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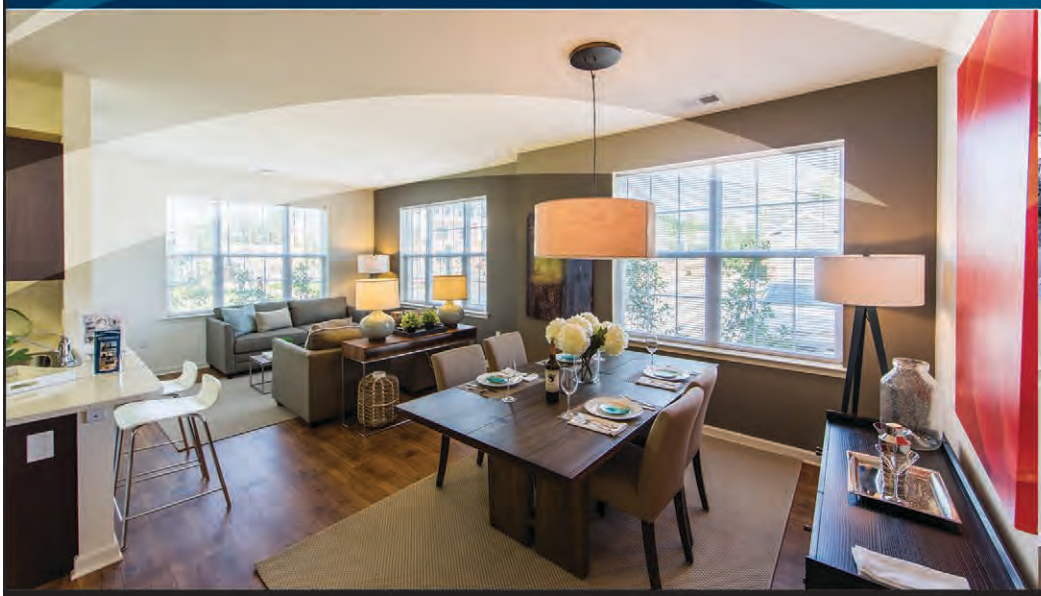

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JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST WELCOME!

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Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst is 18 miles southeast of Trenton, N.J., the state capital in Burlington County. Its 42,000 contiguous acres on the base 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 east to west. It is bordered by two of the largest counties in New Jersey, Ocean and Burlington, which include 10 townships or boroughs.

Under the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) recommendations of 2005, Fort Dix, McGuire Air Force Base, and the Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst formed a joint operation for base operations under Air Force lead. Stretching across Burlington and Ocean Counties, New Jersey, the 60-square miles of contiguous land was the first and only Air Force-Army-Navy installation with significant Marine Corps and Coast Guard assets. The tri-base complex became a blend of Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard military personnel.

87th Air Base Wing provides support for Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst is home to the 87th Air Base Wing, which provides installation management support for 3,933 facilities with an approximate value of $9.3 billion in physical infrastructure. More than 44,000 Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, civilians and their family members living and working on and around JB MDL contribute to the economic impact for the state of New Jersey.

U.S. Army: Fort Dix

The Dix installation originated in 1917 as Fort Dix, named in honor of Maj. Gen. John Adams Dix, a veteran of the War of 1812 and the Civil War, and a former United States Senator, Secretary of the Treasury and Governor of New York.

Dix has a history of mobilizing, training and demobilizing Soldiers from as early as World War I through the present day.

Left, 1st Lt. Maria Juliano, 305th 6th Airlift Squadron pilot, performs a preflight checklist on a C-17A Globemaster 111 aircraft May 2, 2015, on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. Juliano hails from Branchburg, N.J.

In 1978, the first female recruits entered basic training at Fort Dix. In 1991, Dix trained Kuwaiti civilians in basic military skills so they could take part in their country's liberation.

Dix ended its active Army training mission in 1988 due to BRAC recommendations. It began a new mission of mobilizing, deploying and demobilizing Soldiers and providing training areas for Reserve and National Guard Soldiers. In 1994, the United States Air Force Expeditionary Center was established as the Air Mobility Warfare Center on Dix.

U.S. Navy: Lakehurst

Lakehurst's history begins as a munitions-testing site for the Imperial Russian Army in 1916. It was gained by the U.S. Army as Camp Kendrick during World War I. The Navy purchased the property in 1921 for use as an airship station and renamed it Naval Air Station Lakehurst.

The Navy's lighter-than-air program was conducted through the 1930s at Lakehurst. During World War II, anti-submarine patrol blimps were operated from Lakehurst. Since the 1950s, aviation boatswain's mates were trained at Lakehurst to operate catapults and arresting systems on aircraft carriers. Lakehurst conducts the unique mission of supporting and developing the Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment and Support Equipment for naval aviation. The Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System and the Advanced Arresting Gear system that will replace the steam catapults and the MK-7 arresting gear are being developed and tested at Lakehurst at full-scale shipboard representative test facilities here.

U.S. Air Force: Team McGuire

Team McGuire consists of various units working together to maintain air mobility capabilities in a constant state of readiness. These units include the 87th Air Base Wing, United States Air Force Expeditionary Center, 21st Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, 305th Air Mobility Wing, 514th Air Mobility Wing (Air Force Reserve Command), 108th Air Refueling Wing (New Jersey Air National Guard) and the 621st Contingency Response Wing. Each component is essential to providing key elements of Team McGuire's mission responsibility as the East Coast Air Mobility Wing, providing America's Eastern gateway for Global Reach.

The base is named in honor of the late Major Thomas B. McGuire Jr., of Ridgewood, N.J., a Medal of Honor recipient who was the second leading air ace in World War II before being killed in action in January 1945.

The 87th Air Base Wing is the host wing at McGuire AFB. The 87th ABW provides installation support to more than 41 mission commanders spread across 40,000 acres at McGuire, Fort

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A Navy service member plays taps on a bugle during a wreath laying ceremony at Barnegat Inlet, N.J., in April 2015. The wreath was laid to honor the soldiers and sailors who lost their lives during the World War II Battle of Exercise Tiger, April 28, 1944.

