual Airmen that drove the mission forward.

"From junior Airmen to senior non-commissioned officers, everyone has stepped up without hesitation, adapting to constant change, long hours, and new environments with professionalism and grit," said Holway. "Exercises like this test not just our equipment and plans, but our people. It's about shaping how we fight in the future, and that starts with the groundwork we're laying right now." ★

U.S. Air Force Capt. Zachary Huffman, fighter pilot assigned to the 119th Fighter Squadron of the New Jersey Air National Guard, sits in the cockpit of an F-16C Fighting Falcon. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Darion Boyd)



U.S. Air Force Capt. Richard DePaola, F-16 fighter pilot assigned to the 119th Fighter Squadron of the 177th Fighter Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard, poses for a photo while walking to his jet. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Darion Boyd)



Airmen assigned to the 177th Fighter Wing of the New Jersey Air National Guard walk towards a C-130 aircraft. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Darion Boyd)

EAS CARPENTERS UNION

BUILT TO LAST - POWERED BY PEOPLE - UNION PROUD

The Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters proudly supports veterans by providing career pathways into the skilled trades. Through our apprenticeship and training programs, many veterans have built successful careers as proud carpenters, with many continuing on to retire with dignity and honor.



*Ed Buschmann, U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, Third-Generation Carpenter,
Retiree of Local Union 253*



**HEAR MORE FROM
VETERAN & RETIREE
ED BUSCHMANN**



**INTERESTED IN
JOINING?**

Response Squadron, based out of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, participated in the DLE, showing 621st CRW's capability to form a Contingency Response Element whose main mission is to open, operate and close airbases anywhere in the world on demand.

"The U.S. Air Force has shifted its focus towards the partner integration and combat readiness exercises to sharpen its capabilities across the spectrum of conflict as we prepare to rapidly respond to any contingency or challenge worldwide," Bill Hoeft, 621st CRW Inspector General director of inspections said.

To properly support DLE, the 621st CRW and its subordinate units trained rigorously over multiple iterations of Exercise Unified Devil, its largest internal force generation exercise in the unit's 20-year history that culminated in a contingency response inspection by AMC's Inspector General.

AMC's support to the DLE is the largest and most complex global air mobility exercise to date, focused squarely on testing logistics, readiness and allied interoperability. It also incorporated space-based and space-enabled capabilities to include, but not limited to, space electromagnetic warfare, space domain awareness, orbital warfare and navigational warfare.

The exercise marks a significant evolution in the U.S. military's approach to strategic deployment, combining airlift, aerial refueling, aeromedical evacuation and joint command-and-control operations in a contested environment. The operation is being integrated with all the exercises under the DLE umbrella to include Exercise Bamboo Eagle, bringing together combat, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance elements in an expansive, multi-domain scenario.

"Blending mobility logistics into combat and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance operations provide a level of realism that has not routinely been integrated in past mobility-centric exercises," Foy said. "This allows us to

continued on page 35



Airmen with the 521st Contingency Response Squadron, stationed out of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, work together to guard and unload a C-5M Super Galaxy aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Warner)



Airmen with the 521st Contingency Response Squadron, stationed out of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, work together to set up an airbase during the Air Force's 2025 Department-Level Exercise. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Warner)

UTILITY TRAILERS • SNOW PLOWS
SALT SPREADERS • LEER • JERACO • TRUCK CAPS

J AND C CAMPERS, LLC

TRAILERS - CAPS - CAMPERS - SALES - SERVICE
WIRING - PARTS AND ACCESSORIES - HITCHES
HORSE TRAILER REPAIR & SERVICE

Fax: (609) 758-1707 (609) 758-8362
540 Route 539
CHRIS MUELLER Cream Ridge, NJ 08514

inspira HEALTH

Your Career. Our Commitment.

Join a team where dedication is valued and
celebrated for years to come.

**TOP
WORK
PLACES
2025**

nj
2025
The Inquirer

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED

A
SPRING 2025

**LEAPFROG
HOSPITAL
SAFETY GRADE**

InspiraHealth.org/Careers

Thank You For Your Sacrifice & Service To Our Nation



GOLF LESSONS AVAILABLE
INDOOR GOLF SIM \$40/HR
 LOCATED AT SPRINGFIELD GOLF CENTER
 855 JACKSONVILLE RD
 MT. HOLLY NJ 08060
 call or text
609-968-3995
www.allinonegolfacademy.com



*We Thank You
For Your Service*
Patriot Roofing, Inc.
 2083 Jacksonville-Jobstown Road
 Jobstown, NJ 08041
danreilley@patriotroof.com • Fax: (609) 723-6867
Phone: (609) 723-6688
www.patriotroof.com



Wheelies Bicycle Sales and Service
 609-953-9383
Larry MacDonald
 Owner
 176 Rt. 70
 Medford, NJ 08044
sales@wheeliestore.com
www.wheeliesbicycle.com
 BICYCLES, EBIKES, ESCOOTERS
 PARTS & ACCESSORIES

(609)321-6593



SB Barber Shop
Sheila
 Owner/Operator
 13 Trenton Rd
 Browns Mills NJ
 Tue: 7:30 am - 5:30pm
 Wed: 8:00 am - 5:30pm
 Thurs: 7:30am - 5:30pm
 Fri: 7:30 am - 5:30pm
 Sat: 7:30am - 3:00pm



EST. 1949 Evergreen Dairy Bar
 1643 Rt. 70
 Southampton, NJ
609.654.8585

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE



**Assisting Disabled NJ Veterans
One Claim at a Time**
SCAN FOR INFO



BROSS FRANKEL P.A.
 DISABILITY BENEFITS ATTORNEYS



**WRECKER • FLATBED • WHEEL LIFT
OFF-ROAD RECOVERY • LOCK-OUT SERVICE**
 33 COOKSTOWN-NEW EGYPT RD., WRIGHTSTOWN, NJ
24 HOUR SERVICE
609-758-3333



ECONOMY MOTORS
 Our family owned & operated business has
 proudly supported our military
 friends and family since 1972.
 5 Minutes from
 McGuire Main Gate
**Quality Pre-Owned
Vehicles to Fit Every Budget**
 101 Cookstown-New Egypt Rd.
 Wrightstown, NJ
609-758-3311
www.economy-motors.com






VILLAGE SQUARE APARTMENTS

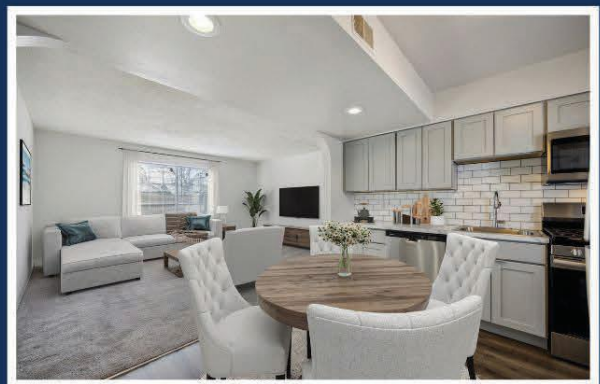
- A FIRST MONTGOMERY GROUP COMMUNITY -

Come Home and Relax With Us!

Come see this charming
apartment community
located in historical Mt Holly

One & Two Bedroom Apartments
Free Amenities | Spacious Floor Plans

533 Garden St, Mt Holly, NJ 08060
VillageSquareFMG.com | 609-735-5413
Military discounts available





**All
Utilities
Included**



AWARD WINNING MILITARY HOUSING

At United Communities our military families are our focus. Allow us to show you how different our military community is.

We take great pride in creating a better military community.

• • • www.UCMDL.com

PROPERTY FEATURES

- ✓ 3 Resort Style Pools
- ✓ 2 Slash Pads
- ✓ 3 Dog Parks
- ✓ Fitness Centers
- ✓ 46 Playgrounds and Tot Lots
- ✓ Community Centers
- ✓ 15 Miles of Nature Trails

CALL US TODAY! 609-542-2923

**3700 A Circle Dr,
Joint Base MDL NJ 08641**

COAST GUARD LAUNCHES 2025 HURRICANE SEASON WITH FOCUS ON PREPAREDNESS

Published June 6, 2025
By Lt. Blake Bonifas
U.S. Coast Guard Atlantic Area



Coast Guard crews from Air Station Clearwater pre-stage assets at Coast Guard Aviation Training Center Mobile to assist post-Hurricane Milton, in Mobile, Alabama, Oct. 7, 2024. Following the hurricane's departure, Coast Guard crews stand ready for search and rescue and will assess ports and waterways to ensure mariners can transit safely through the area. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Riley Perkofski)

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — The Coast Guard reminds mariners and residents of the Atlantic and Gulf of America coasts to prepare for the 2025 hurricane season.

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1st to November 30th, with the peak occurring between mid-August and late October.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration anticipates an above-normal Atlantic hurricane season this year. Forecasters predict a 60% chance of an above-normal season, a 30% chance of a near-normal season, and a 10% chance of a below-normal season.

The Coast Guard is actively monitoring all potential tropical weather threats and taking necessary precautions to ensure the readiness of its personnel and assets. The public and maritime community are urged to stay informed, heed all warnings from local authorities, and take proactive steps to prepare for potential impacts. The dedicated men and women of the Coast Guard stand ready to respond and safeguard America's waterways and coastal communities.

It is essential for mariners and the public to take proper measures before a storm arrives. Ensure you have proper equipment, have a hurricane mooring plan or a safe place to store your trailered boat, and monitor the weather and VHF-FM channel 16 prior to a voyage and while out on the water.

The Coast Guard recommends the following preparedness tips for this hurricane season:

Know Your Hurricane Risk. Hurricanes are not just a coastal problem. Find out how rain, wind, water and even tornadoes could happen far inland from where a hurricane or tropical storm makes landfall. Start preparing now by visiting: <https://www.weather.gov/wrn/2020-determine-your-risk>.

