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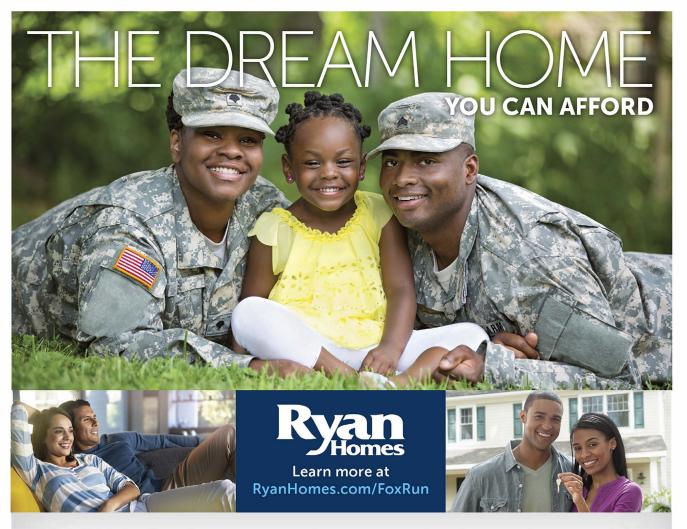
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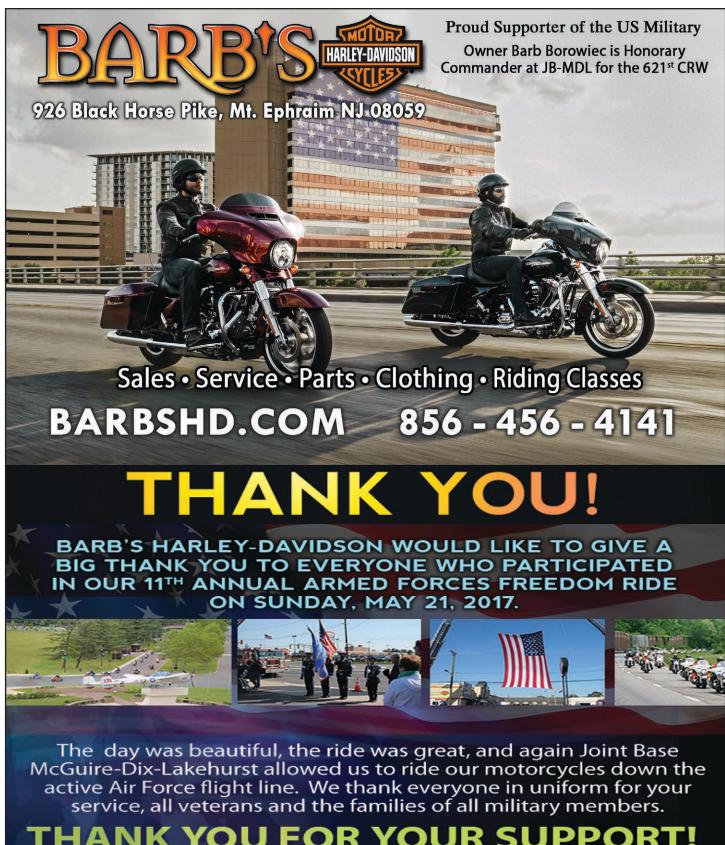


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# JB-MDL has good "top cover" in the nation's capital



U.S. Congressman, Chris Smith Representing New Jersey's 4th District



U.S. Congressman Donald Norcross
Representing New Jersey's 1st District



U.S. Congressman Tom MacArthur Representing New Jersey's 3rd District

By Tim Bradner

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst has influential people flying "top-cover" in the nation's capital. They are New Jersey's congressional delegation, particularly members of the U.S. House of Representatives whose districts include the base and communities near it.

They include Reps. Chris Smith, Donald Norcross and Tom MacArthur. Congressman Smith is the most senior of New Jersey's delegation – and seniority counts in Congress – and his district includes a large part of JB-MDL. Congressman MacArthur's district also includes JB-MDL.

There's also Congressman Norcross, whose district is near the base.

JB-MDL is the largest employer in the South Jersey area, second only to the state of New Jersey as the largest employer in the state. The base contributes \$6.9 billion annually to the regional economy.

The three congressmen work together, and in a bipartisan fashion, to promote the base and its mission.

The Burlington County Times' Editorial Board said the partnership among the delegation offers a "prime example of how things get done when legislators work together."

Congressman Tom MacArthur, whose district also includes parts of the base, said in an interview, "JB-MDL is critical to the nation's defense and not just New Jersey. The base is a leader in air mobility as well as the training and deployment of troops. The Lakehurst (Navy) side is also heavily involved in technology development, such as catapult launch systems for aircraft carriers at sea."

