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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ACS DIRECTOR



Imelda Fisher



LTC Warren F Bacote: Fort Devens and Army Community Service bid a fond farewell to the Commander of Fort Devens, LTC Warren F. Bacote. Change of Command will be on 12 June 2012.

“ May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.” ~Irish Blessing

We wish the best of luck to you and your wife, Andrena.

Happy Father’s Day; Father and Son time, deployment style.



Army Birthday: Happy 237th Birthday to the US Army. Two hundred and thirty-seven years ago, the United States Army was established to defend our Nation. From the Revolutionary War to the current operations taking place around the world, our Soldiers remain Army Strong with a deep commitment to our core values and beliefs. This 236th birthday commemorates America’s Army – Soldiers, Families and Civilians – who are achieving a level of excellence that is truly Army Strong. Being Army Strong goes beyond physical endurance and mental preparedness. It encompasses an indomitable spirit, and high ethical and moral values. These are not only desirable traits in a person, but in a Nation that wishes to live up to the ideals and vision of its founders. We are “America’s Army: The Strength of the Nation.”

Fort Devens ACS Face book: Fort Devens ACS is on Face book! "Like" to find out the latest newsand 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.

FINANCIAL

Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) enhancements will help military homeowners: BY [TIM MASSAD AND HOLLY PETRAEUS](#)

Our military families make many sacrifices for our nation, and not just when a servicemember goes into combat. Military families also face challenges when a servicemember receives orders for a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) move to another base, and the family has to decide whether to go along or live apart. Unfortunately, for many military families, this challenge has become more difficult in the wake of the housing market downturn. This is because like other Americans, many military homeowners are currently underwater on their mortgage. Because their home's value has decreased since they purchased it, these servicemembers may not be able to sell their home at a price that will pay off their mortgage, and they may not be able to rent out their home at a price that will cover their monthly mortgage payments. These military homeowners also may get a lower housing allowance at their new duty station, and may face additional loss of income while their spouse looks for a new job. Suddenly, military homeowners who have been faithfully paying their mortgage on time face a real risk of falling behind.

In the last few weeks, Treasury and the Office of Servicemember Affairs at the CFPB have worked together to address this issue. And, as a result, Treasury is making important changes to its Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) that will provide more opportunities for mortgage assistance to military homeowners.

Many underwater military homeowners have looked for help from mortgage assistance programs to no avail. If they move, they may be told that they are not eligible to modify the mortgage on their home because it's no longer their primary residence. And they may not qualify for assistance because they are still current on their mortgage or their income has not changed, so they are not considered to have a "verifiable financial hardship," despite the fact that they now have to pay for housing in two

locations. The financial difficulties are stressful enough, but for military homeowners, becoming delinquent on their mortgage can also put their security clearance at risk. If they show a negative change to their credit rating, it not only hurts their ability to get credit, but can actually cause them to lose the security clearance they must have to do their job.

Under recently announced changes to HAMP, which will go into effect June 1, military homeowners and other families who are permanently displaced by a job-related move may still qualify as owner-occupants, which means they may still qualify for a HAMP mortgage modification. The new criteria states that a borrower may qualify if he or she:

- Is displaced due to an out-of-area job transfer such as PCS orders and was occupying the home as a principal residence immediately prior to the displacement;
- Intends to return to the home at some point in the future; and
- Does not own any other single-family real estate.

Military and other families who *do* own other residential properties may still qualify for a HAMP modification under expanded opportunities available for rental properties announced by Treasury in January. They also may qualify for a short sale through Treasury's Home Affordable Foreclosure Alternatives Program (HAFA).

Our servicemembers deserve our full support. We don't want any member of our military to be forced by financial challenges to leave their family behind. This would be a heartbreaking decision for any family, but it's especially tough for military families, who often face long periods of separation during deployment. These changes to HAMP are one way Treasury and the CFPB are working together to support military families and the many other hardworking families struggling to maintain homeownership.

<http://www.consumerfinance.gov/blog/new-hamp-enhancements-will-help-military-homeowners/>

SOLDIER & FAMILY

Office of Military Kids Family FUN Day at Camp Marshall: Operation: Military Kids is a partnership of Army Child and Youth Services, National 4-H Headquarters/USDA, 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.