Make an Emergency Plan. Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands your hurricane plans (<https://www.ready.gov/plan>). Include the office, kids' day care, your boat, and

*CME Associates proudly salutes
JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst & Picatinny Arsenal
for their commitment and service to our nation.
We are grateful for your strength, resilience, and sacrifice.*



**Consulting & Municipal
ENGINEERS**

Providing Engineering Excellence to Local, County, and State Governments for
Over 40 Years - Building a Better Tomorrow.

Barneget • Berlin • Camden • Cape May Court House • East Brunswick • Howell • Parlin
www.cmeusa1.com



anywhere else you frequent in your hurricane plans. Ensure your business has a continuity plan to continue operating when disaster strikes. If you have a boat, make sure it's ready to move when Port Condition Yankee is announced to minimize drawbridge closure impacts.

Know your Evacuation Zone. You may have to evacuate quickly due to a hurricane if you live in an evacuation zone. Learn your evacuation routes, practice with your household and pets, and identify where you will stay. Follow the instructions from local emergency managers, who work closely with state, local, tribal, and territorial agencies and partners. They will provide the latest recommendations based on the threat to your community and appropriate safety measures.

Recognize Warnings and Alerts. Have several ways to receive alerts. Download the FEMA app and receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide. Receive community alerts in your area and be aware of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA), which require no sign up.

Port condition changes in advance of storm systems and hurricanes will be available on the Coast Guard Navigation Center website and announced on official unit social media pages. Check below for your regional Coast Guard District page:

U.S. Coast Guard Northeast

(www.facebook.com/USCoastGuardNortheast)

U.S. Coast Guard Mid-Atlantic

(www.facebook.com/USCGMidAtlantic)

U.S. Coast Guard Southeast

(www.facebook.com/USCoastGuardSoutheast)

U.S. Coast Guard Heartland

(www.facebook.com/uscgheartland)

For more information about hurricanes and hurricane preparedness, visit NOAA's and FEMA's websites where you can find widgets that provide hurricane tracks and other updates. These can be found at www.ready.gov/hurricanes, www.nhc.noaa.gov, and www.fema.gov.

As a reminder, social media should never be used to report life-threatening distress or emergencies. 🚨

A large advertisement for NJMEP (New Jersey Manufacturing Extension Partnership). The background is a blue-tinted image of a man wearing a white hard hat, safety glasses, and a white shirt, holding a mobile phone to his ear and a tablet in his other hand. The text is overlaid on this image.

Your First Call for Manufacturing Support

Whether you need **training, consulting, or guidance**—
get in touch today and see how NJMEP can support your goals.

 **NJMEP**

Helping New Jersey Manufacture Success

(973) 998-9801 | njmep.org



Machinist's Mate (Nuclear) 1st Class Eduardo Valdez attached to Navy Talent Acquisition Group (NTAG) Miami, serves as a nuclear field coordinator with the recruiting stations on Puerto Rico. Nuclear field coordinators identify, mentor and guide qualified applicants through the process of joining the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program. NTAG Miami has 38 recruiting locations throughout South Florida, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, with the combined mission to recruit the highest caliber Sailors to meet the needs of the fleet. (Courtesy photo)

FROM NUCLEAR POWER TO EMPOWERING PEOPLE: MEET MMN1 VALDEZ

Published June 6, 2025

By Petty Officer 1st Class Natalia Murillo

Navy Talent Acquisition Group Miami

Machinist's Mate (Nuclear) 1st Class Eduardo Valdez, a native of Bridgeton, New Jersey, serves as a nuclear field coordinator with Navy Talent Acquisition Group Miami.

Valdez reported to the command in May and serves as the primary point of contact for Navy Nuclear Program applicants across Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

"I hope to find bright minds who can serve and benefit as well as I have from the unique opportunities offered by the Navy Nuclear Program," said Valdez.

Valdez enlisted in 2016 shortly after graduating from Bridgeton High School. He hopes to inspire future Sailors by sharing his journey and encouraging others to forge their own path to success.

"I joined the Navy because it was honestly the best option," said Valdez. "I knew I wanted to join after high school and knew college wasn't an option for me at the time. I was looking at all branches to see what would best fit me. The Navy got my attention with engineering rates and once I learned about the Nuclear Program, I never looked back."

Nuclear power gives the Navy the ability to keep aircraft carriers and submarines running anywhere in the world, without needing to stop for fuel. It's what makes these ships so capable and always ready. For those who work in the nuclear field, it opens the door to a challenging and rewarding career with plenty of room to grow.

After completing his training, Valdez served aboard the Virginia-class attack submarine USS Delaware (SSN-791). He gained technical expertise and leadership experience along the way. He said his time in the nuclear community has shaped both his skills and mindset.

"Being a nuke and submariner have taught me critical thinking, the value of knowledge, a questioning attitude, and the ability to seek answers and solve problems efficiently," said Valdez. "While the job is difficult, it has benefited me in being able to handle anything life can throw at me. The financial benefits have allowed me to begin complete financial independence, and I believe if anything were to happen to me and I couldn't

continued on page 44





Maranatha Stairs is a family owned and operated business that began over 30 years ago. The skills and reputation that make up Maranatha Stairs, were built upon three generations of fine custom woodworking. A vast selection of material and components to create unique stair and rail systems that suit your home or business.

Our service extends from home renovations and large quantity construction to ultra custom entry ways all over the Tri-State area.

253 Cookstown New Egypt Rd
Wrightstown, New Jersey
www.maranathastairs.com
Phone: 609-758-1168

MARANATHA
Custom Wood Stairs & Rails
609-758-1168
3 Generations of Fine Woodworking



**Seasons change, but
the fun never stops
for the 87FSS!**

**From fall festivities to
winter celebrations,
there's something for
everyone at JBMDL!**

FSS Arts and Crafts Center
609.562.5691

FSS Bowling Center Dix
609.562.6895

FSS Bowling Center Lakehurst
732.323.2027

FSS Fountain Green Golf Course
609.562.2166

FSS Pine Ridge Golf Course
732.323.7483

FSS Indoor Pool
609.562.2808

FSS ITT Dix / FSS ITT Office Lakehurst
609.562.4208 / 732.323.1362

FSS Outdoor Recreation
609.562.6667 / 732.323.2583

FSS Range 14
609.562.4676



Facebook



Instagram



GoMDL



gomdl
.com

Thank You For Your Sacrifice & Service To Our Nation



WANTED!
ALL FIREARMS
We pay **CASH** on the spot!
Gun Collections • Military / Hunting • Antique
Military Artifacts • Swords / Bayonets
Call John & Stephanie
609.478.2839 • 610.716.5353
antiqueandrareguns@gmail.com
Federal Firearms License Holder

5 MIN
from JBMDL

YOUR FAMILY'S NEW *Base Camp!*



Hilltop Mobile Village
SINCE 1984
609-893-8414 • HILLTOPMOBILEVILLAGE.COM



BooterBeer
family friendly farm brewery
offering 10 taps rotating seasonal craft beers
located on a 13 acre horse farm
609-290-4052
www.booterbeer.com
@booterbeerbrewingco
open Friday, Saturday & Sunday 12-8 PM
229 E. Colliers Mills Road
New Egypt, NJ

Under New Management • Lisa Here for Over 4 Years

Top Nails Salon
15% OFF Manicure/Pedicure Combo
- New and Current clients -
Full Service for Ladies & Gentlemen
Nail Tip • Sculpture • Silk • Overlay • Fill
Manicure & Pedicure
Nail Design • Special Airbrush
(609) 893-8885
Walk-ins Welcome!
Pine Grove Plaza
18 P Broadway Street
Browns Mills, NJ 08015
Thank You To Our Military
Open Hours:
Mon-Sat: 9:30am-7pm
Sunday: Closed

**\$20 WALK-IN HAIRCUTS FOR
ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**



**STANDARD
HAIRCUTS**
72 WASHINGTON STREET SUITE C
MOUNT HOLLY, NEW JERSEY 08060
(609) 667-8132
VISA MasterCard DISCOVER AMERICAN EXPRESS Apple Pay


ADVENTURE CROSSING
USA
THE DOME

Help Wanted!
Scan to apply



EXPERIENCE THE BATTLE OF PRINCETON!

SUNDAY • JANUARY 4, 2026
PRINCETON BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK
JOIN US FOR A REENACTMENT OF THE
JANUARY 3, 1777 BATTLE OF PRINCETON



FREE
COFFEE &
HOT COCOA

Princeton Battlefield Society
PBS1777.ORG Free for Active Military & kids under 16
pbstrusteemr@gmail.com for info

(609) 585-0007 EASTERNAUTOEXCHANGE.COM



**EASTERNAUTO
EXCHANGE**
10TH ANNIVERSARY
EST. 2015





An Airman with the 521st Contingency Response Squadron, stationed out of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, adjusts his radio earpiece. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Warner)



Three security forces defenders with the 521st Contingency Response Squadron perform a perimeter patrol in a Polaris MRZR all-terrain vehicle during the Air Force's 2025 Department-Level Exercise. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Warner)

621st Mobility Expertise continued from page 26

incorporate the logistics required to get from home station to the fight is a vital aspect of war fighting that must be exercised, understood and tested."

Building upon past Mobility Guardian iterations, this year's exercise seeks to push the boundaries of operational agility under stress. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Allvin says the goal is clear: simulate large-scale force deployment and sustainment "at speed and scale" across vast, contested terrain.

"Exercising at this speed, scale and tempo is how we prepare for the future fight," Allvin said. "We need Airmen to move fast and think outside the box, disrupting the operational status quo. We also build trust and understanding through deliberate planning, operating and learning alongside our partners across the Pacific.

The DLE spans more than 3,000 miles across the Pacific and is the DAF's premiere mobility exercise.