Army Reserve photo: Sgt. 1st Class Mark Bell

Army Reserve Spc. Jared Blue, 22, from Marion, Ind., completes an obstacle course event during day two of the 200th Military Police Command's Best Warrior Competition in 2015 at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst: $6.9 billion regional payroll

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst is the nation's only tri-service joint base. It borders two of the largest counties in New Jersey, Ocean and Burlington. The base is the second largest employer in the state of New Jersey and contributes more than $6.9 billion in payroll to the economy. Active-duty, Reserve and Guard service members from the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, and U.S. Coast Guard ensure joint and total force integration by training, supporting and sustaining installation and global contingency operations. Together, we are uniquely capable of projecting air, land and sea power in support of our nation's defense.

Dix and Lakehurst – the Department of Defense's first joint base and the only joint base that consolidated Air Force, Army and Navy installations.

McGuire AFB is home to the 21st Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, one of two EMTFs in Air Mobility Command. Its mission is to command two air mobility operations groups, the 621st CRW at McGuire AFB in New Jersey and the 721st AMOG, located at Ramstein Air Base in Germany. During wartime, contingencies, war games or exercises the EMTF commander is the senior director of mobility forces or DIRMOBFOR within their area of focus. The 21st EMTF is focused on Europe and Southwest Asia as well as experimentation and exercises in Joint Forces Command.

Falling directly under 21st EMTF is the 621st Contingency Response Wing, a major tenant unit. The 621st CRW is the East Coast organization responsible for training and deploying AMC mission support forces. The CRW opens or augments airfields anywhere in the world, deploys worldwide as an extension of the Tanker Airlift Control Center, provides command and control, aerial port and aircraft maintenance personnel for AMC's Tanker Airlift Control Elements and combat camera support to document military operations.

Fort Dix is Air Mobility Command's premier training and test center

The Expeditionary Center, located on neighboring Fort Dix, is AMC's premier training and testing institution. It consolidates air mobility specific training, testing and evaluations previously located at seven geographically separated units. It is the host to EAGLE FLAG, an Air Force-level expeditionary combat support exercise where participants demonstrate the capability to open an airbase in an austere location.

Air mobility, refueling

As strategic units of AMC, the 305th Air Mobility Wing, and 514th Air Mobility Wing provide airlift and air refueling support as assigned by Headquarters, Air Mobility Command and initiated by the Department of Defense.

The 108th Air Refueling Wing represents one of the largest refueling wings in the Air National Guard. The men and women of the unit are proud to be a part of the Total Force, and they are dedicated to supporting AMC in both the air refueling and strategic airlift roles.

Through the use of the C-17 Globemaster III, KC-10A Extender and KC-135 Stratotanker, McGuire AFB maintains air mobility assets in a constant state of readiness. Mission responsibilities include the movement of troops, passengers, military equipment, cargo and mail. Aerial refueling capability is another important aspect of McGuire's mission. McGuire AFB's mission sends aircraft and crews, as well as ground support personnel, throughout more than 50 countries around the globe, including the Commonwealth of Independent States, on an around-the-clock basis. With combat and combat support experience in Operations Northern and Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, along with numerous tasks serving as training for wartime requirements, Team McGuire is continually postured in a state of preparedness.

Today, the 87th ABW, 305th AMW, along with the 514th AMW (AFRC), the 108th Air Refueling Wing (NJANG), and other tenant units combine to form Team McGuire, an installation with one team and one theme: Mobility.

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JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST UPCOMING EVENT

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The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, climb for the Line Break Loop during the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Open House, May 11, 2014.

The Thunderbirds are coming!

The nation's only tri-service joint base, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst is set to open its doors to the community May 14-15, 2016, for the 2016 'Power in the Pines' Open House and Air Show. The event is set to feature air show headliners, the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, the U.S. Army Golden Knights Jump Team and the Breitling Jet Team.

The Thunderbirds will perform expert aerial maneuvers in the F-16 Fighting Falcon and are the first of several expected aerial demonstrations to take place throughout the event. In addition, attendees can get up close and personal with military air and ground equipment; and experience a variety of entertainment throughout the two-day event.

Updates will come over the next several months as more acts are added to the show.

The Defense Department hosts open houses to enhance public awareness of the military's mission, equipment, facilities and personnel and to promote positive community relations.

"We are looking forward to welcoming our community partners to our open house and air show," said Lt. Col. Pat Rayner, 2016 Open House and Air Show director. "This is a great opportunity to thank our community for their support and to showcase what goes on behind our gates and in our skies each day."

Community members will have an opportunity to take a closer look at the joint base's global mobility, training and innovation capabilities and see a true joint and total force platform. The last Open House and Air Show hosted by JB MDL was in May 2014.

For more information, contact the Joint Base Public Affairs Office at 754-2104 or visit *www.jointbasemdl.af.mil* for more information. Information on the 2016 Open House and Air Show can also be found online at *www.GoMDL.com* and *www.jointbasemdl.af.mil/library/openhouseandairshow.asp*.

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Major Thomas McGuire (middle) with Pudgy, his P-38, in the Pacific during World War II.
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Major Thomas B. McGuire, Jr.

Maj. Thomas B. McGuire Jr., whose memory was preserved by the naming of McGuire AFB, was born in Ridgewood, N.J., Aug. 1, 1920. He left Georgia Tech University in his third year to join the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1941, reporting to Randolph Field as an aviation cadet.

During World War II, his first combat assignment was flying patrols over the Aleutian Islands and Alaska flying the P-39 Airacobra. While scoring no aerial victories in the Aleutians, McGuire was able to hone his natural and instinctive gifts as a pilot. Returning to the United States in December 1942, he transitioned to the P-38 Lightning. In March 1943, he was sent to the South Pacific as a P-38 Lightning pilot with the 49th Fighter Group, 5th Air Force.

