

AT A GLANCE BULLETIN



Army Community Service
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Serving the Military in New England

November 2011



Happy Thanksgiving



NOVEMBER 2011
Army Community Service
Veteran's Day 11-11-11

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

- John F. Kennedy -



Fort Devens Welcome Center

61 Quebec Street, Building 683

Hours of Operation

0630-1600 Monday -Friday

<https://www.devens.army.mil>

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ACS DIRECTOR

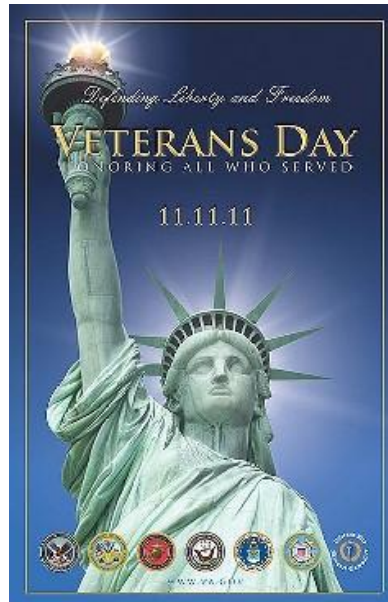


Imelda Fisher

Thank you to all the people who came to hear Bernie McGrenahan. Bernie McGrenahan presented Comedy with a Twist, Live Stand-Up Comedy Show with a Powerful and Inspirational Message. Bernie opened the brief with a hysterical 30-minute comedy show. His show not only entertained, but more importantly Bernie then segued into the dangers and risks of Alcohol, Drug Abuse & Sexual Assault and Harassment to inspire Military & Civilian personnel to make smart, safe decisions.



“Honoring All Who Served”



“When history looks back upon the records of our age and our nation, centuries from now, I believe it will be written that once there was a great nation of free people who sent their very best young men and women out to serve on the frontiers of freedom in uniform. They went forth to defend their nation and its ideals, giving up the comforts and conveniences of home. Too many never returned to their Families, but none who served ever sacrificed in vain.

They led lives of great consequence, for they kept the torch of liberty burning in the oldest democracy on Earth. Each and every one of them were heroes, and gave to every child born thereafter a precious and irreplaceable gift. And their nation remained eternally grateful. Thank you, and God bless America.” (Bill Clinton, 11 November 2000)

November-Military Family Appreciation Month:



Each day we awake and are free to do whatever we choose. The freedoms we enjoy are often taken for granted. We don't regularly consider the sacrifice made by Soldiers and their Families in order to preserve and uphold our freedoms.

November, designated Military Family Appreciation Month, is an effort to recognize that as an American, we owe each freedom we have not only to the men and women who selflessly serve in our armed forces but also their Families who stand behind them.

In these Families, we recognize commitment and dedication, love and strength. While they shuffle daily routines, endure long separation, multiple deployments and holidays apart from each other, all the while offering love, dedication, strength and encouragement to their Service member.

Army Community Service strives to show appreciation every day of every month not just in November. We are proud of our Soldiers and Families and we are thankful for their service. Thank you to the Soldiers and Families of Fort Devens today and everyday.

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Fort Devens ACS Facebook: Fort Devens ACS is on Facebook! "Like" to find out the latest news and happenings on Fort Devens and around the Army. We can be found by linking to our page <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Fort-Devens-ACS/123145824448800#!/> or searching for Fort Devens ACS and clicking "Like"

Resiliency Training Available: Call Mel at ACS at 978-796-3023. One of the Army's top priorities is to develop a holistic fitness program for Soldiers, Family members and Army Civilians in order to enhance performance and build resilience. Resilience Trainer is a course that will produce leaders with the capability to improve resilience skills to the Soldiers in order to enhance their performance and increase their resilience, both individually and collectively.

The MRT is an established program that has demonstrated efficacy in reducing behavioral health problems in a wide range of demographics. Soldiers will review the myths about resilience and why resilience is critical for success and well-being. They will also learn about the scientific literature of the core factors that predict resilience, with a specific focus on the factors that are amenable to change. These skills have a proven efficacy in contributing to the success of teams and leaders, families, students, executives and military personnel.

ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF

AER Contact List: If you have a specific comment or question please send an email to the appropriate department

AER - aer@aerhq.org Use for any general questions/comments concerning our organization.

Assistance - assistance@aerhq.org Use for any questions/comments concerning procedures and/or policy on obtaining AER financial assistance.

FINANCIAL

Holiday Spending 2011:

- If it is necessary to cut back on spending this year, communicate that with your family. It doesn't mean the holidays have to change dramatically. Families should discuss what is important to them this season and be willing to make changes if necessary.
- Set a holiday budget and keep track of what you spend. Include all expenditures, not just the cost of gifts. Figure costs of food, entertainment, decorations, travel expenses, holiday cards

and postage as well as the cost of new clothes for the season. If possible, look at how much you spent last year to help set your budget.

- Set spending limits for each person on your list as well as for the other items in your holiday plan. Write your limit on an envelope and keep it handy. When you make a purchase, subtract the amount from the limit and place the receipt in the envelope.
- Decide how you are going to pay for holiday spending. If you plan to use only cash, leave your credit cards at home when shopping. If you write checks, record each check in your register and figure the balance before writing another check. This will help you stay within your limit.
- If you need or want to use a credit card, choose one to use for all your holiday spending. You can control your spending on one card much more easily than on three or four cards. Check your latest statement for each card to determine the annual interest rate. Use the one with the lowest rate. Only charge what you can afford to pay off each month. Pay close attention to your credit limit and understand the charge card guidelines.
- Avoid impulse shopping. Start shopping far enough in advance that you will not be pressured to buy the first item you see in the store or catalog. This allows you to compare similar items and take advantage of sales.
- Talk with family and friends about drawing names for a gift exchange, setting dollar limits on gifts or not exchanging gifts among adults. Make gifts by hand or give gift certificates promising your time or talents. Offer gifts for such things as babysitting, car washing or a particular talent, such as photography. Give family keepsakes or pictures as gifts to create memories as well.
- If entertaining family and friends consumes a large part of your holiday budget, consider pitch-in dinners instead of shouldering all the work and expense yourself. You could also invite people for dessert and coffee or a small luncheon, brunch or breakfast.
- It is never too early to start planning for next year. Think ahead and take advantage of after-holiday sales. Good budgeting should take place all year long, not just at the holidays.

Author: Barbara Rowe, Utah State University Extension Family Resource Management Specialist

SOLDIER & FAMILY

Project New Hope – Massachusetts will sponsor .FREE. weekend retreats for combat veterans from all eras, and their families to foster family togetherness through wilderness getaways to assist with the transition from wartime back to peacetime living. The camps can include single soldiers. Project New Hope held its first retreat, with combat veterans and their families getting the opportunity to stay on an historic farm at the Elm Hill Center in Brookfield, where they learned how to ride horses, relaxed through a yoga session, ate lovingly prepared meals, and sometimes just sat back to enjoy the beautiful weather together — all the while escaping from the stresses, routines and struggles of home life. But for the vets who returned to their families after tours in wars abroad, the most unique aspect of this retreat was having the support and understanding that comes from being together with men and women that know what it's like both to have served as well as what it's like to come home, and so have dealt with the same feelings and problems as they try to come to terms with their experiences. For further information contact: Bill Moore, M.A., Project New Hope Massachusetts
<http://www.projectnewhopema.org> <<http://www.projectnewhopema.org>> P.O. Box 91 Leicester, MA 01524.