Congressman Donald Norcross is a member of the House Armed Services Committee and has been appointed to serve on two House Armed Services subcommittees with jurisdiction over the Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and the nation's nuclear weapons.

He has been a leader in Congress on national security issues. In the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act, he successfully included provisions to invest in manufacturing research at our local universities, promote project labor agreements in defense contracts, and bolster a joint U.S.-Israel ballistic missile defense project.

### JB-MDL selected for new KC-46s

The big news for JB MDL is the selection of the base by the Air Force to receive the first of the new KC-46 aerial refueling tankers. "Securing this vitally important air refueling mission as early as possible not only allows the U.S. military to continue to operate across the Atlantic well into the future, but will also fortify the Joint Base and further protect it from upcoming rounds of base closures," said Congressman Smith.

Smith, MacArthur and Norcross pushed hard on a successful initiative to get the first of the new Air Force KC-46 tankers based at JB-MDL.

JB-MDL and Travis Air Force Base were selected to receive the first of the new tankers with the first of the aircraft going to JBMDL. Twenty-four of the new aircraft wlll be going to each base, with the first arriving in 2021. In the meantime, preparations are underway for new facilities with \$134.5 million included in the latest federal budget for new KC-46 hangers.



Congressman Smith said the KC-46s will replace the current fleet of KC-10 Extenders at JB-MDL and will arrive two years earlier than the second batch in the sequence that will go to Travis Air Force Base in FY2023.

Congressman Norcross, in a statement, said, "These (KC-46) hangers will ensure we have the proper infrastructure to house the next generation of air refueling tankers," at JBMDL.

"This is the nation's only tri-service base (Air Force, Army and Navy) and it is vital to our nation," Norcross said.

### Quieter, cleaner aircraft

"The KC-46As we are getting are cleaner and quieter than the KC-10s we have at the Joint Base now," Smith added, noting the Boeing version was selected over an Airbus, a European-made tanker.

"The KC-46A is stage-four noise compliant, making it the quietest tanker ever made. It also burns 40 percent less fuel to fly than a KC-10. It's a modern design and I'm very pleased it's made in America. Boeing also reports that it produces less emissions than similarly sized jetliners." Congressman Smith said.

Smith also noted that the expected cost of the KC-46A has dropped 14 percent since 2014, according to news articles on a report by the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the auditing watchdog of Congress.

Smith said the decision by the Air Force to sequence new KC-46A refueling tankers to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst first, before Travis AFB, is a big win that will protect thousands of New Jersey jobs.

"This is a big win for the base and a monumental step that will further secure its future and thousands of NJ jobs for decades come," said Smith.

"With a world-class workforce and a top-rate performance record as the current East Coast air refueling hub, and as the only tri-service joint installation in the nation, JB-MDL has earned this next-gen refueling mission that is so critical to our national security," the congressman said.

Meanwhile, planned retirements of older KC-10 tankers now operating from JB-MDL has been delayed, Congressman MacArthur said in his interview. As the new KC-46s arrive, the older KC-10s wlll phase out in an orderly way, which will provide for continuity for military personnel and the support staff at JB-MDL, the congressman said.

The base currently supports 32 181-foot long KC-10s, which debuted in 1981. These are targeted for retirement and will now be replaced by the smaller 165-foot KC-46As. The base also hosts eight KC-135 Stratotankers and 13 C-17 Globemaster III airlifters, as well as other smaller aircraft and helicopters.

The older KC 135s, first built in the 1950s and 1960s, are less expensive to operate than the KC-10s, so they are likely to remain in operation at JB-MDL as the KC-10s are phased out, Congressman MacArthur said.

### Opposing a new BRAC round

Meanwhile, Congressmen Norcross and MacArthur are also opposing President Trump's request for another base realignment and closure (BRAC) process. "It is irresponsible to consider a BRAC without knowing all the facts," said Congressman MacArthur.

"The 2015 Defense Bill required the President to give Congress an estimate of current excess infrastructure (at bases) and he has not done this," Congressman MacArthur said. Instead, the administration is pushing a new BRAC round while relying on a 10-year-old study that has not been updated.

"Base closures result in huge upfront costs, destroy local communities and diminish our ability to project strength abroad at a critical time in our nation's history. We can't risk compromising our nation's security by securing more base closures," said Norcross.

### Veterans' employment

In legislation relating to veterans' employment, MacArthur was successful in getting a veteran's provision establishing a Joint Executive Committee for job placement included in the final version of the most recent National Defense Authorization Act.

MacArthur's provision directs the Joint Executive Committee between the Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs to create a subcommittee on Transition Assistance that would collaborate in post-service employment.