Five months later, the 5th Air Force decided to create an entire group, the 475th Fighter Group, of P-38 fighters, at the behest of its commander, the legendary Lt. Gen. George Kenney. Because he was a natural leader and experienced pilot, McGuire was among those chosen to form the new group. He was assigned to the 431st Fighter Squadron. On Aug. 18, 1943, McGuire was part of a group flying top cover for bombers striking at Wewak, New Guinea. Nearing their target, the fighters were attacked by Japanese aircraft. During the battle, McGuire shot down two Ki-43 "Oscars" and one Ki-61 "Tony." On the following day, near the same location, he downed two more Oscars. This established him as an air ace in two days, after undergoing a frustrating year of apprenticeship with no opportunities to engage the enemy.

Over time, McGuire became one of the finest pilots ever to don an Air Force uniform. His skill at maneuvering the large twin-engined P-38 was legendary, and he eventually became one of the top scoring Airmen in Air Force history. Had it not been for periodic illnesses and heavy administrative duties as Commander, 431st Fighter Squadron, McGuire would surely have become the United States' leading aces. His short life was full. Charles Lindbergh bunked with him and flew as his wingman on a few highly unusual if unauthorized missions. McGuire even wrote a highly prized book on combat tactics for the entire 5th Air Force. On 25-26 December 1944, McGuire reached the zenith of his career – downing at least seven Japanese fighter aircraft over two days over Luzon, republic of the Philippines. He was two victories away from Maj Richard I. Bong, the USAAF's all-time aerial victory leader. However, after cheating death many times on his way to 38 aerial victories, McGuire's tremendous achievements soon came to a close.

On Jan. 7, 1945, McGuire was leading a group of four P-38s over a Japanese-held airstrip over Fabrica aerodrome, Negros Island. After descending through cloud cover, McGuire's flight attacked a lone Ki-43 "Oscar" they discovered. Unfortunately, the pilot of this aircraft was an instructor pilot with thousands of hours in that type of aircraft, and kept McGuire and his wingman at bay. Another aircraft, a Ki-84 "Frank" appeared on the

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scene from a nearby airstrip, and locked onto McGuire. In the turning battle that ensued, McGuire's P-38 presumably entered into a low-speed stall and crashed. He was killed on impact.

McGuire was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for his outstanding duty performance, especially in the 25-26 December missions. McGuire's other decorations included the Distinguished Service Cross with three devices, two Silver Stars, six Distinguished Flying Crosses, three Purple Hearts, and 15 Air Medals – all before he was 25. He was a special man. McGuire AFB was dedicated to his everlasting honor in January 1948.

John Adams Dix and the history of Fort Dix

Fort Dix is named for Maj. Gen. John Adams Dix, a veteran of the War of 1812 and the Civil War. During his distinguished public career, he was a United States Senator, Secretary of the Treasury, Minister to France and Governor of New York. Construction began in June 1917, and on July 18 the War Department named the cantonment Camp Dix. During World War I, Camp Dix was a training and staging ground for the 78th, 87th and 34th Divisions. Camp Dix grew quickly and became the largest military reservation in the Northeast. Following the armistice, the camp became a demobilization center.

During the period between the wars, Camp Dix was a training facility for active Army, Army Reserve and National Guard units. The Citizens' Military Training Camp conducted summer training under the 1st, 77th, 78th and 99th Infantry Divisions. From 1933-1941, Camp Dix was also a reception, training and discharge center for the Civilian Conservation Corps. On March 8, 1939, Camp Dix became Fort Dix as the installation became a permanent Army post. Fort Dix served as a reception and training center for men inducted under the draft of 1939. Ten divisions and many smaller units trained and staged here before entering the battlefields of World War II. At the end of the war, the reception center became the separation center, returning more than 1.2 million Soldiers to civilian life.

On July 15, 1947, Fort Dix became a basic training center and the home of the 9th Infantry Division. In April 1954, the 9th Division was transferred to Europe and the 69th Infantry Division moved onto Fort Dix. The 69th Division's stay was short-lived; it was deactivated on March 16, 1956. On that date, Fort Dix became the United States Army Training Center, Infantry. Fort Dix expanded rapidly during the Vietnam war. A mock Vietnam village was constructed and Soldiers received Vietnam specific training before going overseas. In July 1973, Fort Dix became a part of the newly formed U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command. In 1988 Fort Dix began to train Air Force Security Police in ground combat skills. Air Base Ground Defense Command trained enlisted, NCO and officer security police to better defend Air Force installations around the world.

In August 1990, Fort Dix began around-the-clock operations deploying troops for Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. In January 1991, Fort Dix was chosen to train selected Kuwaiti civilians in basic military skills. After a brief course, they boarded planes to take part in the liberation of their country.

Because of the BRAC recommendations of 1988, Fort Dix again ended its active Army training mission and became a major center for the training, mobilization, deployment, and demobilization of reserve component forces. Fort Dix maintained its training facilities for numerous military occupational specialties within the combat arms, combat support and combat service support branches. As a mobilization and deployment center, the installation was a replacement center for soldiers taking part in Operation Restore Hope in Somalia, deploying troops for the Bosnia Peace missions and resettling over 4,025 Kosovo refugees fleeing their war torn country. In the post 9-11 world, Fort Dix continued its mobilization, training, deployment, and demobilization of soldiers for the various operations in the Global War on Terrorism.

On September 30, 2009, Col. Patrick Slowey fired the salute gun and members of the garrison staff lowered the U.S. flag for the last time during the final Fort Dix retreat ceremony. The following day, on October 1, the BRAC recommendations

were realized and Fort Dix entered a new phase in its nearly century-old history as it transformed into the United States Army Support Activity, Fort Dix (USASA, Fort Dix) and became part of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

History of Lakehurst: U.S. Navy

Previously known as Naval Air Station Lakehurst, the installation is most famous as the site of the Hindenburg disaster on May 6, 1937. Despite the notoriety and well-documented nature of this incident, today there is a simple memorial that denotes the location of the crash at then-NAS Lakehurst in the field behind the large airship hangars on base. A ground marker, painted black, and rimmed by a bright yellow painted chain, locates where the gondola of the German zeppelin Hindenburg hit the ground.