"This exercise, the first of its kind since the Cold War, marks pivotal moment for our Air Force and Space Force, bringing together Airmen and Guardians to bolster our nation's war fighting capabilities," Secretary of the Air Force Troy Meink

said. "Training like this alongside the Joint Force, our allies and partners in realistic operations environments using distributed operations is how we integrate capabilities to overcome any national security challenge."

AMC forces are an integral part of the DLE series, that will incorporate multiple command exercises into one overall threat deterrence scenario, including Resolute Force Pacific (REFORPAC), Resolute Space, Mobility Guardian, Emerald Warrior and Bamboo Eagle 25-3. It will also integrate multiple allies and partners in specific component exercises with shared interests.

"The 621st Air Mobility Advisory Group mission is to integrate partners to shape and strengthen rapid global mobility," Col. Angela Polsinelli, 621st AMAG commander said. "For the DLE, our air mobility operation squadrons are fully integrated to plan and execute mobility missions across the entire exercise, including REFORPAC."

Polsinelli added that the air mobility liaison officers (AMLOs) and expeditionary air ground liaison element (EAGLE) Airmen have embedded with joint partners throughout the theater to streamline joint logistics, going so far as to parachute in with

continued on page 36



MILITARY APPRECIATION



THANK YOU TO OUR ACTIVE & VETERAN MILITARY HEROES

EVERY MONDAY ENJOY 20% OFF* YOUR ENTREE

ALL OTHER DAYS ENJOY 10% OFF* YOUR ENTREE

WITH PROOF OF ID

*20% discount on Mondays only. Dine in only. Discount applies to the entree purchase of the Military ID holder. Excludes alcohol, tax and gratuity. Discount not valid with any other promotions, discounts or Early Dine. Valid at listed location only.



15385-5999-7653



(609) 890-7427 | 1305 ROUTE 33 | HAMILTON, NJ



Expeditionary Air Group Liaison Element (EAGLE) Senior Airmen Keven Bigelow with the 621st Mobility Support Operations Squadron, stationed out of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, performs measurements to safely transport cargo. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Warner)



Senior Airman Celine Sullivan, 321st Contingency Response Squadron aerial transportation technician, stationed out of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, operates a 25K Halvorsen Loader vehicle. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Warner)

An Airman with the 521st Contingency Response Squadron, stationed out of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, guards a C-5M Super Galaxy aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Warner)

621st Mobility Expertise continued from page 35

their U.S. Army counterparts. Additionally, air advisors were utilized to build ally and partner capabilities to strengthen interoperability and reinforce collective agility.

The 621st AMAG represents three distinct mission sets as well as being the connective tissue AMC needs to ensure the rapid deployment of a strong, deterrent force that underpins global peace and stability.

Other units for the 621st Contingency Response Wing involved in mobility support to the DLE are: 621st Contingency Response Group, 821st CRG, 321st CRS and the Wing Staff Agencies.

With AMC's participation with the DLE still underway, one thing is for certain, the 621st Contingency Response Wing is a community of ready warriors, anywhere where they are needed. ★



Custom Hydraulic Fittings, Hoses & Fabrication

We provide a full range of hydraulic services, including custom hose fabrication, as well as repair and rebuilding of cylinders, pumps, motors, and valves.

117 Union Ave
Lakehurst, NJ 08733



1709 Highway 34
Suite 6, Wall, NJ 07727

bkhydraulicsnj.com

The right path for a Medicare Plan NJ Veterans can count on.



Braven Health is committed to supporting the Veterans in our community with Medicare Advantage plans created to complement their existing military benefits. We honor their service and stand beside them with quality care every step of the way.



Scan the QR code
to learn more or visit
BravenHealth.com/Salute



Braven Health is an independent licensee of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association.
H0885_ECNA0023630_C



Historic Princeton Battlefield

By Mike Russell - Princeton Battlefield Society



Nestled on approximately 100 acres of rolling landscape one mile southwest of downtown Princeton, New Jersey, lies Princeton Battlefield State Park. It was the scene of a fateful battle between American and British forces during the American Revolution nearly 249 years ago. Now, designated on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places and as a U.S. National Historic Landmark District, the park welcomes thousands of visitors each year who come to enjoy its natural scenery and historic programs. Next year expects to see a real celebration in Princeton as the nation commemorates its 250th Anniversary in 2026!

The Battle of Princeton was the culminating event of the period between December 25,

Attention

Operation: Watch-Care, (Gal. 6:2)

Military Service Members and their families
Come join us for worship

Services:

Sunday 9:45am - Sunday School
Sunday 11am - Worship
Wednesday 5:45pm - 8pm Touch Point/Study



Donate Here



Location:

Browns Mills Baptist Church,
401 Lakehurst Road,
Browns Mills NJ, 08015

First Saturday 9am - Free Men's Prayer Breakfast
Fourth Saturday 9am - Free Women's Breakfast

Dr. CSM (Retired) Maurice A. Mimms, Sr.
Senior Pastor
39 Year Army Veteran

mauricemimms@yahoo.com



Browns Mills Baptist Church,
A Place Where Love & Hope Intersect



brownsmillsbaptist.org

State Park, NJ

1776 and January 3, 1777 historically known as the 'Ten Crucial Days'. This ten-day period witnessed the crossing of the Delaware River by General Washington and the American forces, the first and second Battles of Trenton, and the Battle of Princeton. At Princeton, the clash between American and British forces forever changed the direction of American and world history.

Through interpretive signage located throughout the park, visitors can retrace the events of the battle and the people affected by it. They can view museum quality exhibits inside the Thomas Clarke House which still stands as an eyewitness building to the battle and the difficult recovery afterwards. Sightseers can also visit the Colonnade on the northern side of the battlefield, currently being restored to its original beauty, and pause in the Memorial Grove at the medallion venerating the American and British soldiers that are buried there in one common grave.



Historic preservation and restoration remain forefront in the efforts being made at Princeton Battlefield. The Trace Road where Washington marched his troops to surprise the British in Princeton is being reestablished. In the fall, an apple orchard will be replanted where it stood on the battlefield in front of William Clarke's (Thomas' brother) house. The armies collided in the orchard first and the hottest fighting happened there.

Through the Princeton Battlefield Society (PBS), a volunteer and non-profit organization officially recognized under the auspices of the New Jersey State Park Service, much more is offered. The society runs several public events on the battlefield throughout the year which includes, but is not limited to, park 'Clean Up Days' in the spring and the fall, public and private battlefield tours including those with a military leadership focus, Memorial Day and July 4th programs, and Young Patriots' Day full of activities for young children. Programs also include the new Cadwalader Lecture Series and Men Without Shoes initiative. Each year, however, starts off with a bang in January with the 'Experience the Battle' reenactment. Consisting of hundreds of reenactors surrounded by musket fire, cannons, and soldiers on horseback, this winter event celebrates and acknowledges the sacrifices and dreams of independence of our colonial ancestors.

For more information, go to www.pbs1777.org to find out how to visit and take part in the storied history of the Princeton Battlefield. 📍



APPLIANCE EXPRESS LLC

APPLIANCE REPAIR

We are Dedicated to Providing Top-Notch Home Appliance Repair Services. Our Mission Is to Ensure Your Appliances Run Smoothly and Efficiently, Bringing Convenience Back To Your Home.

OUR SERVICES:

- Appliance Repair
- Fault Diagnosis
- Dryer Vent Cleaning
- Appliance Installs
- \$95 Service Fee that gets waived with a repair

CONTACT US

📞 (609) 321-6604

🌐 www.myapplianceexpress.com

✉ myapplianceexpress@gmail.com





American Red Cross

Supporting Military Members, Families and Veterans

For over 140 years, American service members, veterans, their families and caregivers have counted on the American Red Cross to help prepare for, cope with, and respond to the challenges of military service, both in the U.S. and abroad. Today, unique Red Cross programs and services that care for the humanitarian needs of the military community are spearheaded by employees and volunteers, many of whom are military connected themselves.

The Hero Care Network

From day one of their service careers and for the rest of their lives, the Red Cross provides free and confidential support to service members, veterans, and their families through a



continuum of care. In 2024, the Red Cross briefed nearly 4,650 families through their "Get to Know Us" program, about the ways in which Red Cross volunteers can help them. Service to the Armed Forces (SAF) volunteers provided more than 8,660 services to military service members, their families and veterans in New Jersey. Nationally, the Red Cross assists more than 220,000 military and veteran families by leveraging a network of volunteers across the country and around the world.

This includes helping service members prepare for, cope with, and respond to the challenges of military service. Volunteers provide emergency communication services in the event of a death, emergency illness, critical accident

Hours

Tuesday - Friday	10 - 7
Saturday	10 - 6
Sunday	10 - 5


4 MILES FROM BROWN MILLS GATE

390 Lakehurst Road, Brown Mills, NJ

609.283.0036

You will love our selection, quality and prices.

In our walk-in humidor:
Imported and Domestic Brands
Arturo Fuente, Ashton,
My Father's, Romeo y Juliet,
Alec Bradley, La flor Dominicana,
and more!

 www.Facebook.com/thecigarhub



or birth of a new child. In certain circumstances, the Red Cross Hero Care Network may help provide access to financial assistance from military aid societies during life's emergencies, re-integration services and veteran services.

The Red Cross has a strong presence on the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst at 6051 Doughboy Loop and 8th Street and on Naval Weapons Station Earle in Building C-3 in Colts Neck. In addition to meeting with the Red Cross, service members and their families can access the Red Cross Food Cupboard and other resources at these offices. Volunteers can help military families prepare for local hazards like home fires, extreme weather like hurricanes, and more.



**American
Red Cross**

JBMDL Local Office
6051 Doughboy Loop
JB MDL Dix, NJ 6051 08640
609-562-2258
Tues - Thurs
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m

24/7
Hero Care Network
877-272-7337
or download the
Hero Care app

You Can Make a Difference

Volunteer and Donate Blood with the Red Cross

Many military service members, veterans and spouses have found meaningful volunteer opportunities with the Red Cross and there is an array of volunteer roles available.

Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. The Red Cross urges you to donate blood at one of their monthly blood drives on JBMDL.

Every second Wednesday of each month, a blood drive is hosted at the McGuire Fitness Center from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Appointments can be made at redcrossblood.org, using the sponsor code JBMDL.

If you would like to host your own blood drive to help ensure that blood is on hospital shelves for patients in need, e-mail ashley.concilio-regan@redcross.org



HAPPY TAP SPIRITS

PROUD TO SERVE THOSE WHO SERVE US!

**Largest Selection Of
Domestic & Imported Beer,
Wine and Liquors
and much more!**

Located In ACME Plaza
18 Broadway St., Browns Mills NJ

Phone: (609) 836-5279

NEW LOCATION
5 minutes from JBMDL
Browns Mills Gate

ARMY RESERVE'S DOUBLE EAGLE TEAM SOARS ACROSS TRAINING AREAS

Published July 22, 2025
Story by Sgt. 1st Class Deziree Lau
99th Readiness Division

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, N.J.
"We are the best military in the world," said Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Betty, command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Reserve, during a visit to Warrior Exercise (WAREX), Regional Medic, and Diamond Saber training areas here.
Betty, along with Chief Warrant Officer 5 Lashon White, chief warrant officer of the U.S. Army Reserve, visited numerous training sites, observing operations and speaking with Soldiers on what it means to be, "Twice the Citizen."
The phrase "Twice the Citizen" is a motto of the U.S. Army Reserve, symbolizing the dual role of Reserve Soldiers who balance civilian careers and personal lives with their military service.



Chief Warrant Officer 5 Lashon White, chief warrant officer of the U.S. Army Reserve conduct a battlefield circulation. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Deziree Lau, 99th RD Public Affairs)

Army Reserve Soldiers typically train one weekend a month and two weeks per year.
"Maximize your training days," Betty said. "Use them to train your basic Soldier and military occupational skills."
"Continue to train to never get it wrong," White added.
The U.S. Army Reserve focuses on enhancing lethality through targeted training programs. WAREX and Diamond Saber are an integral part of these programs, aiming to prepare Soldiers for disrupted environments, moving away from counterinsurgency to multi-domain combat.
These programs reflect a shift toward preparing Reserve Soldiers for high-intensity, near-peer conflicts, balancing part-time service with civilian careers.

continued on page 45



MILITARY APPRECIATION MAGAZINE WANTS YOU!

Our mission is to provide compelling stories, information, and resources that enrich the lives of the military, their families, our readers, and our sponsors.

PART TIME SALES HELP WANTED

SELLING MILITARY APPRECIATION MAGAZINE & SPONSOR FLAGS

**-EARN COMISSION-
SET YOUR OWN HOURS**



Interested? E-mail: dan@morganpsm.com

**Military Appreciation Magazine Spring Issue (April-June 2026)
deadline is Friday, March 20, 2026**

**Morgan
Publishing, LLC**



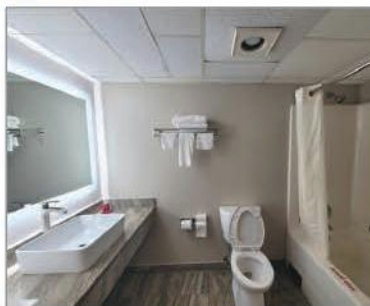
SureStay®
PLUS HOTEL
by BEST WESTERN

bestwestern.com

Welcome to SureStay® Plus Hotel by Best Western

Where value and quality meet the convenience of home, SureStay Plus by Best Western is an offering in the economy market. With extras to help you rest in comfort, you can expect a warm welcome with modern convenience and high standards.

- 100% smoke-free hotel
- Limited-Service Hotel
- Complimentary breakfast
- Outdoor pool, seasonal
- Exercise facility, 24-hour, free
- Elevator
- Interior corridors
- 24-hour front desk
- Multilingual staff, English, Hindi, Nepali, Spanish



SureStay® Hotel Group
#1 in Guest Satisfaction Among Economy Hotel Chains
2 Years in a Row

For J.D. Power 2021 award information, visit jdpower.com/awards.

21 Wrightstown-Cookstown RD, Cookstown NJ 08015

P: (609) 723-6500

Reservations: 1.800.827.8298



CAT'S MOBILE MASSAGE

Helping you feel like You again,
in the comfort of your own home.

- Individual Massage Therapy
- Corporate Chair Massage Events
- Wellness Events
- Home Parties

With routine Massage therapy, you can enjoy
a healthier and more stress-free lifestyle.

Long term effects will help increase circulation
and flexibility, improve sleep habits and help
build a stronger immune system.



Cat Barrett

Licensed Massage Therapist/Owner

609-217-0172



BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY
catsmobilemassage.massagetherapy.com



3 BROTHERS Pizzeria and Restaurant

Family owned and operated for over 50 years.
The best pizza and pasta money can buy!
Buon Appetito!



ORDER WITH
SLICE

**Best Pizza &
Pasta In Town!**

Open: Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat: 10:30am - 10pm
Sun: 11 am - 8 pm Delivery available 4 pm - 9:30 pm
Closed Mon. • Credit Cards M/C, Visa, Discover

Located one minute East of McGuire Main Gate
42 Wrightstown-Cookstown Road, Cookstown NJ



BYOW

609-758-7200 • 609-758-7271

Empowering People continued from page 32

continue naval service that I would be completely fine and able to move forward. Prior service nuclear operators are highly sought after in the civilian sector due to their work ethic and intelligence."

Valdez believes his time in the nuclear Navy sharpened his ability to diagnose and solve problems, a necessity when maintaining complex systems aboard a nuclear-powered warship.

"I'm an analytical person and being a submariner in the nuclear program has really sharpened that," Valdez said. I'm comfortable diagnosing and fixing all kinds of mechanical and technical issues on a nuclear-powered warship, whether it's something simple like a valve repair or air conditioning problem, or a big, complex evolution that only happens every five years or so."



"Being a nuke and submariner have taught me critical thinking, the value of knowledge, a questioning attitude, and the ability to seek answers and solve problems efficiently,"

Valdez applies the same analytical approach to his personal life, helping him stay focused on long-term goals, many of which he credits the Navy with helping make possible.

Beyond financial security, the Navy offers competitive compensation, health care, education benefits, credentialing programs and retirement options for those who serve 20 years or more.

"I have a goal of becoming financially independent," said Valdez. "The steady pay is great for that, and the bonuses are amazing. Being smart with my money has helped me generate passive income, and my goal is to increase that passive income even more to achieve greater financial freedom. Ultimately, I want to retire as a Navy officer."

Looking ahead, Valdez hopes to apply his skills through hands-on hobbies.

"I would love to start getting into automotive repair and modification since I love to work with my hands and enjoy learning about mechanical systems," said Valdez.

Valdez believes in applying the same dedication and energy across all jobs in the Navy, just as he would exploring new interests.

"I haven't been here long, but I am excited to get out there and find bright minds for the Nuclear community," Valdez said.

Think you're that bright mind? Visit www.navy.com or call us at 954-372-6064 to learn more. 🌟



Soldiers secure their perimeter as part of a simulated exfiltration during their convoy while on a training lane at Warrior Exercise (WAREX) at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey July 20-22, 2025. While each exercise showcases a unit's ability to be combat ready in their military occupational specialties, the double eagle team emphasized the importance of bringing it back to basics as "Twice the Citizen" Soldiers. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Deziree Lau, 99th RD Public Affairs)



Soldiers participating in Warrior Exercise (WAREX), Regional Medic, and Diamond Saber across training areas at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey July 20-22, 2025. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Deziree Lau, 99th RD Public Affairs)

Double Eagle Team continued from page 42

"We are incorporating your civilian careers into our formations," said Betty. "Train to sustain all of your capabilities so that you remain ready as a lethal warrior."

WAREX, Regional Medic, and Diamond Saber brought engineers, military police, medical, and finance units here to improve unit readiness and effectiveness through Army Observer Controller/Trainer specialized teams. OC/Ts provide expert guidance and feedback to units during training exercises with focuses on individual and collective tasks.

"It's training alongside your battle buddies and learning to work together that make you all capable of succeeding as a unit," said White. ★

For more information about serving in America's Army Reserve visit <https://www.usar.army.mil/>

ATOMIC

TIRE & AUTO

SERVICE

Military Discount

★ **Family Owned & Operated** ★

★ **Full Service Auto Repairs** ★

★ **Tire Sales** ★

★ **Tire Service** ★

★ **Tire Repair** ★

**TIRES • BRAKES
ALIGNMENTS • TUNE-UPS**

STATE INSPECTION

GOODYEAR
MORE DRIVEN

Business Hours
Mon - Fri: 8 AM - 5 PM • Sat: 8 AM - 3 PM
Sun: Closed

WE ACCEPT
We Except GSA and WEX Accounts

**2 Wrightstown-Georgetown Rd
Wrightstown, NJ**

ATOMICTIRES.COM
(609) 901-5500

USAFEC COMMAND TEAM VISITS 521 AMOW UNITS IN GERMANY

Published April 11, 2025

By 1st Lt. Nathan Roe

521st Air Mobility Operations Wing

U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Stephen Snelson, U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Dennis Fuselier, USAFEC command chief, visited Airmen from the 521st Air Mobility Operations Wing, April 8-18, 2025.

During their visit, Snelson and Fuselier made their first stops at Ramstein and Spangdahlem Air Bases, Germany, where they gained a greater understanding of the vital support that the 521 AMOW provides to the Air Force's overall mission of Rapid Global Mobility.

"We have an opportunity to come out here to get eyes on our Airmen, to see the things they are doing out on the flightline, the training they are executing to be ready to do any of those missions, and lastly to walk away with a to do list on how we can understand what obstacles are in the way of our Airmen," Snelson said.