This provision would require the two federal agencies to work together to make sure troops have everything they need to find gainful employment after their service has ended.

There are 65,000 veterans in the district and nearly 400,000 in the state of New Jersey. "Many of them struggle with



unemployment when they return from serving our country. New Jersey ranks the second highest in veterans' unemployment in the nation, and we must do better," McArthur said.

"During my time on the House Armed Services Committee I have seen firsthand the devastating financial and emotional impacts faced by veterans when they return from service," the congressman said.

"Our veterans are some of the most highly trained workers in America, yet many find only part-time work, while others find no work at all upon their return. We owe it to them to make sure they have every opportunity to earn a good living," he said.

The provision will require the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to collaborate on employment opportunities for our soldiers.

### Civilian worker pay

In another personnel-related development, Congressman Smith and MacArthur worked together to secure changes in federal pay for about 600 civilian employees at JB-MDL that resulted in a pay increase effective last January.

The two congressmen persuaded the U.S. Office of Personnel Management to change regulations and move all Federal Wage System employees at JB-MDL into the New York locality pay area.

"OPM's announcement is a big win for Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and our local community: the elimination of this outdated, pre-BRAC policy means the men and women of the Joint Base's workforce will finally be paid equally and fairly," said Smith, who represents half of the Joint Base and who authored the Joint Base Pay Parity Act (HR 2790) aimed at prodding OPM to act.

The 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) created 12 joint bases, including what is now Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. After the Joint Base was formally established in 2009, the New Jersey Delegation lobbied OPM to include McGuire AFB and Fort Dix civilian employees in the New York region (of which the Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station had long been a part) to establish parity across the installation.

OPM responded by designating the General Schedule employees for better locality pay, but that regulation applied to white collar workers did not include the wage grade employees. The New Jersey Delegation continued the fight and finally won a full correction to bring full pay parity to all employees at the base.

"OPM's decision will also further enhance effective and efficient installation management by allowing the JB-MDL's commander to move civilian employees as necessary," congressman said.

For his part, MacArthur said, "Over the last two years I have seen first-hand the importance of ensuring pay parity for wage-grade workers at the base. This is vital for morale and will ensure that military leaders have the flexibility they need in order to successfully run JB-MDL."



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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.

McGuire originated in 1941 as Fort Dix Army Air Force Base. Closed briefly after World War II, it reopened in 1948 as McGuire Air Force Base. The base was named after Major Thomas B. McGuire, Jr., Medal of Honor recipient, and the second leading ace in American history.

### **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. 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.

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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.

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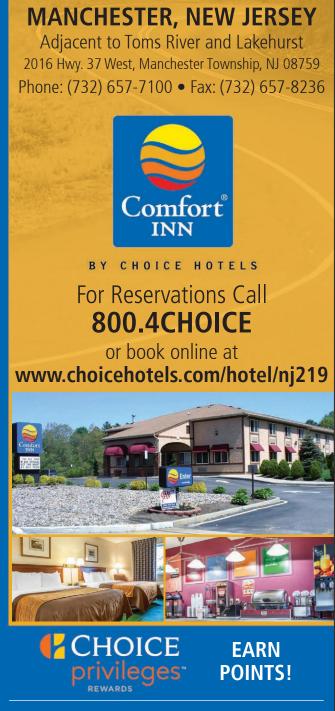






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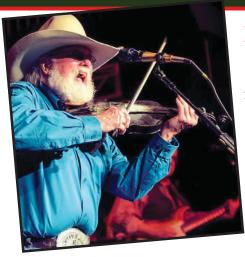
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#### PINE RIDGE GOLF COURSE!

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Bldg. 33 Berry Road, JB-MDL Lakehurst

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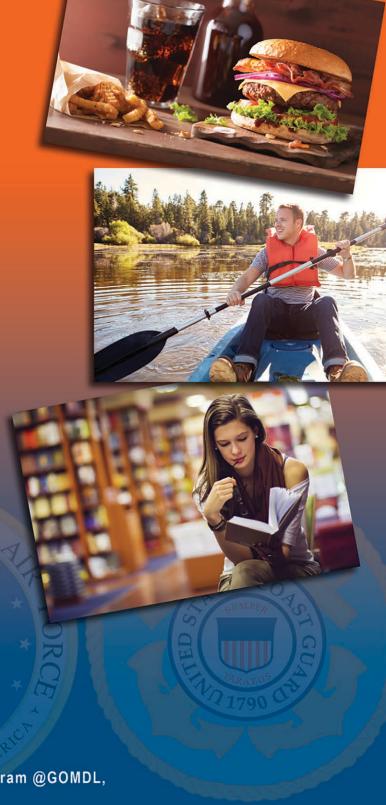


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# HELMETS to **HARDHATS**



## **Employers Like Veterans!**

Veterans come ready to go to work, many with skills learned in the military that can be transferred to civilian occupations, employers say. Most important for industries like construction former service personnel are used to working in remote locations where the weather, living and working conditions are often challenging.