Prior to this event, NAS Lakehurst was the center of airship development in the United States and housed three of the U.S. Navy's four rigid airships, (ZR-1) Shenandoah, (ZR-3) Los Angeles, and (ZRS-4) Akron. A number of the airship hangars built to berth these ships still survive. Hangar One, in which the Shenandoah was built, held the record for the largest "single room" in the world. According to an article in the January 1925 issue of National Geographic Magazine, the airship hangar "could house three Woolworth Buildings lying side by side."

Maxfield Field was named January 6, 1944, in honor of Commander Louis H. Maxfield, Naval Aviator No. 17, who lost his life in the R-38/USN ZR-2 airship crash, August 24 1921, at Hull, England.[6]

The base housed many Navy non-rigid airships, otherwise knowns as "blimps," in several squadrons before, during and after World War II. This included the U.S. Navy's ZPG-3W (EZ-1C), which was deactivated in September 1962. In 2006, after a 44-year hiatus, the U.S. Navy resumed airship operations at Lakehurst with the MZ-3A.

The former NAS Lakehurst also hosted the U.S. Navy's first helicopter squadrons, HU-1 (later HC-1) and HU-2 (later HC-2); the "A" and "C" enlisted training schools for the Aerographer's Mate (AG), Aviation Boatswain Mate (AB, ABE, ABF, ABH), and Parachute Rigger/Aircrew Survival Equipmentman (PR) ratings until their transfer to other Naval Air Technical Training Centers; and an Overhaul & Repair (O&R) facility for fixed-wing aircraft, the forerunner of the former Naval Air Rework Facilities and Naval Aviation Depots (NADEPs) now known as Fleet Readiness Centers (FRCs).

The German airship Zeppelin LZ 129 "Hindenburg" burning at Lakehurst, New Jersey, May 6, 1937; the disaster occurred while the airship was landing.

Today the base is used for various Naval Aviation development programs. NAES Lakehurst's main airfield has two 5,000 foot runways under its own control tower, while a separate 13,000 foot test runway equipped with a separate control tower and pavement-mounted catapults and arresting gear for testing aircraft carrier suitability of new naval aircraft and new flight deck systems is located approximately a mile to the northwest. In the 1950s, rail guided jet donkeys pushing dead loads at 200 knots tested carrier arresting gear cables and tailhooks.

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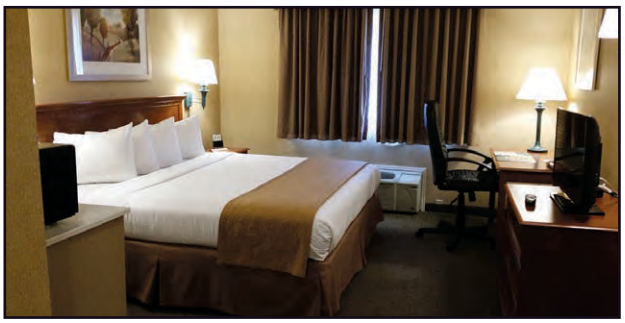

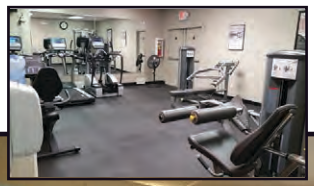

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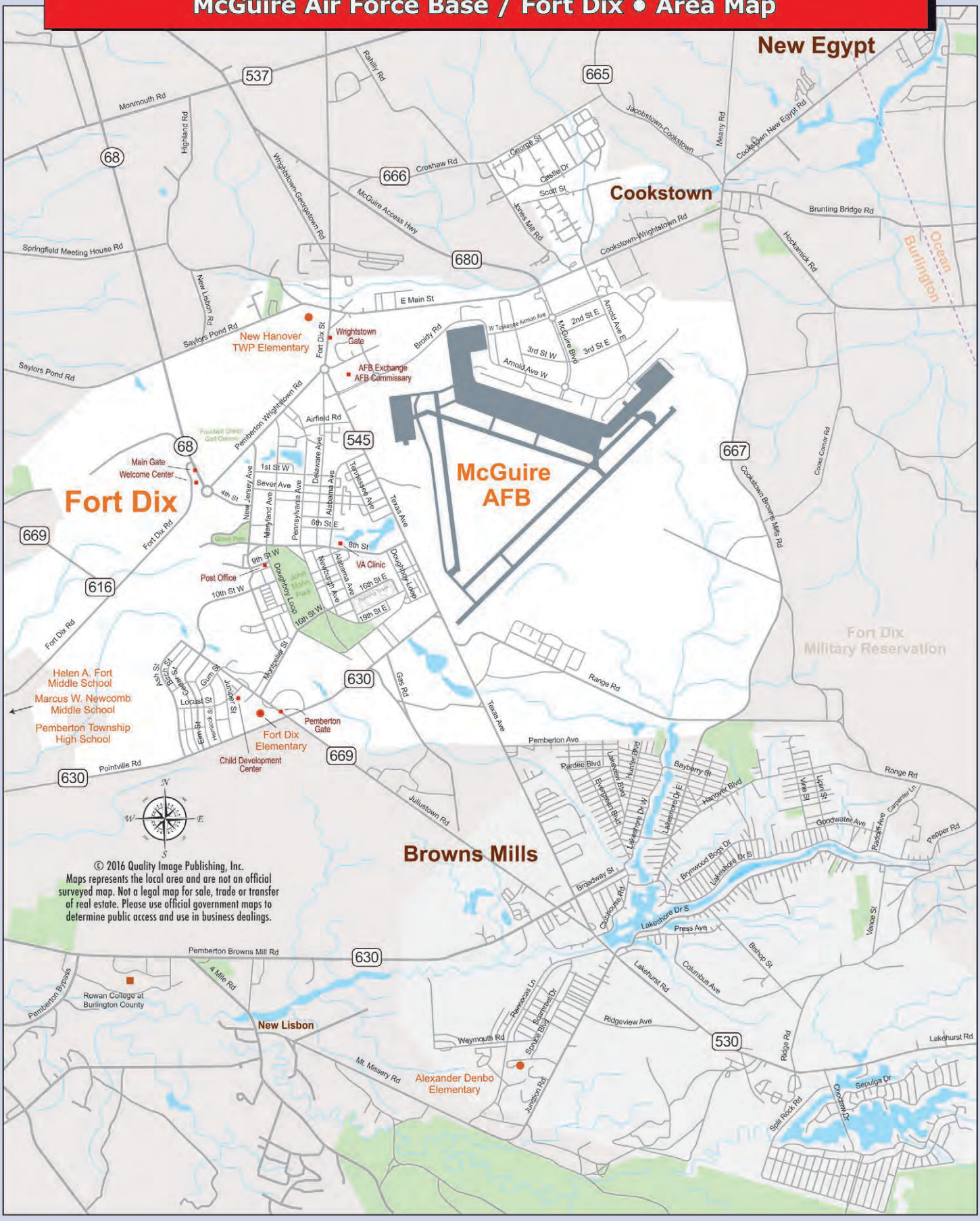