Event Information: 92 McCormick Rd., Spencer, MA

June 23, 2012 from, 10am-3pm Participate in a variety of hands-on activities led by OMK, B&G Club and 4-H. Gather Information and resources. Explore popular camp activities including: Low Ropes, Horses, Shooting Sports & Barnyard Adventures

To register, send the following information to : Paula Burgielewicz at 101 University Drive, Suite 4A, UMASS, Amherst, MA 01003 or paulab@umext.umass.edu, (800) 374-4446. Name of Servicemember, Branch and Unit of Service - Name of each person attending - Mailing Address, Email Address, Telephone

Sittercity: As schools close their doors for the summer, parents are often left scrambling to find a summer sitter. For our military families with children, this time of year presents additional challenges.

Not only may a military family have just one parent at home during a deployment, but one in three military families will also have to move between May 15th and September 30th. One of the biggest problems our families face when relocating to a new installation away from friends and family, is finding flexible childcare options they can count on. To help these families navigate the unique challenges of military life, the Department of Defense has paid for memberships to Sittercity for Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force families including, active duty, Reserve, and Guard. Sittercity is the nation's largest and most trusted website for finding quality local babysitters, nannies, elder care providers, dog walkers, housekeepers and tutors. Military families can activate their paid Sittercity membership today by visiting www.sittercity.com/dod. Sittercity's Government Program for military families provides instant access to over 2 million, pre-screened caregivers nationwide. Caregiver profiles include background checks, references, reviews, photos and much more. Sittercity's proprietary matching technology helps families hand-select the perfect caregiver for their family. Please ensure your families are aware of this beneficial source!

FREE ADMISSION: Beginning May 28th through September 3rd, 2012, more than 1,500 museums across America will be offering up FREE admission to all active duty military personnel and their families as part of the Blue Star Museum Program

<http://www.nea.gov/national/bluestarmuseums/index2012.php> These include children's museums, fine art museums, history and science museums, and nature centers. Even sweeter, the free admission is available to active duty military members and up to 5 family members; plus, there is no limit on the number of participating museums that you can visit over the summer.

* Click <http://www.nea.gov/national/bluestarmuseums/index2012.php> to view the participating museums. The free admission program is available to any bearer of a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), a DD Form 1173 ID card, or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card, which includes active duty military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard), National Guard and Reserve members and up to five family members.

FREE PASS to National Parks: * On a side note, don't forget that Active Duty Military can snag a FREE Annual Pass to National Parks <http://hip2save.com/2012/05/18/active-duty-military-free-annual-pass-to-national-parks-starting-519-80-value/> (an \$80 value!).

FREE WEDDING GOWNS: BRIDES ACROSS AMERICA IS JOINING FORCES "OPERATION WEDDING GOWN" LAUNCHES A NATIONWIDE EVENT THIS JULY AND WILL BE GIVING AWAY FREE WEDDING GOWNS.

About Brides Across America

Brides Across America is a Massachusetts based charitable organization that focuses on providing free wedding gowns to those military brides that have not been able to have their dream wedding. *Brides Across America* is connecting with bridal salons across the nation to help spread the military spirit. Since 2007, *Brides Across America* and its partners have made a difference in the lives of many military brides.

From July 9-17th, *Brides Across America* will be sweeping the nation and giving away free wedding gowns to military brides. Bridal Salons across the country will host the event on July 9-17th, 2012 at selected locations. *Brides Across America* was recently honored by the Joining Forces program, a national initiative to support and honor America's service members and their families, which was launched by First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden. The last Operation Wedding Gown

Giveaway event made headlines when it was featured on NBC's "Making a Difference" with Brian Williams.

Through *Brides Across America's* partnership with bridal salons, military brides will be shopping for free designer bridal gowns. A select number of gowns to be given away to qualifying brides on a first come first serve basis.

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, Kuwait or Japan. Identification and deployment papers must be presented at the event to qualify.

As part of *Brides Across America's* commitment to support our troops and veterans, the non-profit organization will be hosting its annual bridal gown giveaway at salons nationwide. From Los Angeles to New York, bridal salons nationwide joined forces by giving away free designer wedding gowns to military brides. To date, *Brides Across America* has donated over 7,000 wedding gowns from prominent designers. The donated gowns are valued between \$500 and \$4,000 and range in size. Without organizations like *Brides Across America*, many military brides would not have the chance to pick out a designer gown for their special day due to economic circumstances. *Brides Across America's* founder, Heidi Janson, wants to continue making dreams come true to military couples that have not had the opportunity to plan their dream wedding due to deployment. "Our continued efforts as an organization are to bring awareness to our communities. My goal is to make sure we don't forget all the servicemen and women overseas fighting for our freedom". Our organization continues to grow as many men and women are coming home from overseas. Our goal is to give away up to 10,000 wedding gowns this year.