Helmets to Hardhats is a national program connecting National Guard, Reserve and transitioning active-duty military members with quality career training and employment opportunities within the construction industry. The program is administered by the Center for Military Recruitment, Assessment, and Veterans Employment and headquartered in Washington, D.C.

Helmets to Hardhats is not a placement company. The organization refers candidates to promising career providers, meaning training organizations, and refer career providers to qualified candidates. To apply for work or membership, candidates complete a comprehensive profile that helps the building trades hiring managers understand what transferable skills they have acquired during their military service.

Candidates can access information about careers and apprenticeships via the Internet from anywhere in the world. The Helmets to Hardhats profile they complete helps communicate to hiring managers the transferable skills they acquired during their military service.

### **Transition Can Be Difficult**

Making a successful transition from the military into the civilian workforce can be difficult. Transitioning military veterans face the same challenges as any other job hunter getting their resume to the right people, learning how to sell themselves, tracking down promising leads, following-up with employers, headhunters, and job placement agencies.

Not many people are comfortable with this process and veterans have the added stress of trying to translate the skills they learned in the military into language that civilian employers can understand. The process can feel overwhelming, especially if it seems like meaningful help is unavailable. Helmets to Hardhats (H2H) was formed for this reason and is dedicated to helping National Guard, Reserve, retired and transitioning active-duty military members connect to quality career and training





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opportunities in one of America's most challenging and rewarding industries - the construction industry.

#### **How Does Helmets to Hardhats Work?**

Most experienced job seekers understand that using personal networks, or networking, is a much more effective way of securing a quality career than simply looking online or going through newspaper advertisements. Although H2H is a Web-based program that requires online registration and provides career postings, what sets it apart from other initiatives is that H2H employees, and dedicated volunteers working with it, take an active role in connecting veterans to career and training opportunities. "At the end of the day, having an informed advocate on your side who knows where you need to go, who you need to talk and can help facilitate the hiring process. It can make all the difference in the world to serious job seekers interested in securing a rewarding career in construction," H2H says in its information materials.

To participate in H2H, simply visit the program's Web site at www.helmetstohardhats.org and click the "Get Started" button to create and activate your profile. Once your profile is activated, you can browse hundreds of career and training opportunities and forward your profile to career providers electronically from the H2H site. If you have questions about a career in the Trades; don't see the career you're interested in or have questions about the application process, call us at 866.741.6210.

#### **How is H2H Funded?**

The Center for Military Recruitment, Assessment and Veterans Employment (CMRAVE) administers the H2H program. CMRAVE is a non-profit Section 501(c)(3) joint labor-management committee established under Section 302(c)(9) of the Labor Management Relations Act. Funding and support come from private foundations, employers, employer associations and unions. In Alaska, the state of Alaska has provided funding for Helmets to Hardhats.

Eligibility varies based on the standards set by each individual career provider. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have an honorable discharge, have a high school diploma or equivalent, pass a drug test and complete a formal interview. H2H makes the connection between the career providers, the trainers, and the candidates that apply for career opportunities. Some of the listings on the H2H Web site are for apprenticeship training opportunities, with companies and union training trusts, and others are for careers with public and private employers.

### Is There More Than Just Construction Work?

H2H has a variety of careers listed on its Web site. Many employers list several types of construction-related career opportunities for H2H program users, including administrative, engineering and management positions.

### What is an Apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a mixture of classroom instruction and on-the-job training. Similar to a traditional college, one would spend around four years receiving instruction as well as working, and would then graduate to become a Journeyman. Often times one can get credit from military experience to enter at an advanced level. "You also get paid apprenticelevel wages for your work while you are on the job, which rise as your level of experience and training increases," H2H says in its information materials.

### Why the Building Trades?

Going from a helmet to a hardhat in construction is a great opportunity for many of the 250,000 to 300,000 men and women discharged from the military every year. The construction industry offers an annual salary higher than the overall national average also features more than 80 unique apprenticeship programs. "Also, as a veteran, if you start out in the construction industry as an apprentice, you can earn while you learn. That means you will receive a paycheck as well as your G.I. Bill benefits to cover general living expenses during your apprenticeship training," H2H says.

### **Are H2H a Union-only Program?**

H2H is not a union-only program. "However, we require employers to participate in proven apprenticeship training programs that are registered and approved by applicable federal and state authorities," H2H says. "In addition, we seek to ensure that transitioning veterans are provided with wages and benefits that allow them to maintain an appropriate standard of living in the community where the career is located."