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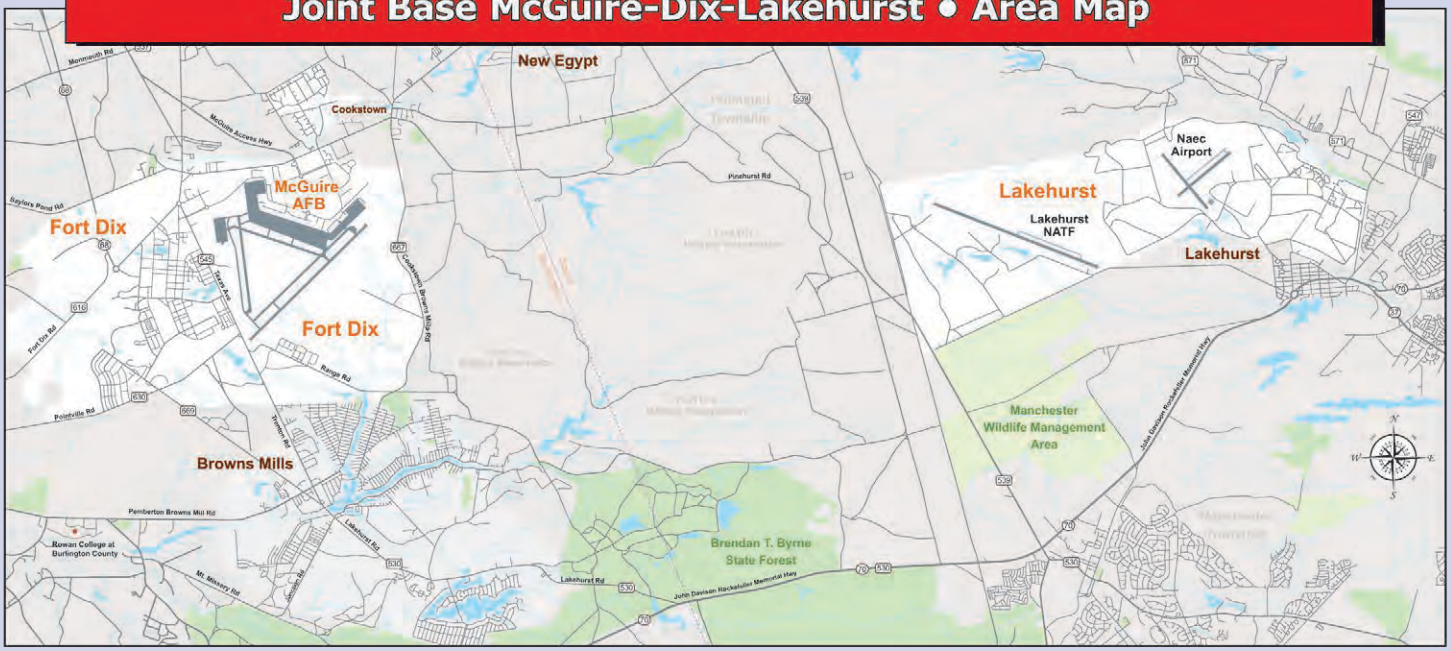