For military brides who are interested in more information on how to qualify or to inquire about dates and locations contact *Brides Across America* please visit www.bridesacrossamerica.com.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall Re-Dedication (10-year Anniversary) for the MA Vietnam Veterans Memorial located at Green Hill Park, 50 Skyline Drive, Worcester.

Link here at <http://www.massvvm.org/tenth/> to learn more. Activities span over three days, Friday through Sunday, June 1-3:

* Golf Tournament * Re-Dedication Ceremony * Anniversary Dinner * Rolling Thunder Freedom Ride For general information, contact Lester Paquin at 1-978-355-5004, or via e-mail at lesterpaquin@verizon.net.

Veterans Health Benefits handbook: Here is the link talking about the new Veteran's Health Benefits handbook. Enrolled Veterans should be receiving their personalized handbook as part of a national rollout campaign. <http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhbh/>

TRICARE Dental Program: On May 1, 2012, MetLife will become the dental carrier for the TRICARE Dental Program. All current TRICARE Dental Program enrollees will be notified about the transition to MetLife and will receive a welcome packet with a new TRICARE Dental Program Benefits Booklet. <http://www.metlife.com/TRICARE/index.html#welcome>

The Vets4Warriors: Vets4Warriors Website: www.vets4warriors.com Peer support line, 1-855-838-8255 (1-855-VET-TALK), provides easy access to supportive, non-attributional conversations with trained veteran peers representing all branches of the military. This team of veteran peers has immediate access to behavioral health clinicians to respond to potentially emergent issues and can

offer referrals to local community services, military veteran centers, and military healthcare providers based upon the needs of the Service Member. A variety of services will be provided to include non-clinical (legal, financial) and referrals for clinical services (substance abuse, behavioral health).

This program is a component of a larger effort to promote individual resilience, risk reduction, and coping skills through peer support and referrals to community based services. Peer counseling is an effective method to acculturate these self-development skills without the potential stigma that some Service Members may associate with help-seeking behavior. The program also improves awareness and access to local resources that are relevant to the issues communicated by the Service Member while the utilization data can help share and refine current support programs.

THINGS TO DO

ADMISSION IS FREE

SO ARE THE DREAMS

FREE FUN FRIDAYS INVITES MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS TO VISIT DESIGNATED CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS EVERY FRIDAY THIS SUMMER WITH FREE ADMISSION. NO REGISTRATION OR TICKETS REQUIRED. VISIT AND ENJOY!

<p>JUNE 29TH TANGLEWOOD ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM HERITAGE MUSEUMS & GARDENS MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY</p>	<p>AUGUST 3RD MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, BOSTON NORMAN ROCKWELL MUSEUM AMELIA PARK CHILDREN'S MUSEUM FULLER CRAFT MUSEUM ARNOLD ARBORETUM</p>
<p>JULY 6TH BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM STONE ZOO CAPE COD MUSEUM OF ART WENHAM MUSEUM STERLING AND FRANCINE CLARK ART INSTITUTE</p>	<p>AUGUST 10TH BATTLESHIP COVE BERKSHIRE MUSEUM CAPE COD CHILDREN'S MUSEUM FRUITLANDS MUSEUM SPORTS MUSEUM</p>
<p>JULY 13TH FRANKLIN PARK ZOO CHILDREN'S MUSEUM AT HOLYOKE DANFORTH MUSEUM OF ART DECORDOVA SCULPTURE PARK & MUSEUM REAGLE MUSIC THEATRE</p>	<p>AUGUST 17TH INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART EDWARD GOREY HOUSE NEW BEDFORD WHALING MUSEUM GARDEN IN THE WOODS CONCORD MUSEUM</p>
<p>JULY 20TH BUTTONWOOD PARK ZOO MASS AUDUBON VISUAL ARTS CENTER HANCOCK SHAKER VILLAGE PILGRIM MONUMENT & PROVINCETOWN MUSEUM HIGGINS ARMORY MUSEUM</p>	<p>AUGUST 24TH BOSTON HARBOR ISLAND ALLIANCE USS CONSTITUTION MUSEUM AMERICAN TEXTILE HISTORY MUSEUM OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME</p>
<p>JULY 27TH COMMONWEALTH SHAKESPEARE COMPANY CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN EASTON SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS N.E. HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEW REPERTORY THEATRE</p>	<p>AUGUST 31ST JFK LIBRARY & MUSEUM PLIMOTH PLANTATION THE DISCOVERY MUSEUMS MASS MOCA ECOTARIUM</p>



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PCOMING EVENTS AT TICKETS AND TOURS

TICKETS AND TOURS, (781) 225-6505/6498 Judie King, ITT Manager, Hanscom AFB, 98 Barksdale Street Bldg <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.