Project New Hope Weekend Openings - Project New Hope has openings for the following weekend retreats: Friday – Saturday, 4 – 6 November Clara Barton 66 Clara Barton Rd ~ N. Oxford, MA. Unlike other retreats, this is a weekend for Survivors/Gold Star Families-For those who lost a spouse, parent, sibling, son or daughter that have died while serving in the military. Continuing available weekends,

Operation Homefront New England - Operation Homefront, is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that was formed in February of 2002, whose target population are active duty, Reserve, National Guard, veteran service members, or American military personnel and/or their families who have unmet needs due to death, injury, physical or mental detriment, or financial hardship as a result of service in Iraq or Afghanistan. Operation Homefront headquartered in San Antonio Texas, currently providing services to military families across the nation with 30 chapters serving 37 states, and was developed to support the families of deployed service members immediately following 9/11. Operation Homefront provides direct services that alleviate a military family's or individual's actual/complete emergency financial burden, as well as counseling and/or recovery support with: assistance, compassion, solutions and empathy. For more information regarding our services please visit our website at www.operationhomefront.net/maine.

THINGS TO DO IN NOVEMBER

Holiday Cards: The First Lady is asking military children from around the globe for some personal contributions to the finishing touches on the White House decorations this holiday season. The request is for military children to submit 5x8" handmade holiday cards with words of appreciation for their military parents, as well as pictures and drawings. The White House will display as many of the cards as possible. Participants are asked to send holiday cards to the following address along with information from where they are sending it by November 16, 2011:

Reservation 1 Attn: Social Office PO Box 8070 Washington DC, 20032

BrightNights: The Spirit of Springfield has announced that November 30th will be Military Night at Bright Nights at Forest Park (Springfield, MA). Military members (with a current ID: all branches/statuses) will receive free admission to the park. For more information, please visit the Bright Nights Website: www.brightnights.org

“Celebrating Women in Uniform”: On November 7th Runway USA will host a fashion show and special event at the North Shore Music Theater. This year’s theme is “Celebrating Women in Uniform”. All proceeds will be donated for initiatives to support military and 50% of those proceeds will go to the USO to help support the programs and services offered to our local military members and families of New England. It should be a great evening of boutique shopping, food tasting, fashion and fun! We need your help in spreading the word among non-military family and friends, who might like to show their support by purchasing a ticket or attending with a group of friends. Tickets can be purchased directly through the North Shore Music Theater Beverly, MA Box Office on line at www.nsmt.org. For more information visit www.uso-newengland.org and click on the Runway USA icon on the homepage.

THANK YOU TO VETERANS

Veterans Day Discounts and Freebies:

Restaurants

Abuelo's Mexican Food - Abuelo's offerings vary by region, be sure to call ahead to see what the discounts or freebies are included.

Applebees - All veterans and active duty military eat free from a limited menu at Applebee's on Veterans Day.

Chili's — Veterans and active duty dine for free from a special limited six item menu on Veterans Day.

Golden Corral — Golden Corral Restaurants' Military Appreciation Monday free dinner will be available on November 15, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Military retirees, veterans, active duty, National Guard and Reserves are all welcome.

Hooters — All Veterans and active duty eat free. The free entrees must be selected from a special Veterans Day menu.

Krispy Kreme – All active-duty, retirees & veterans get a free doughnut on Veterans Day. Be sure to call ahead to verify your local Krispy Kreme is participating.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants — Participating McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants offer a complimentary entree to vets from a special menu on a space available basis, online reservations are highly recommended.

Outback Steakhouse — Veterans and active-duty military get a complimentary Bloomin' Onion and non-alcoholic beverage on Veterans Day.

UNO Chicago Grill — UNO is offering a Buy One Get One free offer to Service members or Veterans with a military or veteran I.D. or in uniform or with a photo of themselves in uniform. The Veterans Day BOGO offer includes a free entree or individual pizza, with the purchase of an entree or pizza of equal or greater value.

Texas Roadhouse – Free meal from opening until 4pm. on Veterans Day. Call ahead to your local restaurant for more information.

T.G.I. Friday's – Veterans and Service members Buy one get one free from Nov 11–14. Contact your nearest location for more details on their Veterans Day BOGO offer.