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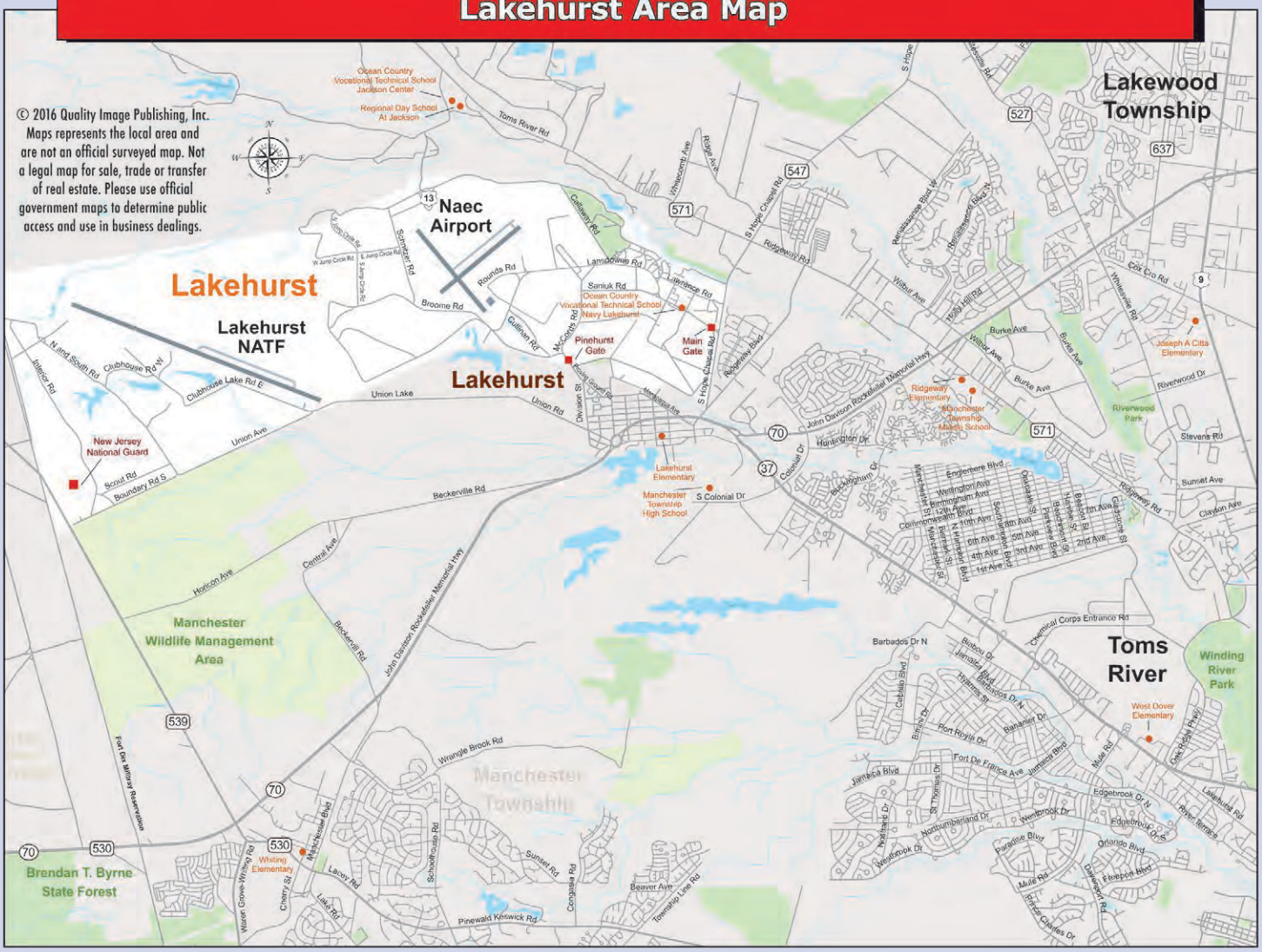

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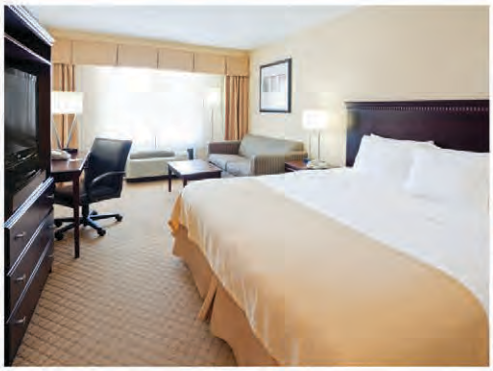

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I reported for active duty in Brooklyn, NY, on February 2, 1943; I was 18 years old. There were hundreds of us waiting on lines in a huge room, each line for a different branch of the service – Army, Navy, Marines. I was directed by a Recruiting Officer to the Marine recruiting line, but when he turned his head, I jumped to the Navy line, a split-second decision that probably saved my life! One week later, on February 9, 1943, I reported to the Naval Training Center at Iowa State College for 16 weeks of training as an Electrician's Mate, 3rd Class. Upon graduation, this Petty Officer was sent to Destroyer Escort School at the Naval Training Station in Norfolk, VA. Four weeks later, my orders sent me to the Philadelphia Naval Yard to become a member of the crew of the USS Coolbaugh, DE217, for its commissioning on September 1943.

After our shakedown cruise to Bermuda, the USS Coolbaugh headed through the Panama Canal and became part of the 7th Fleet. We operated out of Guadalcanal, Tulagi and Purvis Bay for almost a year. We were promised some R&R in Sydney, Australia, but instead headed north to the Solomon Islands to replace another destroyer that had been sunk.

For the next six months, we were stationed in the Manius Islands in the Solomons, escorting ships to New Guinea. One day in late 1944, we were awakened to the explosion of the USS Mount Hood, an ammunition ship, which killed everyone on board and sunk or damaged about 20 ships in the harbor. The only survivors were those sailors who went ashore to pick up the ship's mail. The USS Coolbaugh lucked out that day and didn't experience any losses or damage. While at Manius, I went to a hospital ship to have my four wisdom teeth removed. I was taken back to our ship by whale boat, and by the time the Novocain wore off, we were getting underway, heading toward the Philippines to get ready for the landing on Leyte Gulf ... no rest for a weary old salt dog. As we headed out to sea, we encountered Japanese submarines. My shipmate and I were ordered to man our "K" guns and we launched depth charges, but feeling the effects of the four extracted wisdom teeth, I couldn't lift the 300 lb. charges. I remember my shipmate saying, "Don't give out on me now, boy," and he ended up lifting them by himself!

Leaving Manius with 18 aircraft carriers was an unbelievable sight. Approaching the Philippines, we became three units of six carriers each, known as Taffy 1, Taffy 2 and Taffy 3. The Coolbaugh lucked out again to become part of Taffy 1, the unit the furthest distance from the Japanese Fleet. We didn't get shelled or attacked by Kamikazes like the other two units. We saw the USS Suwanee get damaged by a kamikaze with 92 men blown overboard. The Coolbaugh picked up all 92, some of which were severely burned. With no doctor aboard, our Pharmacist Mate, was awarded a medal for his part in treating the wounded. Another shipmate and I tended to 40 wounded men in the forward galley. I was given two letters of Commendation for taking care of the wounded that day.