Old Town Trolley Tour - Available are Old Town Trolley Tour tickets at \$32 each and AMC Cinema tickets at \$6.75 each.

Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island: Sat., June 16: Depart from Hanscom at 6:30 a.m. A coffee/breakfast stop will be made as you travel to New York this morning. Upon arriving in NYC, you'll board a ferry which will take you to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. You'll have time to view all the fascinating exhibits, and there are cafeterias on both Ellis and Liberty Island for lunch (on your own). Upon return to the mainland, you'll board your coach. After making a "Memorial Moment" visit at Ground Zero, you'll leave the city at approx. 5:30 p.m. A fast-food stop will be made on the trip home. Expected arrival back at Hanscom is 10:30 p.m. \$75 pp

Saratoga Spectacular: Day 1 (July 23): Depart from Hanscom at 7 a.m. You'll arrive in Saratoga Springs midday and take your reserved grandstand seats at one of America's oldest and grandest racecourses for an afternoon of the finest thoroughbred racing in the country. After the races, you'll travel to nearby Glens Falls where you'll check into the beautiful Queensbury Hotel. After a chance to freshen up, you'll enjoy a full-course dinner (included) at the Queensbury.

Day 2 (July 24): After a full-course breakfast (included), you'll travel to Lake George's Steel Pier where you'll board the Lac du Saint Sacrement for a narrated 2-hour cruise of Lake George, featuring over 350 islands and stretching 32 miles long from Fort Ticonderoga to the north and Fort William Henry to the south. A delicious luncheon with entertainment is also included onboard your ship during the cruise. \$255 pp double | \$245 pp triple | \$349 pp single

Nantucket Island: Sat., August 11: Depart from Hanscom at 7 a.m. to join us for a tranquil voyage and a refreshing day on beautiful Nantucket Island — one of the premier vacation and fun spots in North America! You'll set sail at 9:20 a.m. on the ferry from Hyannis in Hyline's First Class Cabin, where you'll enjoy complimentary danish and coffee on a private sundeck as you cruise toward Nantucket. Once on the island, you'll have time to take in the exciting shops and explore the art galleries, experience its colonial American architecture and atmosphere, along with its wide variety of activities and miles of sandy beaches. There are great restaurants, shops and The Old Historic Town, whaling museums and much more. You'll sail back at 4 p.m., again in First Class, enjoying complimentary beverages, crackers & cheese. On the mainland you'll board your coach for the return trip, arriving back at Hanscom at approx. 7:30 p.m. \$75 pp Call Tickets & Tours for more information or to reserve your spot today! (781) 225-6498/6505

HANSCOM AIRMAN AND FAMILY READINESS CENTER

June 2012

Please Call 781-225-2765 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 and their families – no records are kept. Call (781) 686-3084 and leave your first name only for an appointment!

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 resume writing class is recommended.**

VETERANS AFFAIRS DISABILITY CLAIMS REVIEW will be held **By Appointment Only**. 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.**

Hanscom's Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provides a confidential, free counseling service on a wide range of wellness and work-life concerns for Hanscom's DoD civilian employees. Contact Ina Bachman, LICSW, CEAP at 1-800-222-0364 for an appointment.

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 resume writing class is recommended.**

Private Sector Resume Writing Class – Friday, June 1 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. This basic resume writing course covers how to write and format an effective resume and cover letter. Federal resume basics will also be discussed.

Secrets of Successful Parents – Monday, June 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. What makes a parent “successful”? Join Patricia Marquis, Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker with over 30 years of experience counseling parents (and parenting), as she shares her secrets. She'll discuss major principles and strategies related to discipline, anger, transitions and self-esteem. Parents will leave this workshop ready to apply their parenting skills at home with more focus and confidence.

Preseparation Counseling – Wednesday, June 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Weekly sessions for separating and retiring service members to complete the mandatory DD Form 2648, Preseparation Counseling. This session 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. Service members must complete the counseling prior to attending the Department of Labor (DOL) Employment Workshop.**

Preparing for Homecoming: Reunion Briefing for Spouses and Children – Wednesday, June 6 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 and a personalized gift for the returning parent.