We are honoring Veterans and Active military all week long:

Outback: We are honoring Veterans and Active military all week long with a FREE* Bloomin' Onion and a Coca-Cola from November 7th-November 11th. For more information, visit

<http://outback.com/troops> Find your local Outback: <http://outback.com/locations>

*The FREE Bloomin' Onion® and Coca-Cola® promotion is open to Military Personnel who have one of the following forms of identification on November 7-11, 2011: U.S. Uniform Services Identification Card, U.S. Uniform Services Retired Identification Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement (LES), Veterans Organization Card (i.e., American Legion and VFW), DD214 Certificate, Veteran Identification Card (VIC), Photograph in Uniform or Wearing Uniform. The FREE beverage will be customer's choice of any Coca-Cola® product.

Ocean State Job Lot's Operation: Thank You! SUN 23 OCT — SAT 5 NOV

Ocean State Job Lot has a long history of commitment and support for our military service members and their families. Operation: Thank You! is an extension of that commitment and an expression of our gratitude for all they have done and are doing for our country. As part of Operation: Thank You!, all active and retired military servicemen and women, their families and dependants will receive 30% off their purchases* at any Ocean State Job Lot store during the two week period. *Excludes skus #54875 & #107459 (Infrared Heaters)

“Operation Wedding Gown” from Brides Across America NOV 9th -12th In celebration of Veteran’s Day, Brides Across America will honor military brides by saying thank you to our troops by giving away designer wedding gowns. Brides will be serviced on a first-come, first-serve basis. Brides are encouraged to come early and se-cure their place in line, as there is a limited supply. Each store will have a select number of gowns, sizes and de-signers. In order to qualify, brides or their fiancé must be on active duty in the military, either currently deployed or deployed within the last five years to Iraq, Afghanistan, Bahrain, Libya or Japan. Identification and deployment papers must be presented at the event to qualify. For military brides who are interested in more information on how to qualify, dates and locations visit Brides Across America contact them at info@bridesacrossamerica.com.

Bernie & Phyl's Military Discount: Bernie & Phyl's is pleased to offer a military discount to all active duty, reserve, retired and disabled service members. Choose from the following:
* 20% off any one item (\$1499 minimum). Bedding excluded. Armoires, Chinas, and Sectionals have multiple pieces and are considered multiple items. * 0% financing for 2 years – (\$999 minimum purchase) * 10% discount on orders under \$1499 (\$599 minimum bedding purchase)
Discounts cannot be combined with long term financing or with any other offer. A military ID is required as proof of service.

Applebee's Offers Free Meal for Vets and Military Personnel on Veteran's Day
<<http://www.military.com/discounts/store/applebee-s>> Applebee's Offers Free Meal for Vets and Military Personnel on Veteran's Day
<<http://www.savings.com/mpclick?placementid=9725029&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.savings.com%2Fmpofferref%3Fofferid%3D4822549>> * All U.S. veterans and full and military personnel with proof of current or former military service will be treated to a free meal at all Applebee’s in their respective neighborhoods on Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 11, 2011.* Proof of service includes the following: U.S. Uniform Services Identification Card, U.S. Uniform Services Retired Identification Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement, Veterans Organization Card, photograph in uniform or wearing uniform, DD214, Citation or Commendation. *This deal requires valid military ID in order to redeem*

Retail

The Dollar General — Veterans, Service members (Active, Guard, and Reserve), and their immediate families will receive a 10-percent discount with a Veterans Day coupon. The coupon may be found in store circular ads or by asking a sales associate.

Home Depot — Offers a 10 percent discount to all Veterans during Veterans Day, Memorial Day and Independence Day.

Lowe's — All veterans receive the 10-percent discount on Veteran's Day, Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. The offer is available in stores only and is limited to in-stock and special-order purchases of up to \$5,000.

Sam's Club — Sam's give away 36,000 collapsible Hugo Canes on Veterans Day to military veterans in need of mobility assistance. Sam's Club will require membership for this offer, but proof of service may be necessary.

Amazon.com – Free —Veterans Day Honor! MP3 album download. The album includes 12 songs by The Bands and Ensembles of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Cabela's Outdoor Store – Offers their employee discount to all veterans, active-duty military and reserves, law enforcement, fire and EMS personnel November 11-12. Discounts vary from 5% to 50%, depending on the item.

Build-a-Bear Workshop – Members of the armed services including the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Reserve Officer Training Corps, will receive a 20% discount November 11-15 on any one transaction at Build-A-Bear Workshop.

