

AT A GLANCE BULLETIN



Army Community Service
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Serving the Military in New England

October 2011



OCTOBER 2011

Domestic Abuse Awareness Month

Army Community Service



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

Domestic Abuse Awareness Month: October is Domestic Abuse Awareness Month. Domestic abuse prevention is a key piece of this objective. Army Leaders are committed to effective prevention by creating a climate of safety and respect and emphasizing the negative effects domestic abuse has on Family readiness.

Research shows that risk factors such as combat-related Post Traumatic Stress, Substance Abuse, exposure to Violent Video Games and Pornography, behaviors related to Risk Taking and Sensation Seeking all play into and complicate the problem of Domestic Abuse and its impact on the affected Families and the Army. The Army has many resources to respond to the problem at both the prevention and intervention level. The Domestic Abuse reporting point of contact, investigation, intervention, victim advocacy, safety planning and treatment, alternative compensation, and primary prevention services are all in place.

*****SPECIAL EVENT***:** October 28, 2011 Fort Devens presents the Military's most requested Alcohol, Drug, Sexual Assault & Suicide Prevention Training Program **HAPPY HOUR**. Happy Hour is a Stand Up Comedy show followed by a powerful message on High Risk Drinking, Drugs and Sexual Assault by Bernie McGrenahan. TWO (2) Trainings will be held at 0900 & 1300 at Taps Tavern, Building 623.

HAPPY HOUR' Topics include: Bystander Intervention, *95% Sexual Assault is Alcohol Related, *Dangerous Sexual Scenarios while under the influence of Alcohol. *The definition of 'Consent'. *Restricted/Un-Restricted Reporting *Tools for Prevention *INTERVENE, ACT, MOTIVATE
The program is reducing DUI's, Alcohol related violence, cases of sexual assault and is SAVING LIVES. Call ACS at 978-796-3023 for more information.



Fort Devens ACS Facebook: Fort Devens ACS is on Facebook! Please "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

What exactly is Army Emergency Relief ?

AER is the Army's own emergency financial assistance organization and is dedicated to "Helping the Army Take Care of Its Own". AER provides commanders a valuable asset in accomplishing their basic command responsibility for the morale and welfare of soldiers. AER funds are made available to commanders having AER Sections to provide emergency financial assistance to soldiers - active & retired - and their dependents when there is a valid need.

AER funds made available to commanders are not limited and are constrained only by the requirement of valid need. For these reasons, the AER assistance program is conducted within the Army structure by major commanders and their installation/organization commanders through AER sections and other related organizations.

- Private, nonprofit, corporation - Not Government agency but closely aligned with Army
- AER assist 10% of Army each year
- Board of Managers make major decisions regarding disbursement of funds
- Assistance is provided on a CASE-BY-CASE basis – considerable flexibility – use it!
- \$312M provided to Soldiers in past 4 years
- Numerous new programs and categories of assistance implemented in past 5 years

FINANCIAL

Understanding Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA):

Current data and litigation trends suggest service members and employers alike are not fully aware of their rights and legal obligations under The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA). This law gives certain job protections to service members, aiming to minimize the potential disadvantages to an individual that can occur when that person is absent from civilian employment to serve in the country's uniformed services.

USERRA applies to virtually all employers and provides for severe punishment of both companies and individuals for violations, including discrimination against employees or applicants because of military service. While USERRA is of utmost importance for *all* service members, it is especially important for those service members who are currently mobilized or have been demobilized, and for service members serving in the Reserves or the National Guard—even if they have not been mobilized.

USERRA generates a great deal of interest from many sectors, but especially from service members and their families. If you serve in the Reserves or the National Guard, here is an outline of what you need to know about USERRA.

USERRA:

1. Prohibits illegal discrimination against members of the uniformed services.
2. Requires prompt reemployment, **not** at your job prior to mobilization but at the job and in the position you would have been at had you not been mobilized (this is known as the "escalator position" and is described more fully by going to saveandinvest.org, deployment and PCS section).
3. Provides for credit for mobilized time for seniority, retirement, rate of pay, and pension and retirement contributions.
4. Provides for health care benefits.
5. Provides for protection from discharge after return from military service, specifying the length of this protection as well as when the protection begins and ends. (This issue is especially critical because the USERRA clock does not start to run until an employer has satisfied all USERRA requirements, and it can be challenging for both service members (employees) and employers to know when that occurs.)
6. Provides for both corporate *and* individual supervisor liability for violations of USERRA.
7. Provides for protection from discharge in hiring, promotion, and retention on the basis of present or future membership in the uniformed services.

To learn more, please contact saveandinvest.org and link to the deployment and PCS section or contact Erica Zeiger at ACS, 978.796.3119.