The goal of the program is to provide opportunities for transitioning veterans to obtain the necessary training in a particular craft in order to obtain a quality career in the construction industry, not just a one-time job until the end of a particular project. H2H encourages all responsible employers who have construction-related career opportunities to apply for acceptance into our program.

### How Can H2H You Ensure That Quality Employer **Careers are Listed?**

Employers that are members of the H2H-approved contracting associations will register and have immediate access to advertise opportunities online. Employers that are not members must meet certain criteria before they can advertise trade opportunities on the H2H Web site. These criteria include access to a quality and federally-recognized registered apprentice program, a permanent system to ensure employment and training opportunities, formal curriculum and instructor training programs, related training and an on-the-job training program, an affirmative action program, and a positive record of caring for the welfare of workers as evidenced by health insurance, pension benefits and workers' compensation coverage.

Employers who want to advertise construction-related employment opportunities must ensure that they provide wages and benefits in keeping with the standards of the other member employers. If, at any time, H2H is notified that an employer is not advertising acceptable opportunities, the employer will be removed from the H2H system. Third party vendors cannot use the H2H website to advertise opportunities.

### Can I Use My Montgomery G.I. Bill and Other Educational Funding Entitlements?

Federally-recognized joint labor-management apprenticeship programs are high-quality, well-resourced training programs that are accredited by Regional Education Certifying Councils and Boards. This educational certification is what qualifies the apprenticeship program for the use of the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill, the Montgomery G.I. Bill or various state, National Guard or Reserve educational funding programs. These educational benefits, and some state programs, normally pay qualified apprentices a monthly stipend in addition to their earned wages. Rates will vary depending on type of service and length of training. The current rates can be found at www.gibill.va.gov.

### **How Many People Found Careers** Through the Program?

"Because we refer candidates to the career providers and refer career providers to the candidates — without doing the actual hiring — it is impossible to know of everyone who has been hired," H2H says.

"However, we do request placement information from our career providers and receive many calls from veterans thanking us for connecting them to great new career. Since 2007, we've confirmed the successful placements of almost 6,000 military veterans into quality careers in the building and construction trades via the H2H program," the organization said.

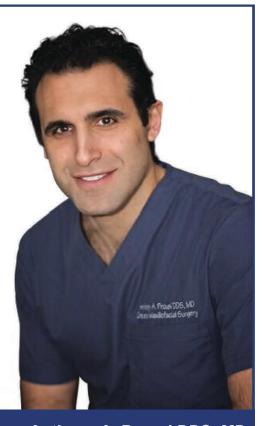


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### **How Much Can People be Paid?**

A wide variety of career opportunities are listed on our Web site; therefore, we cannot say how much will be paid. "Your career provider determines your pay. However, H2H works diligently to list only careers that offer family-supporting wages and benefits," H2H said.

### How Long Does it Take to Get a Job After Applying?

The pace of the hiring process is determined by the career provider. We do suggest that you follow-up with the career provider after forwarding your profile to ensure receipt and to get further instructions on how the application process works.

### What is Direct Entry?

The implementation of a statewide direct entry program gives former and active military personnel the opportunity to quickly start quality construction careers soon after they apply for them through H2H. Once the state proclamation is signed, it allows all JATCs and locals (at their discretion) to immediately accept these men and women into their apprenticeship programs and provide them with credit for their military training and experience. Direct entry language can also be implemented on an individual local level. Currently, 30 states have issued an official proclamation or declaration supporting the H2H Direct Entry Program.

# Do You Get a Majority of Enlisted Service People or Officers?

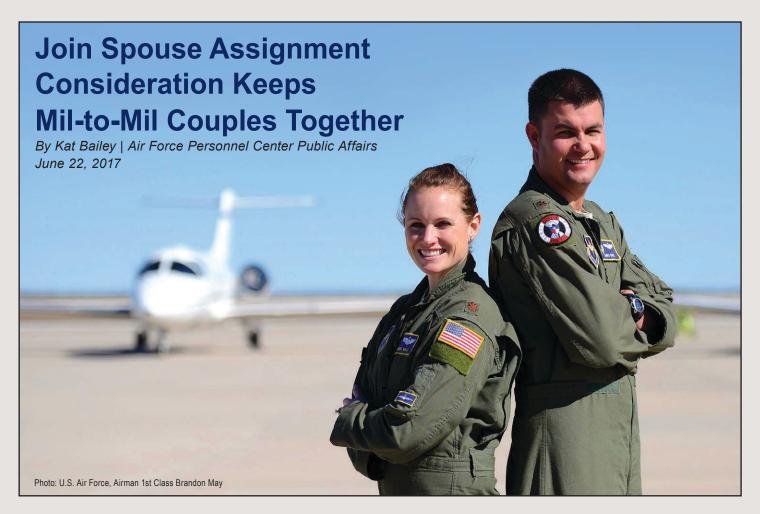
The program is open to all service members regardless of rank, but because most of the positions on our Web site are apprenticeship opportunities, more enlisted personnel than officers have joined the H2H program. Nevertheless, a quick review of the H2H career listings will show that there are many construction-related professional careers that are well-suited for transitioning officers.