The 521st Air Mobility Operations Wing is a key unit within the Global Air Mobility Support System (GAMSS), which provides a logistical network of Total Force Mobility Airmen and the capabilities necessary to project, connect, maneuver, and sustain combat power anywhere around the globe.



Brig. Gen. Stephen Snelson, left, U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center commander, coins Master Sgt. Victoria Jensen, right, 721st Aerial Port Squadron fleet services superintendent, at the 521st Air Mobility Operations Wing headquarters building on Ramstein Air Base, Germany, April 11, 2025. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Joshua T. Crossman)

The 521 AMOW specifically accomplishes U.S. Transportation Command missions within the U.S. European Command, U.S. Africa Command, and U.S. Central Command areas of responsibilities by providing command and control, en route aircraft maintenance, air transportation services for theater and strategic air mobility missions, expeditionary aircrew support and inter-theater aeromedical evacuation.

"When we see some incredible Air Force and United States achievements overseas, Chief Fuselier and I know how much work goes on behind the scenes to make those things happen," Snelson said. "Support to the middle east with its unique mission sets and various operating locations has an impact for our 521 AMOW Airmen."

Fuselier echoed this impact by highlighting the unique capabilities of the air mobility teams that the 521 AMOW can supply.

"The AMT mission, with the ability for our folks to forward deploy and do the things that they do here in the en-route system to provide support anywhere in the world, is pretty impressive," Fuselier said. "The en-route system is paramount to people and equipment being able to get in and out of the theater. But more importantly, the relationships that we have with our partners has strengthened our interoperability to ensure the mission happens."

Snelson and Fuselier will continue their immersion visiting AMOW units in Türkiye, Spain, and Italy. 🌟

OUR WINERY FULLY SUPPORTS OUR U.S. MILITARY. 10% MILITARY DISCOUNT.

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVALS,
DANCES, MILESTONE EVENTS,
CRAFT CLASSES,
HOLIDAY CONCERTS & MORE...

85 ARCHERTOWN ROAD NEW EGYPT, NJ

Wrightstown
609-758-8850

B & B

AUTO SALES AND TOWING

Marlboro
732-536-8030

Mon - Sat: 8 am to 4:30 pm

B&B Auto Sales & Towing

24 Hour Local And Long Distance Towing

Auto Parts
New • Used
Nationwide Part Locator

We Buy It All
Cars - Trucks - SUV's - Aluminum
Copper - Brass - Scraps and more!

Container Service*
*Roll Off Container Service

361 Jacobstown-Cookstown Rd., Wrightstown, NJ, Ph: 609-758-8850 • 77 Route 520 Marlboro, NJ, Ph: 732-536-8030 • JunkyardSouth@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Names, Dates, Times & Locations are subject to change without notification.
Follow us on Social Media for updates.



Facebook

Instagram

GoMDL



ARMY vs NAVY Flag Football Game
Saturday, December 13 @ 12:00pm
Kickoff is at 1:00pm

Game Location:
Sports Complex Lakehurst
Bldg. 568, JBMDL Lakehurst

After Party & LIVE Official Game viewing
FSS Flight Deck Community Center
Bldg. 404, JBMDL Lakehurst 2:00pm

For Open - Cash Only
Free hot food & drinks & refreshments
Games for Adults & Kids
Free Hot Spots, also a Petting Square
Free Hot Spots & Petting Square

FSS Flight Deck
732.321.2014
Bldg. 404 Lantowne Rd. JBMDL Lakehurst

Andrews USAA United Communities goMDL.com

Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 6
9:30am-11:30am

Pre-Ticket Purchase Pricing:
\$18 \$24

Tickets Available:
Saturday, November 1

Ticket cost after:
December 4:
\$20 per Child
\$29 per Adult

Jingle Bell BINGO
@ 12:00pm \$20

FSS Bowling Center Dix
609.542.4895 | 8755 FSCBD, DuBois/Intrepidus at ml
6054 Doughboy Loop, JBMDL Dix

Andrews USAA United Communities goMDL.com

IT'S MORE THAN A RACE. IT'S A CHALLENGE, A RACE, AND A SPRINT FOR SURVIVAL.

ZOMBIE CHASE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30
3:45PM CHECK-IN
7:30PM START

Location: WINTER PARK, JIMMY DIX
3:45PM CHECK-IN
7:30PM START

GoMDL.com

Gobble Wobble 3k & 5k Run/Walk
Tuesday, November 25
11:30am

Strut Your Stuff!
Gobble Up the Gold!

FSS Fitness Center Lakehurst
732.321.2014
Bldg. 123 Severyns Rd. JBMDL Lakehurst

USA goMDL.com

Presented by 87FSS

HARVEST FEST

Gather Together for Games,
Good Eats & Great Times

Friday, October 10
2:00pm - 6:00pm

Location:
Pudgy's Sport Pub & Backyard
2007 Can Do Way, JBMDL McGuire

Follow us on socials
Details will be falling in like autumn leaves!

Facebook GoMDL Instagram

Andrews USAA United Communities US FAMILY HEALTH PLAN TELEMED goMDL.com

FSS Bowling Center Dix

MONSTER BOWL HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 25 1:00pm - 6:00pm

Party kicks off at 1:00 PM
Cosmic Bowling & 500s for kids ages 5-12
Build-a-Monster Game
First 5 perfect strikes win a \$100 Gift Card!

Costume Parade at 5:00 PM
Everyone in costume gets a FREE game coupon!

TRUNK OR TREAT
Car Registration:
September 1 - October 16

\$200 1st place
\$100 2nd place
\$50 3rd place

FSS Bowling Center Dix
609.542.4895 | 8755 FSCBD, DuBois/Intrepidus at ml
6054 Doughboy Loop, JBMDL Dix

USA Andrews United Communities goMDL.com

Fall

Harvest Fest

Halloween Block Party

Monster Bowl Halloween Party & Trunk or Treat

Enchanted Forest Dance

Breast Cancer Awareness 5K / 3K (Lakehurst)

Breast Cancer Awareness 5K / 3K (McGuire)

Dodgeball Tournament

Zombie Chase

Winter

Military Appreciation Luncheon

"Veterans Day" Golf Outing

Pickleball Tournament

Gobble Wobble 5k / 3k

Diabetes Awareness 5k / 3k

Winterfest
(Tree Lighting Ceremonies)

Breakfast with Santa / Jingle Bell Bingo

Army vs Navy Flag Football / Live Official Game & After Party

New Year's Eve Bowling Parties

Ugly Sweater 5k

Tinsel Trot Fun Run

Ugly Sweater Bowling

Arts & Crafts Center

October 1 - Daytime Pottery Expressions (55+ class) (4 classes)
Wednesday 11:00am - \$120

October 4 - Ghost Lantern
11:00am - \$25

November 1 - Turkey Lantern Family Pottery Paint
11:00am - \$25

November 14 - Coffee & Canvas
11:00am - \$25

December 13 - Cookie Platter Family Pottery Paint
11:00am - \$25

JOINT BASE CHAPLAIN

DESCENDANT OF FIRST U.S. ARMY CHAPLAIN

Published July 28, 2025
By Susan Moriarty
Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst



"The Chaplain at Valley Forge," a painting depicting the first U.S. Army chaplain, Rev. John Hurt, during the Revolutionary War, hangs in the McGuire Chapel outside the office of U.S. Air Force Chaplain (Col.) Jonathan Hurt, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst senior chaplain, at JB MDL, N.J., June 5, 2025. Hurt discovered the painting when he arrived at JB MDL shortly after learning that Rev. John Hurt is his seventh great-grandfather. (U.S. Air Force photo by Susan Moriarty)

A visit to the Army Chaplain Museum in Columbia, South Carolina, unexpectedly revealed a remarkable family legacy for a chaplain currently serving at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey.

U.S. Air Force Chaplain (Col.) Jonathan Hurt, JB MDL senior chaplain, was taking a course several years ago at the Air Force Chaplain Corps College in Fort Jackson, South Carolina when he decided to visit the museum. During the visit, he was surprised to discover that the first Army chaplain, John Hurt, bore almost the same name as him. He found it fascinating and wondered if they could be distantly related, but did not give it much further thought.

It wasn't until years later that his father researched their family history and they discovered that John Hurt was indeed Jonathan Hurt's seventh great grandfather.

The synchronicities continued when shortly after learning of this family connection, Hurt was assigned to JB MDL and found a painting hanging outside of his office door at the McGuire Chapel depicting a scene of soldiers kneeling in snow, while

Rev. John Hurt delivers a sermon with Gen. George Washington by his side during the winter encampment at Valley Forge in 1778-79.

"The picture inspires me daily to continue to give my best," said Hurt. "As the senior chaplain at JB MDL, I have the incredible opportunity to follow in John Hurt's footsteps as I lead an inspiring team of chaplains, religious affairs Airmen and non-commissioned officers to care for the Airmen, Sailors, Soldiers, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and families who live and work in our community."

John Hurt was born in Virginia in 1752 into a family of devout Anglican ministers. He was ordained as a minister in 1774.

The Continental Congress authorized chaplains to the Continental Army on July 29, 1775. Two years after being ordained, Rev. Hurt, a close friend of Washington, joined the Virginia 6th Infantry Regiment, and later the 4th and 5th Infantry Regiments, as well.

continued on next page



A Partnership for Good

PRIDE Industries is honored to provide **facilities maintenance services** to Joint Base MDL. For more than 14 years, our partnership has supported employment programs for people with disabilities, military veterans, and former foster youth.

PRIDE
INDUSTRIES

PRIDEIndustries.com

WWW.FITZFISHPONDS.COM

FITZ'S FISH PONDS

908.420.9908

Visit one of our NJ Retail Locations!

- Green Brook
- Colts Neck
- Fairfield
- Saddle River
- Mt. Holly (Formerly Lily Pond Emporium)



Hurt served alongside Washington and his Soldiers in Revolutionary War battles throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and at the encampment at Valley Forge before being captured by the British and held as a prisoner of war. After his release, he returned to the battlefield to comfort the soldiers. He is best known for his sermon, "The Love of Our Country," providing hope for soldiers

during the war. After the war, Washington formally appointed Hurt to be the first official U.S. Army chaplain in 1791.