Fashion Bug – 20% off all plus-size and misses clothing purchases with a copy of military ID or spouse's military ID.

Sports Clips Haircuts - The men's hair salon chain is offering a free haircut to active military and veterans on Veterans Day.

Foot Locker — Veterans, Service members (Active, Guard, and Reserve), and their immediate families with a Foot Locker Veterans Advantage Card receive a 20 percent discount every day of the year. That offer is good both online and at any store location, including Foot Locker, Lady Foot Locker, Kids Foot Locker, Footaction and Champs Sports — even on sale items.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TICKETS AND TOURS

Judie King, ITT Manager, Hanscom AFB, 98 Barksdale Street Bldg 1530, 781-377-3262
<http://www.hanscomservices.com/> PREPAID ORDERS ONLY!! Payment is due at the time the order is placed. Once the order has been placed there are no refunds.

Take a trip with us! – Registration deadline for all trips is 30 days prior to departure or space available.

A Salute to Armed Forces – Will be held on **Monday, 14 November**, \$75 per person. Depart from Hanscom at 0900 as we journey to The Aqua Turf Club for a delicious luncheon and spirited entertainment. The Aqua Turf's Entertainment features a "Salute To Armed Forces." Stand and honor those who have served America! You'll have a great time with both delicious cuisine and great music. Expected time back at Hanscom will be approximately 1730.

New York City Trip– Will be held on Saturday, 10 December, \$55 per person. Depart from Hanscom at 0630. A coffee stop (on your own) will be made along the way. For your convenience, a map of NYC illustrating points of interest will be provided for all. On arrival in New York, stops will be made at both Rockefeller Center and Macy's. Then you're on your own to enjoy The Big Apple and see the sights, including the Rockefeller Center area. You can visit one of Broadway's exciting shows, attend one of New York's world-famous museums — the Metropolitan Museum of Art or the Guggenheim — or enjoy shopping and sightseeing on Fifth Avenue. You'll depart the city at 1830, making a dinner stop (on your own) before returning back to Hanscom at approximately 2230.

Portland Symphony – Will be held on Saturday, 17 December. Depart from Hanscom at 0900 and head north to Downeast Maine, where scenic beauty and wonderful music fill the air. You'll first enjoy a full-course buffet luncheon at the Old Country Buffet in Portland. Then you'll have the experience of enjoying the Portland Symphony Orchestra as they present the "Magic of Christmas" program, including scenes from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker," a bigger-than-life adaptation of "A Christmas Carol" and beloved holiday music. Most memorable will be the telling of the Christmas Story, with a beautiful Nativity set to stirring music. \$85per person.

HANSCOM AIRMAN AND FAMILY READINESS CENTER

November 2011

Please Call 781-377-4222 to Register

Serving the total force...Programs are free to all single and married Active Duty, Reserve, and Guard personnel, DoD civilians, retired Military personnel and Family members

MILITARY FAMILY LIFE CONSULTANTS (MFLCs) provide free, short-term, non-medical, solution-oriented counseling on a range of issues. For service members, DoD civilians, and their families – no records are kept. Call (781) 686-3084 and leave your first name only for an appointment!

PRESEPARATION COUNSELING will be held November 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 9 to 10 a.m. Weekly sessions for separating and retiring service members to complete the mandatory DD Form 2648, Preseparation Counseling Checklist. The checklist provides critical information about benefits, resources and services available as you transition from military to civilian life. **By law, this counseling must be provided at least 90 days prior to your date of separation or retirement.**

PREPARING FOR HOMECOMING: REUNION BRIEFINGS FOR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN will be held November 2 from 3 to 4 p.m. (simultaneous sessions for spouses and children ages 6 and older) If you are anticipating a reunion with your service member within the next two months, please join us for two special briefings that will help you and your children prepare for the big event. In these interactive workshops, you'll receive practical suggestions for coping with reunion and reintegration, and the children's session will feature fun reunion activities, music, and a personalized gift for the returning parent.