# Do You Place People in Jobs Based on Their Military Experience?

H2H is not a placement company. We refer candidates to quality career providers and refer career providers to qualified candidates. To apply for a career posting or entry into an apprenticeship program, H2H program users must complete a comprehensive profile that helps hiring managers and training directors determine what transferable skills they acquired during their military service. Prior to acceptance into the trades, candidates often are required to take an aptitude test to assess their skill level.



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Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas — Summertime is a busy season for permanent changes of station and military couples may be apprehensive about the possibility of being separated from their spouses during their next assignments. They have little to be concerned about, however, as the Air Force Personnel Center has an accommodation rate of more than 96 percent for mil-to-mil married couples through the assignment of military couples option, commonly known across the Air Force as a "join spouse" assignment.

With more than 27,000 active-duty Airmen (just under 10 percent of the active-duty Air Force) married to another



active-duty Airman, and about 1,500 active-duty Airmen (just under .5 percent) married to an active-duty member of another military service, the placement rate for join spouse as of March 31, 2017, is 96.6 percent. When those on assignment to join their spouses, or those with approved retirement or separation dates are factored in, the placement rate goes to almost 98 percent.

A join spouse assignment allows legally married activeduty military couples the opportunity to be stationed together at the same installation. If positions are not available for both members at the same installation, they may be assigned to different installations within 50 miles of each other and maintain a joint residence.

"The Air Force will try to keep a military couple together," said Cristi Bowes, who is a part of the Assignment Policy and Procedures section at the AFPC. "The most common hurdle to a join spouse assignment lies in meeting the eligibility requirements, so military couples do have a key role in the success of this program."

Married military couples are required to present their marriage certificate to their Military Personnel Section Customer Service Element to update their marital status in the Military Personnel Data System and Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. They also need to update their

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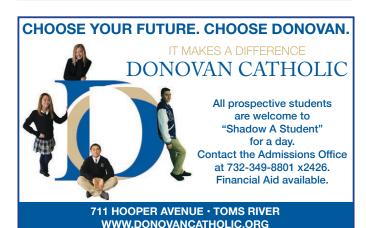
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## **Navy Updates Wear of Earrings and Ball Caps** for Women

By Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs | Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs | June 22, 2017

The Navy released NAVADMIN 146/17 on June 21, which announces several uniform changes that are effective immediately.

Officially authorized in the message is the decision by Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson to permit women to wear a hair bun through the rear opening of a command or Navy ball cap. The change was prompted by a question from a San Diego Sailor, June 6.

"Effective immediately you can now wear your cap with the bun through the hole in the back above the strap," Richardson said in a Facebook video to the Fleet announcing the change on June 8. "I think this will be more comfortable and will look a lot better. Thanks to the Lt. j.g. out there for making that known to me. We promised to fix it and now it's fixed."

The other grooming standard change for women announced in this NAVADMIN authorizes the wear of white pearl or white synthetic pearl earrings with Dress

Uniforms and round cut white diamonds or white synthetic diamonds with Dinner Dress Blue and White Jacket uniforms. Earrings must be 4 millimeter to 6 millimeter (approximately 1/8 inch to 1/4 inch) in size.

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## Barnegat Lighthouse

Adjacent to the lighthouse is the Barnegat Lighthouse Interpretive Center, run by the state of New Jersey and staffed by members of the non-profit group that purchased the new light. The center shows the history of Barnegat Lighthouse from shipwreck to first-class seacoast light. Exhibits focus on the history of the lighthouse, lighthouse technology, the duties of Barnegat Lighthouse's keepers, and efforts to protect Barnegat Lighthouse.

## **The Greater Toms River Community**

If you are a visitor, or planning on relocating, check out what the greater Toms River area has to offer.

Located 70 miles south of New York City, 50 miles east of Philadelphia and 25 miles north of Atlantic City, Ocean County, Toms River is one of the fastest growing counties in the state of New Jersey and boasts 45 miles of the best sandy beaches and ocean on the East Coast.

A fantastic place to enjoy and relax, just 10 minutes from JB-MDL-Lakehurst and approximately 28 miles from JB-MDL-McGuire-Dix.