In 1945, we were on our way to Iwo Jima, in time to see the raising of the flag. We stood by, waiting for the Marines to mop up the dug-in Japanese and to be part of the escort for victorious Marines back to Hawaii. President Truman gave the go-ahead to drop the atomic-bomb on Japan. It took two of them to end the war.

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1st. Lt. Lauren Adams, 87th Force Support Squadron resource management, picks up debris on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. The spring clean up gave units the opportunity to show pride in JB MDL appearance.

Joint Base Cleanup Days

Due to the Air Force and Air Mobility Command reduction to grounds maintenance standards implemented in 2014, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst will conduct periodic base cleanup days throughout the summer months. To comply with these directives and the associated 15 percent budgetary cut, JB MDL has implemented the Joint Base Common Level of Standards, changing the contract requirements for grass heights and eliminated weed control.

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JB MDL Newcomers' Orientation: The Way to Start

Newcomer's Orientation briefings are held twice a month from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Military and Family Support Center, located at 3435 Broidy Road. Newly arrived military and civilian personnel from all military branches are invited to attend this orientation to ease in-processing and identify services and programs. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call (609) 754-3154 or visit *www.GoMDL.com* and click on the Resilience banner.

International Spouses' Group

The Military and Family Support Center is set to host a meeting of the International Spouses' Group from 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. on the last Friday of each month at Bldg. 3435 Broidy Road. These meetings are open to all military spouses interested in learning about different cultures and diversities. Preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call (609) 754-3154.

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The joint base community will hold a meeting for the Neighborhood Community Watch program from 7 to 8 p.m. every second Tuesday of the month in Falcons Court North. The meeting is intended to inform community members on how they can help protect the community by taking part in neighborhood watches and patrols. For more information, call (609) 723-6563.

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Crafty Birthday Parties

The Peter L. Hunt Arts and Crafts Center, located at Bldg. 6039 Philadelphia Street, offers a chance for community members to host birthday parties at the center. The parties include two hours of party room use and one craft project with an instructor and all materials. Choose from a ceramic painting or plush animals parties. For more information, you can call (609) 562-5691.

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An ABCs of College information session is held every third Thursday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Education Center, located at Bldg. 3829 School House Road., Falcon Courts North Housing Area, Room 206. The briefing will provide information on how to choose a school and major, determine payment methods, plan for career success, register for upcoming classes and gain information about degree types. You can email *gaylor.simons@us.af.mil* for more information or to register.

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The Military Personnel Section passport office will accept appointments for official passport processing from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday. To schedule your appointment, call (609) 754-3826. However, tourist passports are not available at this location. For information on tourist passport locations, you can go to *www.co.burlington.nj.us/pages/pages.aspx?cid=23.*

Hannah and Callie, two Furry Angel therapy dogs, pose for their picture during a 2015 visit to a clinic at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. Furry Angels and their handlers volunteer therapy to the injured and ill.

Passport pick-ups will continue to be handled on a walk-in basis during normal MPS customer service hours. Customers assigned to the 6th Airlift Squadron, 621st Contingency Response Wing, 21st Expeditionary Mobility Task Force and the U.S. Army have separate passport agents in their units who are able to service their passport/Visa needs. For more information, call (609) 754-1592 .

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Tuskegee Airmen Meetings

The Hannibal M. "Killer" Cox chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen Incorporation is set to host its monthly meeting at 5 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Firehouse Club on McGuire. Visit *www.tuskegeeairmen.org* for more information.

History Tours at Lakehurst

The Navy Lakehurst Historical Society offers tours of historic Hangar One and the Hindenburg crash site at 10 a.m. every Wednesday and every second and fourth Saturday of the month. For more information, call (732) 818-7520 .

Family Advocacy Program

The Family Advocacy Program invites you to attend classes designed to build community health and resiliency in support of the family, community and mission readiness. Classes include Anger/Stress Management, How to Avoid Falling in Love with a Jerk/Jerkette, Parenting Class, Daddy Boot Camp, Relationship Enhancement Programs, Sweethearts Seminars and more. For more information or to register, call (609) 754-9680 or (732) 323-5330 .

New Parents Support Program

The Family Advocacy Program's New Parents Support Program offers various classes including Baby Basics, Childbirth Preparation, Pregnancy 101, You and Me Plus Baby Equals 3, Child Safety, Breastfeeding, Sign with Your Baby, and more. Aside from these classes, hospital tours, home visits, and one-on-one education are also provided for military families expecting a child or with a child under age three. Let us be a part of this enjoyable part of your life – parenthood. For more information or to register, call (609) 754-9680 or (732) 323-5330.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

The Alcoholics Anonymous meeting is set to be held from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Range Control Headquarters on Dix. Alcoholics Anonymous is a 12-step support group whose only requirement is the desire to stop drinking. This meeting is an open meeting available to anyone who wants or needs to better understand alcoholism and its effects. There are no dues or fees, only the desire to live a life free from alcohol.

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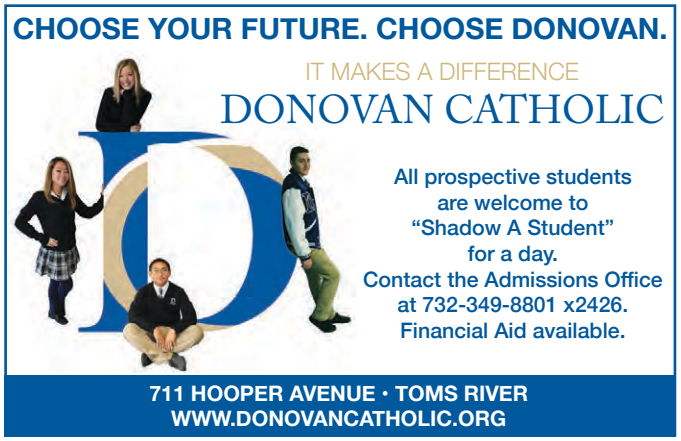
The U.S. Army Support Activity-Dix Claims Office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) at Bldg. 5165 Maryland Ave. The claims office processes Army tort, personnel and affirmative claims for New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania. For more information, call (609) 562-3848 or 2395.