PRIVATE SECTOR RESUME WRITING CLASS will be held November 4 from 9 to 11 a.m. This basic resume writing course covers how to write and format an effective private sector resume and cover letter. Federal resume basics are also discussed.

BUILDING RESILIENCY IN CHILDREN will be held November 4 from 12 to 1 p.m. We'll look at the characteristics of resilient children and examine methods for building resilience by teaching coping skills, optimism, character building and more. Presented by Hanscom's Military and Family Life Consultant.

VETERAN AFFAIRS DISABILITY CLAIMS REVIEW will be held November 4 and 18 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. A representative from AMVETS, a veterans' service organization, will assist you in processing your disability claim and answer questions. **Call the AMVETS Service Representative at 617-303-5698 for an appointment.**

HEART LINK NEW SPOUSE ORIENTATION will be held November 7 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Welcome to the military family! Heart Link is a wonderful new orientation workshop for any spouse married 6 years or less to a military member from any branch of the armed services. Our spouses are the heart of this great Armed Forces family and the lifeline behind your sponsor's success in the military. The Heart Link program will provide you with essential information you need to know to make your life in the Air Force exciting, fulfilling, and rewarding. Join us and we'll get started on our journey!

SUCCESSFUL INTERVIEW TACTICS & SALARY STRATEGIES will be held November 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Learn many practical pointers on salary negotiation and the do's and don'ts of interviewing. Everyone will develop a powerful 60 second commercial to sell their skills and abilities. Bring your lunch.

E-SMOOTH MOVE SEMINAR will be held November 9 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Learn how to navigate the new internet based resources designed for PCS moves, and where to get answers to your questions about your upcoming move. Informational handouts will be provided. Spouses encouraged to attend!

STEP-PARENTING will be held November 9 from 1 to 2 p.m. A look at the challenges and rewards of blending two families into one. Hanscom's Military and Family Life Consultant will lead a discussion of the common issues, complaints, stages of adjustment, do's and don'ts and characteristics of a successful blended family.

MILITARY FAMILY MONTH POSTER CONTEST will be held November 9 from 3 to 4 p.m. Children, accompanied by parent or guardian, please join us to create a "My Military Family" poster. The posters will be displayed at the Airman and Family Readiness Center throughout the month of November. Prizes will be awarded!

HANSCOM ANNUAL JOB FAIR will be held November 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Over 50 federal and private sector employers with current vacancies to fill! Held at the Hanscom Conference Center, Building 1106.

HEARTS APART "GIVING THANKS" POTLUCK will be held November 10 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Families of deployed, remote tour and extended TDY service members, please join us for a special celebration of the season. Like the first Thanksgiving, we'll all bring a dish to share with others (the A&FRC will provide the ham and turkey!) and give thanks for our military family. Please RSVP to the Airman and Family Readiness Center by November 4 by calling 781-377-4222 or e-mailing 66.fss.fsfr.cmb@hanscom.af.mil.

COPING WITH HOLIDAY GRIEF will be held November 14 from 12 to 1 p.m. This presentation discusses the impact grief has on the holidays and identifies healthy coping mechanisms. We'll suggest ways to assist children in the grieving process and ideas on developing a plan for the holidays. Presented by Hanscom's Military and Family Life Consultant.

FAMILY WELCOME will be held November 15 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Attention newly arrived spouses! Are you interested in learning all about Hanscom AFB? Do you have small children and are unable to attend the regular Commander's Welcome? Then this program is designed just for you. Receive money saving tips and shopping information while learning about schools, recreation, local attractions, safety, security, education, employment and more. This is a fun, family-friendly event!

STRESS DURING THE HOLIDAYS will be held November 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The holidays are ideally a time to celebrate and rejoice in family and friends. Why, then, do some of us anticipate the season with dread rather than joy? Join Hanscom's Military and Family Life Consultant for a look at the causes of stress and some practical ideas on how to reduce your holiday stress and find the joy in the season again.

"NOT HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS" NEWCOMERS' PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND CITY ORIENTATION will be held November 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Newcomers and family members are invited to learn how to navigate the local public transportation system and obtain information on events and attractions. Ride into Boston with us using the "T"! All you need is \$4 for subway fares. This program is part of the community orientation for inprocessing. Newly arrived service members are not required to take leave to attend.