Toms River offers great boardwalks, amusement piers, deep-sea fishing, minor league baseball team affiliated with the Philadelphia Phillies.

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Toms River is the county seat of Ocean County with a large variety of shopping, great food and entertainment opportunities.

In 2006, Toms River was ranked by Morgan Quitno Press as the 15th safest city in the United States, of 369 cities nationwide. In 2007, Toms River was again ranked as the 14th safest city in the United States, of 371 cities nationwide.

Be sure to check out the aquariums and water parks while you are in our beachfront towns like Seaside Heights, Seaside Park, Long Beach Island, Point Pleasant Beach, Ortley Beach or Lavallette.

We love our military and invite everyone to explore the many wonderful attractions and benefits the greater Toms River area has to offer.



Chile and Salsa Cook-Off, New Jersey State Chili and Salsa Cook-Off in Toms River, NJ. Although most people think of New Jersey as the "Garden State," few realize that is's also the Chili and Salsa State! Photo by Jazz Guy

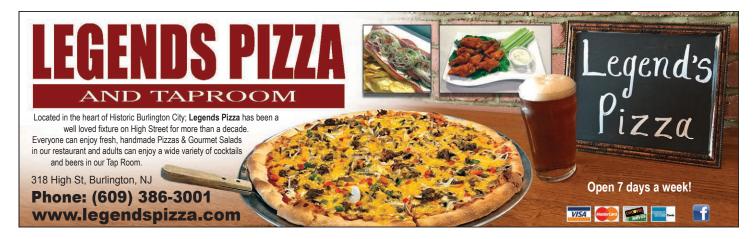
#### Allentown

For a fun and interesting weekend getaway, you can visit historic Allentown, N.J., the No. 7 Best Small Town in New Jersey according to **Jersey.com**.

Allentown is near the New Jersey Turnpike, Interstate 195 and County Routes 539, 526 and 524.

The Borough of Allentown is a small, but scenic and historic village. The community is located around the Mill Pond and along Doctor's Creek and Indian Run (believed to be part of the historic "Underground Railroad") in central New Jersey.

Allentown prides itself as being an idyllic town with one of New Jersey's most charming and walkable main streets complete with restaurants, unique shops, a spa, salons, medical offices, historic homes, a public library that is located in a former church, and our Borough Hall.



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The historic community has 220 homes and buildings that date pre-1860. There are tranquil parks for fishing, water sports, walking, hiking and more. At the 2010 United States Census, there were 1,828 people living in Allentown.

Allentown has a long history. In 1706, Nathan Allen settled and built three mills on York Road where it crossed Doctor's Creek. Formerly known as Allen's Town, the colonial country village developed around its mills. As the farms in the area grew, so did the need for blacksmiths, wheelwrights, carriage makers, chair makers, shoemakers and seamstresses. Commercial enterprises prospered, numbering over 24 by the end of the 18th century.

With York Road, now Main Street, being a center for travel across the state, as many as four taverns and inns existed in the area, with several structures still existing today.

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.

Allentown is proud of its historic people, including New Jersey Governor William A. Newell, who founded the U.S. Coast Guard, six United States Congressmen, a signer of the U.S. Constitution, and the last surviving Civil War veteran.

Other notable figures from Allentown include William Longstreet, an inventor (1759–1814) who designed an improved cotton gin, a portable sawmill, and builder of a small steamboat that worked on the Savannah River; and John B. Montgomery (1794–1872), a U.S. Navy officer during the American Civil War who later commanded the Pacific Squadron.



Cranberry bog along the Mount Misery hiking Trail in Brendan T. Byrne State Forest, New Jersey. Photo by Wikimedia Commons.

#### **Browns Mills**

Rich in history, Browns Mills is a 18th century village located in the Delaware River Region. The community is located in the Pemberton Township in Burlington County.

## **Whiting**

Whiting is an unincorporated community located on the west side of Manchester Township and is a very popular retirement community.

Whiting was once a station stop on the southern branch of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, a line known for the Blue Comet express.

Whiting is great place to find restaurants and friendly businesses only 10 minutes from JB-MDL-Lakehurst.

# Ocean County's best kept secret! Manchester Township

Manchester Township is located in beautiful Ocean County, New Jersey, just minutes from the Jersey Shore and in between New York City, Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

For the outdoor lover, Brendan T. Byrne State Forest is a geat place to visit in Manchester Township. The Forest has more than 25 miles

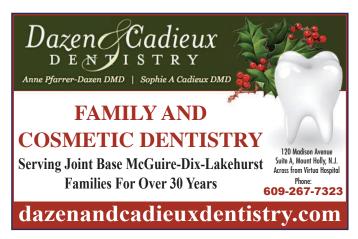




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of marked trails. The various trails and loops provide challenges ranging from long single-track hiking trails to a trail accessible for people with disabilities. The Batona Trail is designed for hiking, cross-country skiing. The Mount Misery Trail allows visitors the additional option of mountain biking, and the Cranberry Trail allows for access by wheelchairs in addition to all the other uses listed above.