SOLDIER & FAMILY

FY2012 Prime Enrollment Fee Increase Some of you may be aware of discussions or are starting to get questions from beneficiaries about an increase in TRICARE Prime enrollment fees. Yes, they are increasing, but only for new enrollments received by the regional contractor on or after October 1, 2011.

BACKGROUND: 10 USC 1097(e) The Secretary of Defense is allowed by law to set a premium, deductible, copayment, or other charge for health care, including enrollment fees. The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs has been given the authority to run the health program and has authorized the enrollment fee increase. This modest annual fee increase helps TRICARE to responsibly manage costs in line with other Secretary of Defense initiatives announced earlier this year.

The President's Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 proposed increasing the annual TRICARE Prime enrollment fee from \$460/\$230 (family/individual) to \$520/\$260, with a certain exception, beginning October 1, 2011. All recent indications are that the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2012, still to be enacted will not prohibit this increase. The exception, which requires rulemaking (a proposed rule is in coordination) or exercise by the Assistant Secretary (Health Affairs) [ASD(HA)] of waiver authority, is for survivors of active duty decease members and medical retirees and their eligible family members.

One Time Grant: Michelle Nelson with Our Military Kids (www.ourmilitarykids.org) is piloting their outreach to children of KIA servicemembers. Our Military Kids is a reliable, caring organization that traditionally helps children of deployed and injured servicemembers stay involved in extra-curricular activities in and out of school. **Who:** dependent children of 2011 KIA Servicemembers; ages 3 through high school. **What:** a one-time grant up to \$500 for an expense for activities (cannot be an academic/school/education bill) but can be tutoring/drivers ed, football, etc.(sports, fine arts, camps, or extra academic costs) **How:** One application per child submitted to Our Military Kids with 1. Copy of dd1300; 2. copy of ID identifying the child as military dependent; 3. Brochure, form, receipt showing fee family is applying for. The check from Our Military Kids will be paid to the provider, not to the parent/guardian.

Notes: only one provider will be paid/only one check will be cut. If the family is utilizing a YMCA or Community Ed and the child will be involved in several activities, they can be grouped on the application and paid to the provider. Gail J Springborg, MPSC Contractor, Army Survivor Outreach Services Coordinator Office: 651.268.8265 Cell: 320.291.7617 cell

The General Hugh Shelton Leadership Center is pleased to offer a 4-year college scholarship for one emerging high school student leader to North Carolina State University. This is the 8th annual Hugh Shelton scholarship provided by the Center and is valued at \$10,000 per year (renewable), plus an annual \$2,000 stipend for external leadership experiences such as study abroad.

The mission of the General Hugh Shelton Leadership Center is to "inspire, educate, and develop values-based leaders who are committed to personal integrity, professional ethics and selfless service". The Center has endowed the General Hugh Shelton National Student Leadership Scholarship, conducts youth outreach programs, and executive forums. The program wants to identify and reward

America's most outstanding high school student leader so please share with all of your programs and families. Applications are due 1 Nov 11. Details on the scholarship, criteria and application can be found at: <http://www.ncsu.edu/extension/sheltonleadership/leadership-scholarships/national-scholarships.php>

Home Depot 9/11 Commemoration: Home Depot 9/11 Commemoration program that they are running from September 11 thru Veterans Days. This is a wonderful opportunity for Soldiers that meet the criteria. The Home Depot Foundation is running a special program to commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11. From 11 Sep 11 through Veteran's Day (11 Nov 11), Home Depot is offering to conduct work projects on military member's personal homes. Home Depot will provide the materials, labor and contractors. Projects will include repairs and installations. If there are any questions, please make contact through the website below. The priority is as follows: - Wounded warriors returning from combat & disabled veterans - Members returning from deployment - Members with special needs (either themselves or family members)
http://www.homedepotfoundation.org/celebrationofservice?cm_sp=homepage-_-wk33-_-subhero

Veteran Resources: <http://www.veteranprograms.com/index.html> U.S. Veteran Compensation Programs is the first unique website dedicated to helping U.S. veterans discover the benefits they have earned. Complete details about service-connected compensation issues and important updates about veteran benefits as they occur. Also, services that help veterans gain quick and easy access to vital VA departments and information. We provide free and user-friendly resources for veterans and their family members.

THE EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIP OF THE ARMED FORCES: Through the Employee Partnership Office (EPO), you can more effectively leverage your Military training and experience for career opportunities in today's civilian job market, having access to job openings with Military friendly employers in various industries across the country. The EPO job search engine is easy to use and gives Servicemenbers another tool to help them achieve their civilian career goals.