The spirit of dedication and service exemplified by Rev. John Hurt has clearly echoed through the generations, inspiring Chaplain Hurt in his own ministry and leadership today.

Since arriving at JB MDL, Hurt has taken the opportunity to visit nearby Revolutionary War battlefields, finding deep meaning in retracing the steps of his ancestor.

"It is truly inspiring to walk the same ground my great grandfather once walked," said Hurt. "He served and I serve so that generations to come will be able to experience life with incredible choices. We have the freedom to speak our minds and worship our God openly. These are freedoms we often take for granted, but they continue to require steadfast service and sacrifice."



Service is a strong tradition in Hurt's family. His father, Dr. Ray Hurt, was a successful pastor for over 55 years and a leader in expanding churches nationwide, a role later taken by Hurt's brother after his father's passing. Hurt's nephew, Bradford Hurt, is a

third-year cadet at the Air Force Academy, continuing his family's legacy of military service.

"When I was a young lieutenant, a command chief master sergeant pointed at my chest and said, 'Whose name is that on your uniform?'" said Hurt. "I cautiously replied, 'It's my name, chief.' He quickly replied, 'No it's not, it's your grandfather's name. Remember everything you do now reflects on your entire family.' I have always remembered that encounter with a very wise chief and it means more today than ever before."

As the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps marks 250 years of service, it continues to uphold its mission of nurturing the living, caring for the wounded and honoring the fallen. Hurt loyally upholds this tradition of service to others, proud to continue the legacy of his ancestors before him. ★

*May Almighty God bless
our military men and women and their families!*



Saint John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church

Very Rev. Michael Wallack, Pastor
1282 Yardville-Allentown Road
Allentown, NJ 08501

Office Phone: 609-259-3391
Website: StJohnRomanCatholic.org

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 PM Mass
Sunday: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
12:30 PM Traditional Latin High Mass

Weekly Schedule

Monday: Noon - 6:45 PM Adoration
7:00 PM Mass
Tuesday: 8:00 AM Mass
Wednesday: 8:00 AM Mass
5:45 PM Holy Hour
(Adoration, Confession)
7:00 PM Traditional Latin Low Mass
Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass
Friday: 8:00 AM Traditional Latin Low Mass
Saturday: 8:00 AM Mass

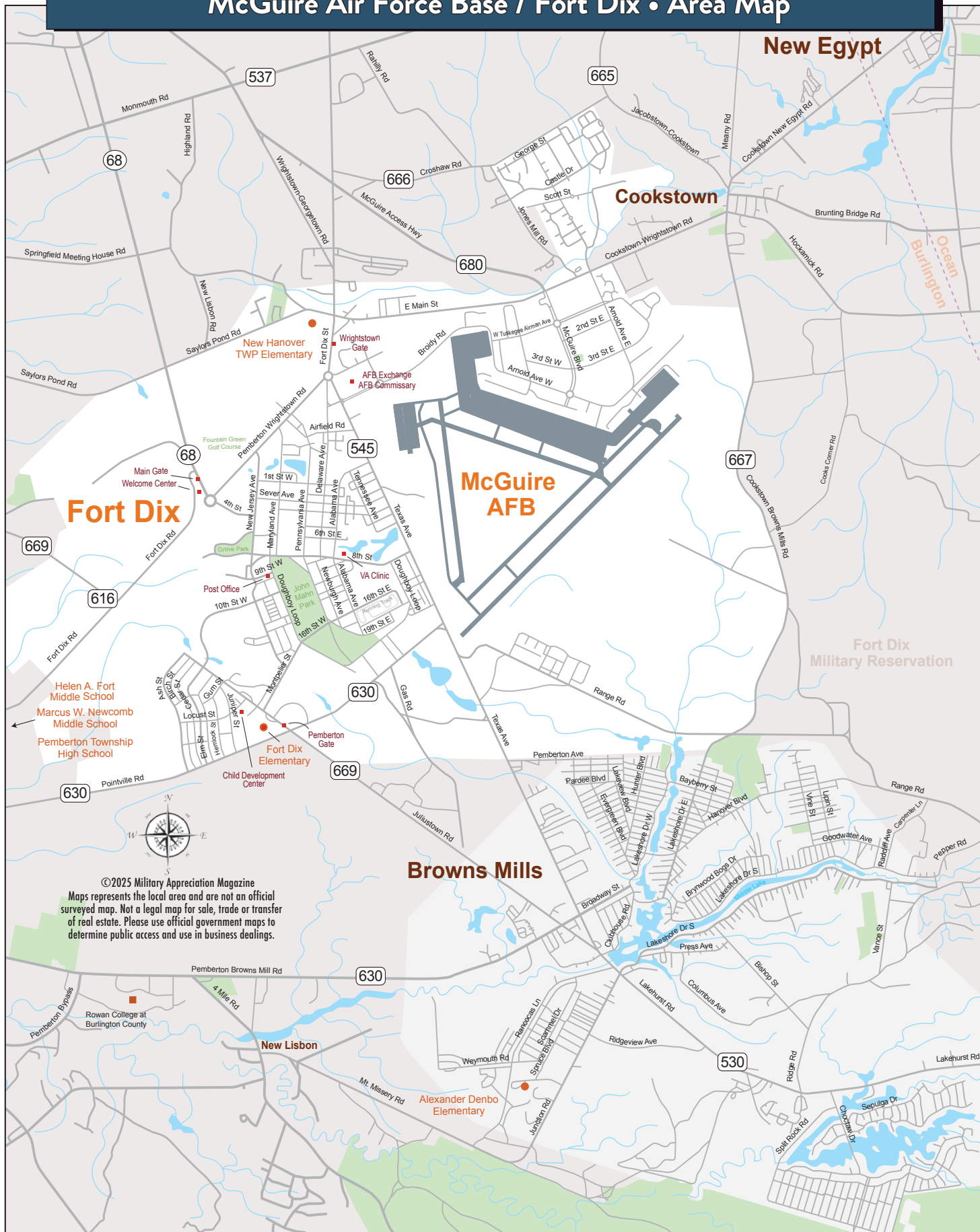
Sacrament of Confession

Wednesday: 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM (during Holy Hour)
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM

PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and Prince of Peace, watch over our loved ones as they serve their country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers of military life. Keep them close to You and help them live in such a manner that is pleasing to You. Lord Jesus, give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. We pray that You would be with them when they are in danger, strengthen them when they face hardships. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. And Lord, for those who give the ultimate sacrifice with their lives for serving their country, please touch and minister Your Grace to their families. Amen.