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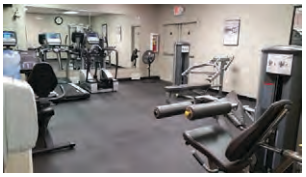

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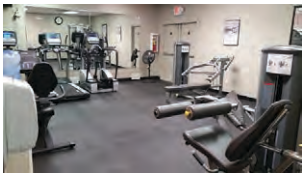

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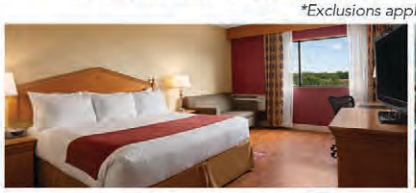

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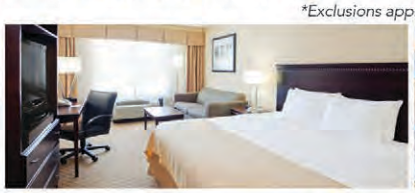

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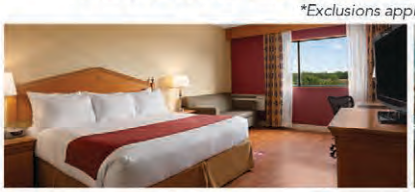

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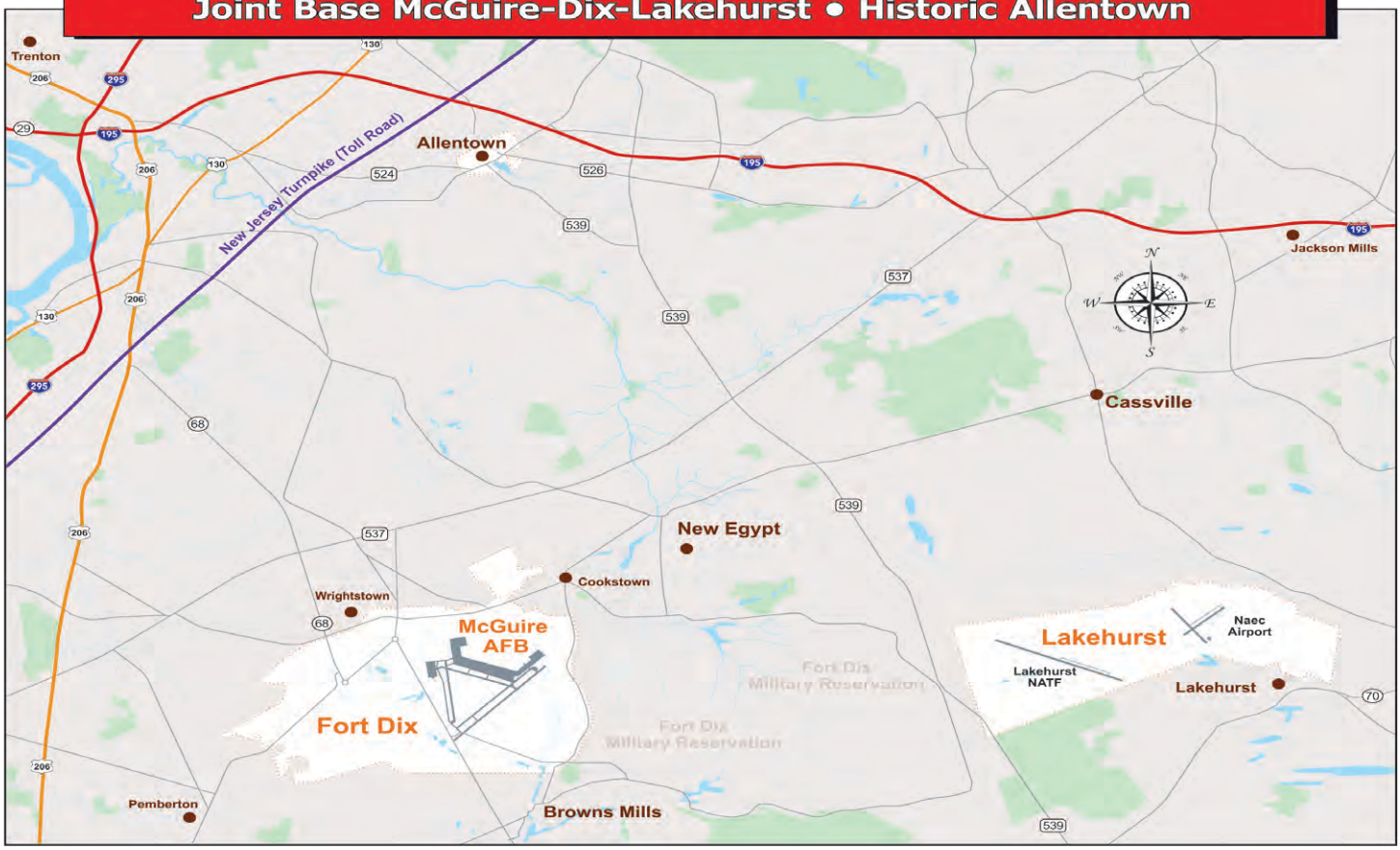

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The architectural styles are diverse, with 220 homes in the designated Historic District dating prior to 1860 and some dating back to the 18th century.

Allentown's shopping district has antique and specialty shops, as well as restaurants. The borough received the "Village Center" designation in 2002, which will allow the borough to receive additional state aid aimed at preserving historic and natural resource sites that are at risk

Allentown's residents value artists, gardening, religion and a school system that is one of New Jersey's best, the Upper Freehold Regional School District in New Jersey. Housing is diverse, a mix of single-family homes, duplexes, apartments and businesses.

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