You local contact is: **KEN FORCHIELLI**, Contractor (Military Personnel Services Corporation) Employer Partnership of the Armed Forces, 508-755-0173 Ext 2231, 910-728-3031 (BB)
Visit the Employer Partnership website at: www.employerpartnership.org or email at gethired@employerpartnership.org or call 1-877-450-HIRE (4473)

THINGS TO DO IN OCTOBER

Science Discovery Museum: Military Families Come enjoy a free evening at October 22, 2011 5:30 p.m. - 8:30p.m. 177 Main Street (Route 27) Acton, Massachusetts 01720 At the Science Discovery Museum, children 5 and over along with adults can explore scientific concepts and hands-on creativity. Children learn that science starts with your hands, your eyes, your ears, your senses. Each exhibit has a hands-on component and each component encourages children to explore what might be considered ordinary in an extraordinary way. Registration is required by Oct. 14, 2011 and is open to IMMEDIATE family members of service members. The service member does not have to be present. However, all children must be accompanied by an adult and chaperoned throughout the event. Light refreshments will be provided. To register contact Paula Burgielewicz at paulab@umext.umass.edu
Thanks to the Kass Family Foundation for supporting this event which is co-hosted by MA Operation Military Kids. www.operationmilitarykids.org

Operation: Military Kids is a partnership of Army Child and Youth Services, National 4-H Headquarters/NIFA, and University of Massachusetts Amherst 4-H Youth Development. Operation: Military Kids— Massachusetts is supported by the 4-H/Army Youth Development Project under Kansas State University special project number 2007-48661-03868.



Financial Readiness: Interested in learning your credit score free of charge? Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), FINRA Investor Education Foundation (which is part of FINRA) has once again provided Financial Readiness Specialists with the opportunity to check your credit score and credit analysis free of charge. From 15 September 2011 to 31 October 2011 every service member and family member alike, should take advantage of this wonderful service! Checking your credit through this site does NOT go against your credit history. Please contact ACS at 978.796.3023/3119 to set up an appointment.

Warrior project www.woundedwarriorproject.org 8K run/walk

“I DON’T FEEL LIKE RUNNING TODAY...BUT” * This is not a timed event*Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 10 AM Beginning and Ending On The Green In Longmeadow
On Longmeadow St Registration Fee: \$25 *includes t-shirt* Register on the day from 7am-9am Cash or check made payable to: Wounded warrior project Or Register online
Online Registration closes on October 8th **Register online at:**
<https://registration.strands.com/i-dont-feel-like-running-today,-but> Donate online to:
<http://WWPProudSupporter.kintera.org/lfitzgerald>

HONORING THE PATH OF THE WOMAN WARRIOR— *A Weekend Retreat for Women Veterans* — This three-day, two-night retreat provides a safe and supportive environment for women veterans to explore their experiences. Come connect with other women veterans to honor each other and the experience of being women in the military. Programs include speakers, yoga, meditation, acupuncture, and many more wellness activities. There will also be time to just relax and enjoy the beautiful and peaceful surroundings. *There is no cost for this retreat or its activities.* Three meals per day and snacks are also included. Though many of our retreats encourage family participation, this retreat is only for women veterans, so please bring only yourself. This is a weekend for you to relax and receive. **WHAT: FREE WEEKEND RETREAT**
WHEN: OCTOBER 21, 22, & 23 **WHERE: CLARA BARTON CENTER**

66 CLARA BARTON RD N. OXFORD, MA <http://bartoncenter.org/bcsite/node/70>
REGISTER AT: <http://www.projectnewhopema.org/signup.htm>

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.

New Hampshire Turkey Train – Will be held on **Saturday, 8 October**, \$70 per person; includes: scenic foliage train ride, Hart's Turkey Farm full-course luncheon, sightseeing and foliage viewing and round-trip transportation

The Massachusetts North Shore (Salem, Gloucester and Rockport) – Will be held on **Saturday, 22 October**, \$70 per person; includes: historic Salem visit, Salem Witch Museum admission, Gloucester House luncheon (choose baked scrod or baked chicken at signup), Rockport sightseeing and round-trip transportation on a luxury Silver Fox CD/DVD/Wi-Fi Motor Coach.

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.

Old Town Trolley Tickets (Boston Trolley Tour) – Tickets are \$29 each for ages 12 and up; regular price is \$36 each. Child ticket is \$13 for ages 5-12.

Cinema Tickets – AMC movie tickets are \$6.75 for any show starting after 1800 that has been out for at least one full week.

HANSCOM AIRMAN AND FAMILY READINESS CENTER

October 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 on Wednesday, 5, 12, 19 26 October from 0900 – 1000. 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.

FEDERAL RESUME WRITING FOR USAJOBS - Will be held on Friday, 7 October from 0900 - 1200. Improve your odds of getting the federal job you want by learning resume writing basics, how to locate essential skills and keywords to include, how to write accomplishment statements and essays, resume builder formats, and more.

MILITARY SPOUSE CAREER WORKSHOP - Will be held on Tuesday, 11 October from 1700 - 1900. Find out about all the new benefits for military spouses. We'll cover getting a federal job quickly, using your spouse preference, job search assistance, and navigating the USAJOBS web site.