THE SANDWICH GENERATION will be held November 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. One out of every eight Americans aged 40 to 60 is both raising a child and caring for a parent. This "sandwich generation" faces many unique challenges. Learn what you need to know and plan for as we explore the dynamics of aging, family relationships, emotional issues, and the complexity that the military lifestyle adds to this largest segment of our population.

FAMILY HOLIDAY CRAFT WORKSHOP will be held November 30 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Parents and children, join us to make special handcrafted holiday ornaments. We'll supply the materials; you supply the creativity!

FEDERAL RESUME CRITIQUE (By Appointment Only). Resumes are reviewed by employment specialists — a great opportunity for feedback to improve your resume format and content. Email your federal resume and the applicable Vacancy Announcement to 66.fss.fsfr.cmb@hanscom.af.mil. You will be contacted for an appointment after we have reviewed your resume. **Prior completion of the A&FRC Federal Resume Writing for USAJOBS class or TAP Federal Employment Opportunities class is strongly recommended.**

PRIVATE SECTOR RESUME CRITIQUE sessions are held **by appointment only**. Resumes are reviewed by an A&FRC employment specialist with HR experience — a great opportunity for feedback to improve your resume format and content. Email your resume to 66.fss.fsfr.cmb@hanscom.af.mil. You will receive a response in 3-5 business days. **Prior attendance at an A&FRC or TAP resume writing class is recommended.**

Family Advocacy Outreach

CELL PHONE COLLECTION: The Family Advocacy Program collects used and old cell phones, and distributes them to local domestic violence agencies. Drop off phones, batteries, and chargers to the Family Advocacy Program, Bldg 1217. Please put each phone and its accessories in a sealed, plastic bag.

WIC, a nutrition and education program for income-eligible expectant parents or parents with children age birth to five is located on base. * **WIC is located in Bldg 1507** *. **WIC is on base the first and third Wednesday** of each month from 0800 to 1530. For WIC appointments or information, call (617) 312-9974.

First Connections- Is a non-profit, family support organization that provides comprehensive services to families with young children birth through age five. First Connections serves a large geographic area that encompasses twelve metro-west communities, including Hanscom Air Force Base. All programs are free or low cost. More information is available on their website www.firstconnections.org or by calling 781-287-0221.

EMPLOYMENT READINESS

Free Resume Help for Military Members

The below website is where Service Members can get free resume writing help and the course schedule. <http://www.networkri.org/centers.htm>

USA JOB: JOB OPPORTUNITIES ON THE BASE - Remember to go to www.USAJOBS.GOV and search for Newport, RI if you are interested in finding out and applying for positions open onboard the Naval Station. Current opportunities include a Motor Vehicle Operator that's open through next week. Spread the word! USAJOBS - The Federal Government's Official Jobs Site www.USAJOBS.GOV This is a United States Office of Personnel Management website. USAJOBS is the Federal Government's official one-stop source for Federal jobs and employment information.

Job Search: Below please find a link to critical skills needed at Booz Allen Hamilton. Please share with your contacts and have all interested email me their resumes and I will submit on their behalf – this speeds up the review process. Also, applicants must identify the job skills qualification from the list. <https://erp.bah.com/hotjobs.htm>

Military Spouse Employment Tip of the Week: When applying for a job, state in your cover letter or application that you are a military spouse of an active duty service member who may be eligible for the Military Spouse Internship Program. Spouses can apply for a federal job by visiting the USAJOBS website.

<http://www.transitionjobs.us/> Click on “Search for Opportunities” at the bottom of the page. Jobs listed by state.

www.TransitionTalk.com has launched to create an online community with shared information and resources to help veterans who are in transition. This website contains specialized articles, recommended books and links for military transition. Also, there is a web log for Q & A that aims to provide the answers to military transition questions from Category Guides who are military and industry professionals that are eager to help veterans make a successful transition.