McGuire Air Force Base / Fort Dix • Area Map

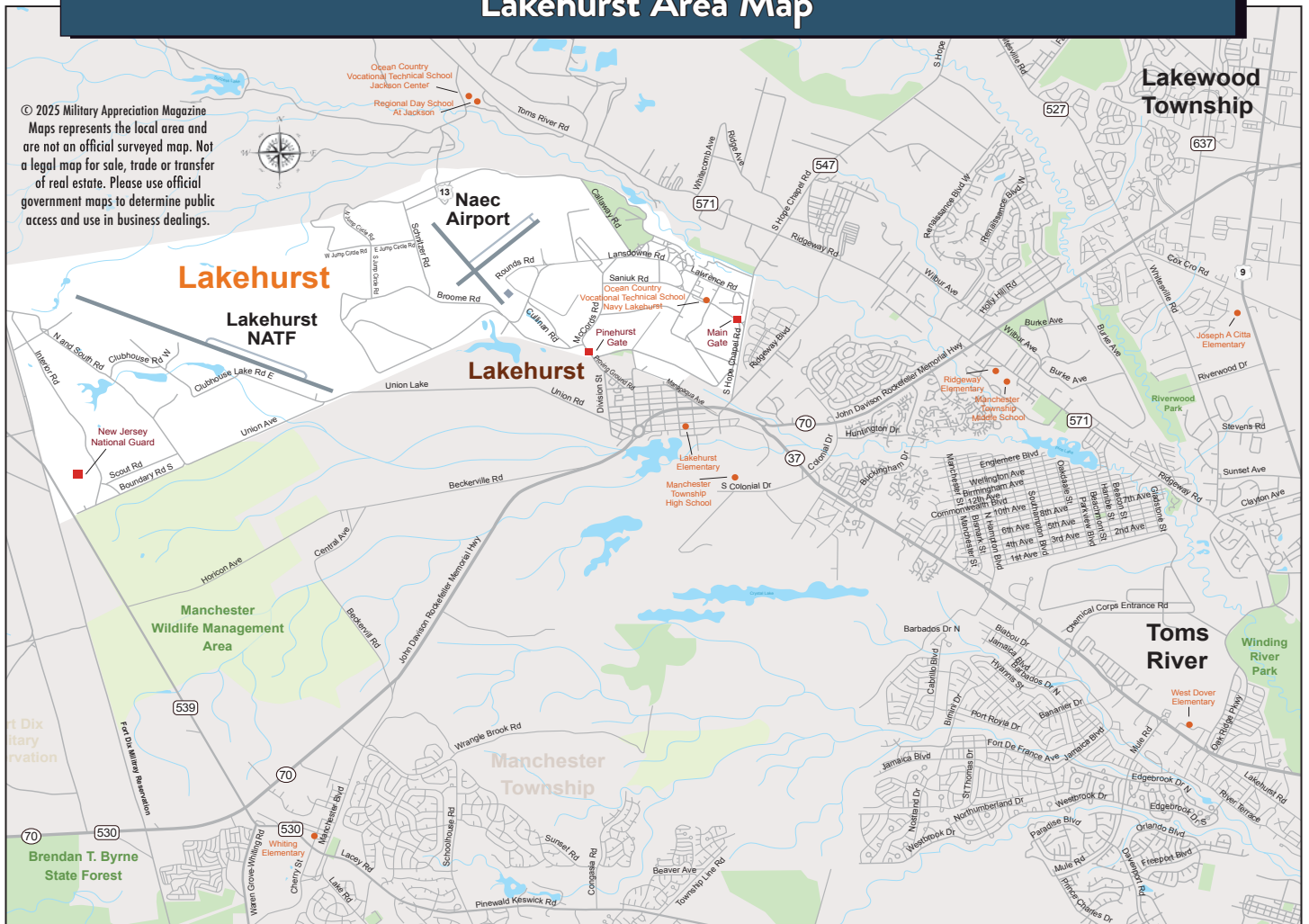


JBMDL FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Name	Phone#
All American Inn/Lodging.....	754-4667
Aquatics.....	562-6396
Auto Hobby Shop.....	754-4316/323-2087
Arts and Crafts.....	562-5691
Bowling Center.....	562-6895/323-2027
Business Office.....	323-1111
Chaplains Office.....	754-4673
Child and Youth Enrollment.....	562-4702/323-2260
87th Civil Engineer Customer Service Center.....	754-8723
Civilian Personnel.....	754-5701
Command Post.....	754-3935
Joint Base Library.....	754-2079
Joint Base Theater Reservations.....	754-2830
Joint Personnel Property Shipping Office.....	562-2571/323-7266
Lodging.....	323-2266
Medical Clinic.....	754-9200/323-5372
Military Clothing Sales.....	723-2307
Military Family Support Center.....	754-3154/562-2767/323-1248/323-1248
Military Personnel Section.....	323-5060
Navy Relief.....	323-2362
Outdoor Recreation.....	323-2583
Commissary.....	754-2153/323-1220
Community Special Events.....	323-2405
Doughboy Gym.....	562-5780
Family Child Care.....	562-1312/754-2516
Finance.....	754-5052
Fire Arms Registration.....	562-5260
Fitness and Sports Center.....	754-6085/323-7266

Name	Phone#
Fleet Liaison.....	323-7934
Flight Deck (Rec Center).....	323-2405
Force Support Squadron.....	754-5374
Fountain Green Golf Course.....	562-2166
Griffith Field House.....	562-4888
Halvorsen Hall.....	754-2450
Housing.....	754-3662/323-2370
Human Resources.....	754-6900/323-1058
Information, Tickets and Tours.....	562-6667/562-4210/323-1362
Inspector General.....	754-8711
John Mann Park.....	562-6667
Passenger Terminal.....	754-2749
Pine Ridge Golf Course.....	323-7483
Pine Ridge Pool.....	323-2473
Post Office (Dormitory).....	754-6012/723-2089/323-2534
Protocol.....	754-2405
Public Affairs.....	754-2104
Pudgy's Sports Bar.....	724-0443
Range 14 Rod and Gun Club.....	562-4676
Safety.....	754-7233
School Liason.....	754-3878
Soldier and Family Assistance Center.....	562-6554
Traffic Management Office (TMO), Personal Property Section (PPS).....	754-6911
The Attic (Donation/Assistance Center).....	754-8703
The Exchange.....	723-6100/323-7680
Thrift Shops.....	754-2368/723-2683/323-2362
Tommy B's Community Activities Center.....	754-2830
Veterinary Clinic.....	562-6636

Lakehurst Area Map



Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Phone Numbers

QUICK REFERENCE

Emergency...911 • Base Operator...754-1110/323-2011 • Base Status...754-2273/323-7669

McGuire Area Code 609, DSN 650 Zip Code 08641	Dix Area Code 609, DSN 562 Zip Code 08640	Lakehurst Area Code 732, DSN 624 Zip Code 08733
JBMDL Hospital	JBMDL Dix Victim Advocate Services	
87th Medical Group	5203 Maryland Ave., Fort Dix, NJ, 08640.....(609) 562-3849, (609) 562-6343	
3458 Neely Rd, McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(866) 377-2778	JBMDL Beneficiary Counseling Assistance Coordinators	
JBMDL Air Force Aid Society	87th Medical Group	
Military & Family Support Center	3458 Neely Rd., JB MDL, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-9082, (609) 754-9083	
3435 Broidy Rd, McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-3154	JBMDL McGuire ID/CAC Card Processing	
JBMDL Andrews Federal Credit Union	2916 Falcon Lane, McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-1592	
3456 Broidy Rd, McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 723-8530	JBMDL Library	
JBMDL Armed Forces Bank	2603 Tuskegee Airmen Ave., McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-2079	
McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 723-0707	JBMDL Loan Closet	
JBMDL Auto Hobby Shop	Military & Family Support Center	
2416 Vandenberg Ave., McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 562-3333	3435 Broidy R., McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-3154	
JBMDL Exchange Barber Shop	JBMDL McGuire-Dix Housing Management Office	
Main Exchange, 3452 Broidy Ave., McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 723-5190	3700 A Circle Dr., McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-3662	
JBMDL Women, Infants, and Children (WIC & WIC-O)	JBMDL McGuire Family Advocacy Program	
Department of Health	3458 Neely Rd., JB MDL McGuire, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-9680	
15 Pioneer Boulevard, Westampton, NJ, 08060.....(609) 267-4304	JBMDL Legal Services/JAG	
JBMDL Main Exchange	2901 Falcon Lane, McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-2010	
3452 Broidy Ave., McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641-0000.....(609) 723-6100	JBMDL McGuire Chapel	
JBMDL Exchange Food Court	McGuire Chapel	
3452 Broidy Ave., McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 723-6100	2503 East Arnold Ave, McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-4673	
JBMDL Chaplain and Religious Services - Lakehurst	JBMDL McGuire Sports and Fitness Center	
Cathedral of the Air	2504 POW/MIA Blvd., McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-6085	
264 Hope Chapel Rd., Lakehurst, NJ, 08733.....(609) 754-4673	JBMDL McGuire Victim Advocate Services	
JBMDL McGuire Child Development Center #1	2903 McGuire Blvd., McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-2988, (609) 754-2968	
2430 Can Do Way, McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-2966	JBMDL McGuire Welcome Center	
JBMDL McGuire Child Development Center #2	3021 McGuire Blvd., McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-3628, (609) 754-3938	
2414 Tuskegee Airmen Ave., McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-3661	JBMDL Lakehurst Privatized Housing Office	
JBMDL Civilian Personnel Office	1053 Division St., Lakehurst, NJ, 08733.....(844) 334-0831	
2903 McGuire Blvd., McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-5701, (609) 754-2554	JBMDL Veterinary Services	
JBMDL McGuire Commissary	3259 Gettysburg Ave., Fort Dix, NJ, 08640.....(609) 562-6636	
3453 Broidy Rd., McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-2153, (609) 754-5860	JBMDL Dix Outdoor Recreation Center	
JBMDL Dental Clinic	6045 Doughboy Loop, JB MDL, NJ, 08641-0000.....(609) 562-6667, (609) 562-4208	
2417 McGuire Blvd., McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-3786, (609) 234-2189	JBMDL Non-appropriated Funds (NAF) Human Resources	
JBMDL Dix Chapel	2916 Falcon Lane, McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-6900	
5240 New Jersey Ave., Fort Dix, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-4673	JBMDL New Parent Support Program	
JBMDL Education & Training Center	87th Medical Group	
3829 School House Rd., McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-3019, (609) 754-4116	3458 Neely R., JB MDL, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-9680, (866) 377-2778	
JBMDL EFMP - Family Support	JBMDL McGuire Personal Financial Management Services	
3435 Broidy Rd., McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-3154, (609) 754-9290	Military & Family Support Center	
JBMDL EFMP - Enrollment	3435 Broidy Rd., McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-3154	
87th Medical Group	JBMDL Military Personnel Support Office	
3458 Neely Rd., JB MDL McGuire, NJ, 08640.....(609) 754-9752	2916 Falcon Lane, McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-3986, (609) 754-4740 (609) 754-5092, (609) 754-3017	
JBMDL Falcon Creek Golf Course	JBMDL McGuire Relocation Assistance Program	
2007 Can Do Way, McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-2169, (609) 754-3330	Military & Family Support Center	
JBMDL McGuire Family Center	3435 Broidy R., McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-3154	
3435 Broidy Rd., McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-3154	JBMDL McGuire Retirement Services	
JBMDL Family Child Care Program	2916 Falcon Lane, McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-2362, (609) 754-2474	
3435 Broidy Rd., JB McGuire, NJ, 08640.....(609) 754-3154, (609) 754-3341		
JBMDL McGuire Finance Office		
2906 Tuskegee Airmen Ave., McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-6258		

continued on page 53

Phone numbers continued from page 43

JBMDL School Liaison Office

3435 Broidy Rd., JB MDL, NJ, 08640.....(609) 754-3154

JBMDL McGuire Spouse Education, Training and Careers

Military & Family Support Center

3435 Broidy R., McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-3154

JBMDL Household Goods/Transportation Office

1706 Vandenberg Ave., McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641 (609) 754-6911, (609) 754-3521

JBMDL Household Goods/Transportation Office (Inbound)