E-SMOOTH MOVE SEMINAR - Will be held on Wednesday, 12 October from 1100 - 1200. Learn how to navigate the new ternet based resources designed for PCS moves, and where to get answers to your questions about your upcoming move. Spouses encouraged to attend.

STAYING POSITIVE IN NEGATIVE SITUATIONS - Will be held on Thursday, 13 October from 1130 - 1230. This presentation will teach participants about positive thinking and behaviors, motivation, and tips and strategies for staying positive n any situation. Presented by Hanscom's Military and Family Life Consultant.

PRIVATE SECTOR RESUME WRITING CLASS - Will be held on Friday, 14 October from 0900 - 1100. This is a basic resume writing course. It covers how to write and format an effective resume and cover letter. Federal resume basics are also discussed.

CAR BUYING WORKSHOP - Will be held on Friday, 14 October from 1300 - 1430. Should you buy new or used? Should you purchase an Extended Warranty? What part does your FICO score play in the buying process? Is leasing better for you? What about a loan? Should you get it from the dealership, bank, or credit union? How can you negotiate the price of a car? What is gap insurance? If this is your first car, how much can you afford? Get all these questions answered and more. Presented by Cambridge Consumers' Council, a member of the Massachusetts Consumers' Coalition. Free .Car Smarts Guide. to all attendees.

TRANSITIONING FROM A MILITARY TO A CIVILIAN CAREER - Will be held on Monday - Friday, 17 – 21 October. This workshop is designed to assist voluntarily and involuntarily separating or retiring service members make a successful career transition. Plan to attend at least 6 months prior to separation or retirement. Dress is civilian attire (business casual). Spouses are welcome. Class begins at 1200 on Monday. Tuesday - Thursday class hours are 0800 - 1600. Seminar ends Friday at 1230. Register early.

FAMILY WELCOME - Will be held on Tuesday, 18 October from 0930 – 1100 at the Airman & Family Readiness Center building 1218. 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!

HOW TO AVOID FALLING IN LOVE WITH A JERK/ETTE - Will be held on Wednesday - Thursday, 19 - 20 October from 1130 - 1300. Learn more about the person you care about before you

say .I do.. Are you compatible? What should you beware of? How do you really know this is the one for you? Join us for a fun, enlightening 2-part seminar for singles and singles-again.

BUNDLES FOR BABIES - Will be held on Monday, 24 October from 0900 - 1500. If you are in your second or third trimester, please join us and learn about caring for your newborn, budgeting for baby, to work or not to work, TRICARE coverage, dental care, base and community resources, SIDS, shaken baby, newborn appearance, breastfeeding, car seat safety, Baby-Makes-Three, and much more. This seminar is sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society and is open to all branches of service and DoD civilians. Baby bundles are available for AF, Navy, Marines, and Army families. For DoD civilians, the A&FRC will make up a gift just for you.

TELEPHONE TIPS AND TECHNIQUES - Will be held on Tuesday, 25 October from 1100 - 1300. Learn to generate employment leads, develop and deliver telephone scripts, improve speaking and listening skills, reach and impress decision-makers, and much more. Bring your lunch.

MARKETING YOURSELF FOR A SECOND CAREER - Will be held on Wednesday, 26 October from 0900 - 1130. Daniel Koslov, Col (Ret), Director of Officer Placement, Military Officers' Association, will present his take on the three-phased job search plan, preparing for and conducting successful interviews, perfecting your resume, using military strengths, and much more. Great information for all ranks. Held at the O'Neill Auditorium, building 1612. Registration is not required. Don't miss out, this seminar is offered only once a year!

NEWCOMERS' PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND CITY ORIENTATION - Will be held Wednesday, 26 October from 0900 - 1600. 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.

PROTECTING YOUR IDENTITY – LUNCH & LEARN - Will be held on Wednesday, 26 October from 1200 - 1300. Between 2001 and 2010, recorded complaints of identity theft nearly tripled, from 86,250 to 250,854. Don't become a victim of this crime. Come find out what you can do to protect yourself and what to do if you are a victim. Lunch is provided for attendees.

“HEARTS APART” COSTUME PARTY - Will be held on Thursday, 27 October from 1630 - 1830. Families of deployed, remote tour and extended TDY service members are invited to join us for a somewhat spooky but very fun evening. Wear your costume! Refreshments provided. Please RSVP by Friday, 21 October to (781) 377-4222 or email 66.fss.fsfr.cmb@hanscom.af.mil.

INTRODUCING A NEW BABY - Will be held on Monday, 31 October from 1130 - 1230. Ideas to help parents understand their child's possible reactions to a new sibling and suggestions to help the family prepare for the new arrival. Presented by Hanscom's Military and Family Life Consultant.

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.ag.s.myareaguide.com/>

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

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