The Batona Trail is almost 50 miles in length and links Brendan T. Byrne, Wharton, and Bass River State Forests. This portion of the Batona Trail is maintained by the NJ State Park Service and the Batona Hiking Club.

Other trails intersect with the Batona Trail to provide loops of about 6 miles and 14 miles for day hikes. Loops of about 2 miles at the forest office and 1 mile at Pakim Pond provide short, easy



hikes with wide pathways which avoid contact with vegetation that may harbor ticks or other insect pests.

All of the trails allow the visitor to enjoy the scenery and biological diversity of the Pine Barrens. Whether you want to spend an hour or an afternoon hiking - the trails at Brendan Byrne provide unlimited opportunities for fitness and relaxation.

The Brendan T. Byrne State Forest recreational facilities are partially accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact the park office for information.

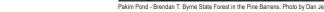
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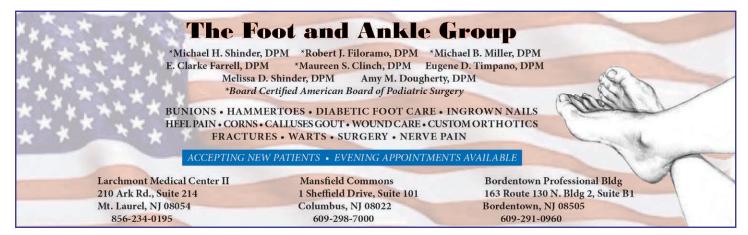
the location of what was once a bustling town.

#### Short history of Brendan T. Byrne State Forest

Formerly known as Lebanon State Forest, today visitors are greeted by the fresh scent of pine trees. The Lebanon Glass Works was established in 1851 and was successful until 1867 when it shut down after depleting the supply of wood necessary for the furnace to operate. The forest today shows a strong contrast to the barren, cleared land that existed here in the 1800s. Today hikers can follow the sandy flat trails and roads that criss cross the forest, sometimes passing remains structures indicating









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land area and it is the largest open space area on the Mid-Atlantic seaboard between Richmond and Boston.

The reserve contains Wharton State Forest, Brendan T. Byrne State Forest, Bass River State Forest, and Penn State Forest, which provide public recreation facilities.





Rare plant and animal species can be found in the reserve. Also located in the reserve is the Kirkwood-Cohansey aquifer system,

which contains an estimated 17 trillion gallons of water.

In 1979, New Jersey formed a partnership with the federal government to preserve, protect and enhance the natural and cultural resources of this special place.

Residents and visitors alike have come to discover that the Pinelands, or Pine Barrens, is both an ecological and recreational gem located within a close driving distance to Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, Washington and the Jersey Shore.

Day-trippers can partake in a wide-range of activities, depending on the season. However, visitors are encouraged to spend several days to gain a full appreciation of the region and its vast natural, cultural and historic resources.

The Pinelands National Reserve stretches across portions of seven counties in southern New Jersey, covering about 22 percent of the state. The area is comprised of both public and private lands.

Public lands include parks, forests, wildlife refuges, and military bases. Private lands include 56 communities that range in size from small villages to large towns. More than 700,000 permanent residents live the Pinelands National Reserve.









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#### Join Spouse Assignment Consideration

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join spouse intent code and assignment preferences in the virtual Military Personnel Flight to indicate their intentions as a couple and whether or not they wish to be reassigned together.

"We want Airmen to remember that the join spouse intent code ensures join spouse consideration and takes priority over individual assignment preferences like base of preference," Bowes said.

According to Bowes, individual assignment preferences would be considered, but the main consideration is to try and keep both Airmen together if they both desire it.

Airmen who marry while en route to different assignment locations are required to contact the nearest Air Force installation, MPS Customer Service Element, and submit an application letter for join spouse assignment consideration before arriving at their new duty locations.

"This allows AFPC to act upon the join spouse application and coordinate a change in assignment before the Airmen proceed to a new duty location," Bowes said.

Otherwise, if the newly wed active-duty couple signs in to their new locations first, time-on-station requirements apply and they would be ineligible for join spouse consideration.

Additional information about join spouse assignment consideration can be found on **mypers.af.mil**. Select "Any" from the dropdown menu and search "join spouse."









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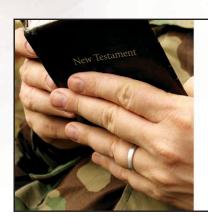
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