5139 Pemberton-Wrightstown Rd., Fort Dix, NJ, 08640(609) 562-6376

JBMDL McGuire Transition Assistance Program

Military & Family Support Center

3435 Broidy Rd., McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-3154

JBMDL McGuire-Dix Unaccompanied Member Housing

2616 Tuskegee Airman Ave., JB MDL, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-5498

JBMDL Crescenz VA Medical Center

Crescenz VA Medical Center

3900 Woodland Ave., Philadelphia, PA, 19104..... (215) 823-5800, (800) 949-1001

JBMDL McGuire Youth Center

3830 East Scott St., McGuire AFB, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-5437

JBMDL Navy Federal Credit Union

201 State Route 34 N., Colts Neck, NJ, 07722(888) 842-6328

JBMDL Navy Federal Credit Union

2100 Route 38, Cherry Hill, NJ, 08002.....(888) 842-6328

JBMDL McGuire Information and Referral Services

3435 Broidy Rd., JB MDL McGuire, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-3154

JBMDL McGuire Temporary Lodging/Billeting

The All American Inn

2786 Mitchell Rd., JB MDL McGuire, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-4667

JBMDL Lakehurst Unaccompanied Member Housing

Highway 547, JB MDL, NJ, 08733.....(732) 323-1268

JBMDL Lakehurst Housing Management Office

483 Walsh Drive, JB MDL, NJ, 08733.....(732) 323-2370

JBMDL McGuire-Dix Privatized Family Housing

3700 A Circle Dr., JB MDL, NJ, 08641.....(609) 723-4290, (609) 316-0172

JBMDL Lakehurst Family Center

488-2 Highway 547, JB MDL, NJ, 08733.....(732) 323-1248

JBMDL Lakehurst Information & Referral Services

488-2 Highway 547, Trenton, NJ, 08733.....(732) 323-1248

JBMDL Lakehurst Relocation Assistance Program

488-2 Highway 547, JB MDL, NJ, 08733.....(732) 323-1248

JBMDL Lakehurst Personal Financial Management Services

488-2 Highway 547, JB MDL, NJ, 08733.....(732) 323-1248

JBMDL Lakehurst Spouse Education, Training and Careers

488-2 Highway 547, JB MDL, NJ, 08733.....(732) 323-1248

JBMDL Dix Transition Assistance Program

541W Delaware Ave., JB MDL, NJ, 08640(609) 562-1761, (609) 562-1556

JBMDL Lakehurst Transition Assistance Program

488-2 Highway 547, JB MDL, NJ, 08733.....(732) 323-1248, (866) 340-1685

JBMDL Dix ID/CAC Card Processing

McDonald Hall, 5418 South Scott Plaza, JB MDL, NJ, 08640(609) 562-2177

JBMDL Lakehurst ID/CAC Card Processing

Highway 547, JB MDL, NJ, 08733.....(732) 323-5060

JBMDL Dix Youth Center

1279 Locust Street, JB MDL, NJ, 08640(609) 562-5061

JBMDL Lakehurst Youth Center

487 Walsh Drive, JB MDL, NJ, 08733(732) 323-4043

JBMDL Lakehurst Victim Advocate Services

201 Highway 34 South, JB MDL, NJ, 07722(732) 573-5199

JBMDL Dix Welcome Center

2270 Fort Dix Rd., JB MDL, NJ, 08640(609) 562-6604

JBMDL Lakehurst Outdoor Recreation

123 Severyns Rd., JB MDL, NJ, 08733(732) 323-2583, (732) 323-1362

JBMDL Griffith Fitness Center

8th St., JB MDL, NJ, 08640(609) 562-4888

JBMDL Doughboy Gym

5953 Newport St., JB MDL, NJ, 08640(609) 562-5780

JBMDL Lakehurst Fitness Center

123 Severyns Rd., JB MDL, NJ, 08733(732) 323-7266

JBMDL Dix Child Development Center

1188 Juliustown Rd., JB MDL, NJ, 08640(609) 562-2371

JBMDL Lakehurst Child Development Center

657 Berry Rd., JB MDL, NJ, 08733(732) 323-2260

JBMDL McGuire School Age Care Program

3830 E. Scott St., JB MDL, NJ, 08641.....(609) 754-5914

JBMDL Dix School Age Care Program

5219 8th St., JB MDL, NJ, 08640(609) 562-3873

JBMDL Lakehurst School Age Care Program

487 Walsh Dr., JB MDL, NJ, 08733(732) 323-4043

JBMDL Lakehurst Commissary

485 Walsh Rd., Lakehurst, NJ, 08733(732) 323-1220, (732) 323-1271

JBMDL Dix Bowling Center

6054 Doughboy Loop, JB MDL, NJ, 08640.....(609) 562-6895

JBMDL Lakehurst Bowling Center

489 Saniuk Rd., JB MDL, NJ, 08733(732) 323-2027

JBMDL Dix Information, Tickets & Travel (ITT)

6045 Doughboy Loop, JB MDL, NJ, 08640.....(609) 562-4208, (609) 562-6667

JBMDL Lakehurst Information, Tickets & Travel (ITT)

123 Severyns Rd., JB MDL, NJ, 08733(732) 323-1362, (732) 323-4565

JBMDL Pine Ridge Golf Course

33 Berry Rd., JB MDL, NJ, 08733.....(732) 323-7483

New Jersey Veteran Service Organizatons

Please note that the following lists includes only five posts from each of two major VSOs, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The most current and comprehensive information of these two VSOs at the State level can be found at the following websites:

www.njamericanlegion.org

vfwnj.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp

American Legion Post 509

320 Beverly Rancocas Rd, Willingboro, NJ 08046
(609) 871-9000

American Legion Post 371

41 N Lakeview Dr, Gibbsboro, NJ 08026
(856) 783-7327

American Legion Post 38

129 Veterans Ln, Haddonfield, NJ 08033
(856) 429-5414

American Legion Post 129

2025 Church Rd, Toms River, NJ 08754
(732) 255-9250

American Legion Post 348

822 Mantoloking Rd, Brick, NJ 08723
(732) 477-1915

VFW Post 1817

142 Riverbank, Burlington, NJ 08016
(609) 386-3608

VFW Post 2445

914 East Main Street, Maple Shade, NJ 0805
(856) 667-9581

VFW Post 1270

2324 Penn St, Pennsauken, NJ 08110
(856) 317-9081

VFW Post 316

30 Gilford Road, Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087
(609) 296-8090

VFW Post 3729

11 E. Winifred Avenue, Beach Haven, NJ 08008
(609) 494-0310

Thank You For Your Sacrifice & Service To Our Nation



EST. 1969
Gervasio's
ITALIAN FAMILY RESTAURANT

**OPEN FOR
LUNCH AND DINNER
TAKE OUT • DINE IN
DOORDASH**

TRENTON TOMATO PIES
PASTA • ENTREES • SALAD
SANDWICHES

609-588-4444
95 Saddle Way
Chesterfield
CLOSED TUESDAYS
www.gervasiosrestaurant.com

**10% MILITARY
DISCOUNT**



**JOHNSON'S
CORNER FARM**
PLANTING SEEDS, HARVESTING MEMORIES

133 Church Rd., Medford, NJ 08055
609.654.8643
WWW.JOHNSONSFARM.COM



CHAMPION
DISPOSAL
AN HTG COMPANY

FRANK CONIGLIO
General Manager of
Roll-Off Services

Dispatch: 609-914-4511
Mobile: 609-351-5145
fconiglio@TheHTG.com

4002 Sylon Blvd
Hainesport, NJ 08036

TheHTG.com



BIRD'S
TOWING & AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR

AUTO REPAIR
QUALITY PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
24/7 TOWING
TRUST BIRD'S TO GET YOU OUT
U-HAUL RENTALS
GET A FREE QUOTE TODAY!

COMPLETE AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC VEHICLES
67 Fort Dix St., Wrightstown, NJ 08562
(609) 723-0404

GSA
Repair Facility

JASPER
ENGINES & TRANSMISSIONS

NAPA

CLAYTON
OFF ROAD

U-HAUL

**Military
Discount**

www.birdsautomotive.net

ATEF MICHAEL
Owner



**DREAM
DRIVE**
AUTO MOTORS & SERVICES

Quality Pre-Owned Autos

609-723-8468
609-205-4013
www.dreamdriveautomotors.com
39 Fort Dix Street, Wrightstown, NJ 08562
dreamdriveautomotors@gmail.com



MARTIAL ARTS
WRESTLING ★ BJJ ★ MUAY THAI ★ MMA

**POWER HALF WRESTLING
CRESSMAN MMA**

**TRAINING FOR
ALL AGES!
(KIDS AND ADULTS)**

**FREE
TRIAL
HERE!**

**39 WRIGHTSTOWN-COOKSTOWN ROAD
COOKSTOWN, NJ
609-901-4950**
WWW.POWERHALFWRESTLING.COM




Vincentown United Methodist Church
Pastor Connie Squire

vincentownumc.org
office@vincentownumc.org
609-859-2161
97 Main Street, Vincentown, NJ 08088

11:00 am Sunday Worship Service
on Facebook live & In-Person
"Hands of Christ Serving the People of Christ"



realtor-associate **CARRIE CHRISTIAN**

address 2 Market Street
Browns Mills, NJ 08015

office 609.893.5800
cell 609.251.6516
fax 609.893.5858

web SchneiderRealEstate.com
email CarrieTheRealtor28@gmail.com



TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF SKILLED CRAFT LABOR

ABC New Jersey is proud to promote, support, and train all individuals entering the construction industry. Through our **Apprenticeship Education & Training Fund**, we currently offer 26 US-DOL-approved apprenticeship programs.

Our Chapter represents tens of thousands of individuals throughout New Jersey who work on construction projects in all communities.



State-of-the-Art Technology



Hands-On Training



Promoting Safety on Jobsites



We Train the Best and Build the Best,
regardless of labor affiliation.

(856) 437-4130

www.abcnjc.org



LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER

PRSRT STD
ECR WSS
US POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT # 1239
Bellmawr NJ

LESTER GLENN

AUTO GROUP

*You've served our country, our community
& our families, let the Lester Glenn Family serve you.*

★ **THANK YOU** ★
FOR YOUR SERVICE!



**Active Military Personnel & Veterans
Can Receive Up To An Additional
\$1,000 Off New Vehicles**

Scan Here To Learn More!



Family Owned & Operated Since 1956

11 Sales & Service Locations Throughout New Jersey | Including A Full-Service Collision Center

Get Started At LesterGlenn.com