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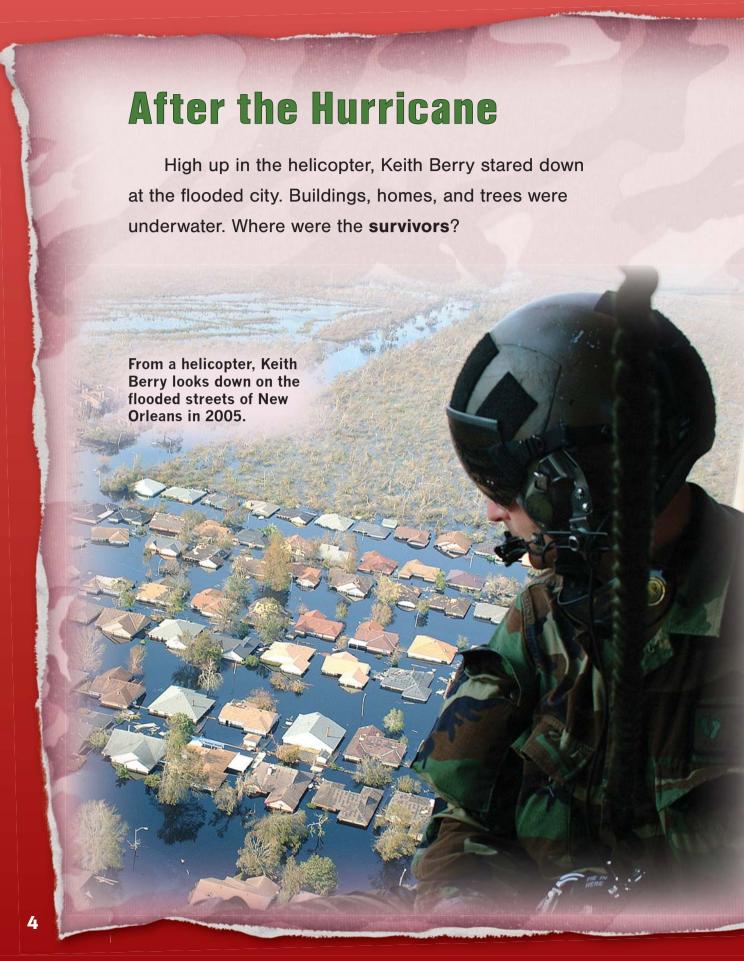
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Keith's eyes were tired. Like other **pararescuemen**, he'd been flying over New Orleans for hours. Suddenly, he saw something move. It was a group of people standing on a raised **median** in the flooded street. The **chopper** swung around. The crew dropped a rope out the side and Keith grabbed it. He slid down below.



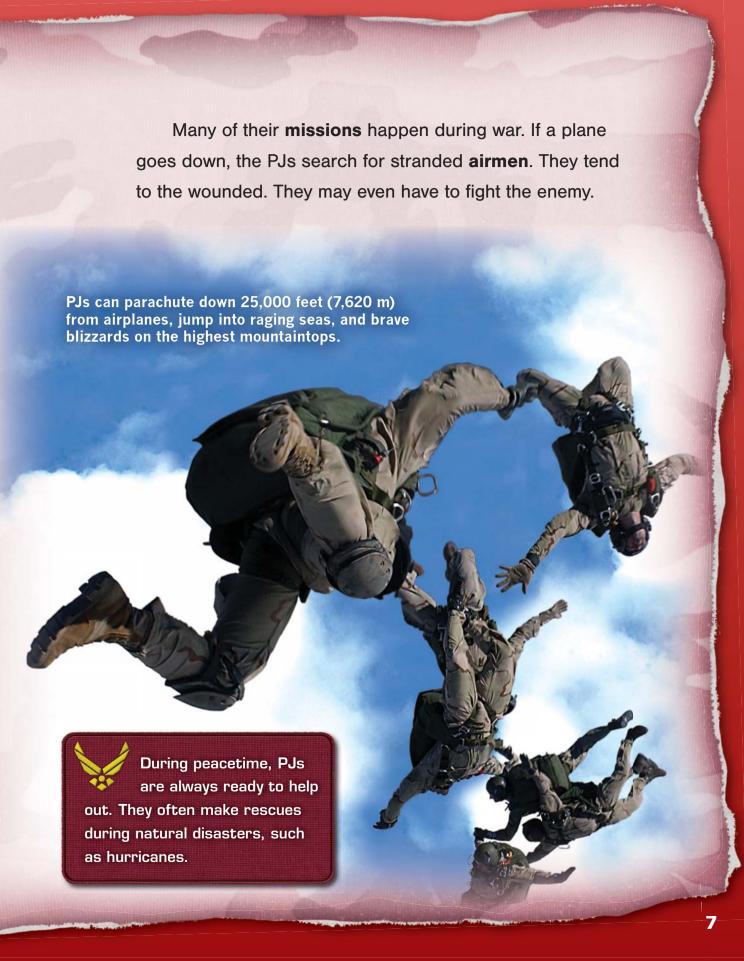
Air Force Pararescue

Keith Berry is a **pararescue jumper**, or a PJ. The PJs are part of the U.S. Air Force. They perform the world's toughest rescues.

Trained in medical, survival, and **combat** skills, PJs make rescues almost anywhere. They often **parachute** from planes or helicopters to get to survivors.

Only men can be PJs. It is one of only a few Air Force jobs that do not accept women.





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High up in a helicopter, Keith Berry stared down at the flooded city of New Orleans. Hurricane Katrina had left everything in its path underwater. Where were the survivors? Suddenly, Keith saw a group of people stuck on a median in the middle of a flooded street. The chopper swung around. The crew dropped a rope out the side. Keith grabbed it and slid down to make the rescue.

Keith is part of a special group in the U.S. Air Force—pararescuemen. Look inside to learn how these heroic men perform some of the world's toughest rescues.

Army Rangers

in Action

Delta Force
in Action

Green Berets *in Action*

Marine Force Recon in Action

Navy SEALs in Action

Pararescuemen in Action