E-Smooth Move Seminar – Thursday, June 7 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!**

Moving With Children – Thursday, June 7 from 12 to 1 p.m. Parents! Please join us for this special presentation immediately following the E-Smooth Move Seminar. We'll discuss tips and techniques to help make moving and adjustment to a new school easier for your children – whether it's their first move or their fifteenth.

Department of Labor (DOL) Employment Workshop (Formerly known as the TAP Seminar) will be held June 11 to 15. 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! Seminar begins at 12 p.m. on Monday and runs 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., featuring outprocessing and benefits and entitlements briefings from base and Veterans Administration representatives. **Register early.**

Annual Salute to Volunteers – Wednesday, June 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. **at the Hanscom Conference Center, Bldg 1106.** Whether you've volunteered one hour or hundreds of hours, join the Hanscom community as we celebrate the spirit of volunteerism. The prestigious Volunteer Excellence Award will be presented to one or more individuals who have demonstrated a lifetime of caring and giving. Lunch will be served. Contact the A&FRC, 781-225-2765, or email 66.fss.fsfr.cmb@hanscom.af.mil to RSVP.

Fatherhood – Thursday, June 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dads of all levels of experience, please join us for a very special presentation on the unique and essential role of fathers in the family. We'll look at how fathers parent sons vs daughters, how your parenting style is influenced by your own father's style, how to balance multiple demands, and personal, family, and societal expectations of fathering.

Small Business Workshop – Tuesday, June 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. Learn how to start, manage, and finance your small business, including information on development of a business plan, legal considerations, and much more. Presented by Small Business Administration (SBA) and Service Core of Retired Executives (SCORE).

Healthy Relationship Skills for Singles – Wednesday, June 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Does it seem easy to find people to date but impossible to find a good match? This presentation will help you to clarify what you are really looking for in a relationship and help you to become aware of your own personal pitfalls in choosing the wrong people.

Car Buying Tips & Resources — “Lunch and Learn” – Thursday, June 21, 12 to 12:45 p.m. Join us for tips on navigating your next car purchase. Learn what questions to ask car dealers, what to look for on a test drive, dealership tricks and more. FREE lunch is provided.

Installation Commander’s Welcome – Monday, June 25 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. **at the Hanscom Conference Center, Building 1106.** Your official introduction to Hanscom AFB features essential base and local community information for new arrivals. Get to know your Hanscom agency representatives, learn what’s new and what to expect, and receive the latest information and tips on living and working in New England. **Spouses encouraged to attend!**

Family Welcome – Tuesday, June 26 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. New to the area? 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. For families with small children and all others.

Successful Interview Tactics & Salary Strategies – Tuesday, June 26 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Learn many practical pointers on salary negotiation and the do’s and don’ts of interviewing. You will develop a powerful 60 second commercial to sell your skills/abilities. Bring your lunch. **Special Guest Presenter.**

Newcomers’ Public Transportation and City Orientation – Wednesday, June 27 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. Bring your lunch or purchase downtown. This program is part of the community orientation for inprocessing. Newly arrived service members are not required to take leave to attend

Overcoming Procrastination – Wednesday, June 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We all procrastinate at times, but we can minimize how often and its impact. In this 60-minute workshop, you will discover the 3-step process to overcoming procrastination and achieving what you need to get done. Understanding why you procrastinate and learning how to use the “Procrastination Busting Method” worksheet will help you stop delaying your projects. During this seminar, you’ll work on a current problem and leave the session with solutions, a fresh outlook, and renewed motivation. Presented by Productivity Expert Lorena Prime of Boston’s Clearly Organized. Last chance to catch this popular workshop!

Hearts Apart at the Base Swimming Pool – Wednesday, June 27 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the base pool. Families of deployed, remote tour, and extended TDY service members are invited to join us at the base pool for pizza, drinks, and good fun. The Airman & Family Readiness Center will cover the costs for those families who do not have a pool membership and have children who are 5 years of age and up. Hope to see you there! **Please RSVP by calling 781-225-2765 or emailing 66.fss.fsfr.cmb@hanscom.af.mil.**

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 is strongly 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

Labor Ready : Provides temp jobs to those interested in gaining work experience, want some extra cash, or need immediate income when between jobs or need seasonal work. Flexible work hours; get paid the same day. Over 600 locations throughout the United States.
<http://www.laborready.com/Temporary-Employment>

The above information is provided as a community service. No endorsement of events, products or services by the DoD is implied or intended. For more information, contact the company directly.

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

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/>