Website: Career Resources for Veterans: The Defense Centers of Excellence (DCoE) recently collaborated with PBS to produce a handbook for military families. Created as a companion to the PBS series "This Emotional Life," A Handbook for Family & Friends of Service Members explores

the stressors and feelings individuals may encounter throughout the different phases of deployment. The handbook aims to provide solutions for Service members and identifies outside tools and resources that may be useful to friends and family members before, during and after deployment. Topics include what to expect during deployment and how to strengthen or repair relationships. Order the handbooks from the Real Warriors Campaign website at <http://www.sc.edu/career/Webresources/veterans.html>

<http://www.realwarriors.net/materials/order>

Hanscom AFS: Resources <http://www.hanscom.af.mil>

Massachusetts Career Information System: <http://masscis.intocareers.org/default.asp>

Veterans Employment Services (978) 534-1481 x 117 www.wmoore@detma.org

Orion International: info@orioninternational.com

RELOCATION READINESS

ACS has listings for apartments or houses to rent. List is updated as housing is made available to us. Call 978-796-3023. ACS Electronic Welcome Packets <https://www.devens.army.mil> or call 978-796-3023

Moving and Relocation Information: Terrific tips to make moving easier. <http://afmove.hq.af.mil/Default.asp>

TRICARE Information at Hanscom AFB:

Hanscom AFB offers a monthly Newcomer Orientation Medical Clinic welcome to all new patients every Tuesday from 1300 to 1500. It is strongly recommended that Army personnel attend so they can find out about their provider, how to access emergency services, and referral. Telephone: 781-377-2120

FORT DEVENS SERVICES:

Fort Devens Mail and Distribution: Mail & Distribution Hours are as follows. The Door will be open for box pick up between the following hours. 0730 AM to 1600 PM. Window pick up 0900 AM to 1200 PM 1230 PM to 1430 PM

Taps Tavern: Hours of operation for Taps Tavern are 1600 – 2100, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Enjoy cold drinks, delicious snacks, sports events, X-Box gaming, music and much more. The TAPS Tavern is located in Bldg. 623, 42 Givry Street, Devens, MA.

FREE Movie Night at the Community Activities Center, Bldg. 623, shown in the main hall Saturdays. Be on the lookout for each Saturday's feature presentation.

Education Office: The 99th RSC Education Office is located at 30 Quebec Street, (Building 666) Fort Devens, in Rooms 328, 326, and 324. POC is Lee Achenback at 978-796-2968. Services include educational and career counseling, GI Bill questions and issues, tuition assistance, financial aid and scholarship information as well as test administration and test proctoring.

Police Services Division: Vehicle Registration and Fingerprinting
0930-1030 / 1500-1600 or By Appointment.
Police: 978-796-3333

Physical Security: 978-796-2061

Carlson Wagonlit Travel/Veterans Travel: 800-945-0535 or 402-345-7596

Devens Legal: 978-796-2255

Education Office: 978-796-2868

AAFES / Clothing & Sales: 978-772-6838 / 2065

Photo Section DA Photo: 978-796-2559

Fort Devens ID Cards 978 - 796-2130, Building 683

Billeting: Bldg. 978-796-3201

Distance Learning Center: 978-796-3612 / 2605 / 2626

Transportation: Passenger 978-796-2141/ or 2393 Freight 978-796-2832/ or 2840

Vehicles: 978-796-2141

UNITED SERVICES ORGANIZATION:

Military OneSource: 1-800-342-9647 www.armyonesource.com

HELPFUL MASSACHUSETTS RESOURCES:

USO New England: <http://www.uso-newengland.org/index.htm>

Massachusetts Parks: www.state.ma.us/dem/forparks.htm

Massachusetts Wildlife: www.state.ma.us/dfwele/dfw

State of Massachusetts Child Care Finder: www.qualitychildcare.org

Massachusetts Getaway Guide: <http://www.mass-vacation.com/>

Massachusetts's area Guides net: <http://massachusetts.ags.myareaguide.com/>

Boston and Local Area Concerts: <http://www.bostonconcerts.com/>

Boston Pops: <http://www.bso.org/>