



AT A GLANCE BULLETIN



Army Community Service
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Fort Devens, MA 01434-4479

Serving the Military in New England

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Fort Devens Welcome Center

61 Quebec Street, Building 683

ACS Hours of Operation

0730-1600 Monday -Friday

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

ACS TELEPHONE NUMBERS

978-796-3023/ 3119 DSN 256-3023/ 3119

MILITARY ONE SOURCE

1-800-342-9647 Available 24/7/365

www.MilitaryOneSource.mil

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ACS DIRECTOR

Military Voter: Voting assistance for Service members, their families and overseas citizens

<https://www.fvap.gov/military-voter>

Absentee Voting Overview: FVAP encourages the use of the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to start the absentee voting process as it is standardized for use across all States and will extend your eligibility to receive a ballot for all federal elections for at least one calendar year. The FPCA acts as both a registration and absentee ballot request form. We encourage our military voters to submit a new FPCA every year and when they move.

Service Voting Information: Each Service provides extensive voting assistance starting at the unit level. Assistance with any portion of the absentee voting process can be obtained by contacting your [Installation Voter Assistance Office](#). Service specific voting information can be found on the websites listed below or by contacting your [Service Voting Action Officer](#).

Voter Registration and Ballots: Register to vote, request an absentee ballot or check the status of your ballot. Select your State or territory of legal residence to get started.

Eligible Family Members: Military spouses and eligible family members may be covered under the same law that protects military members' absentee voting rights. This means if a military spouse or family member lives outside his/her voting jurisdiction, he/she can vote absentee in all federal elections. Whether changing States or moving to another country, we provide resources to help you send your vote home.

FINANCIAL

Operation Money Wise: From American Consumer Credit Counseling

From American Consumer Credit Counseling, Inc.
Register Today at www.OperationMoneyWise.org



SATURDAY OCTOBER 29, 2016
WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY
486 CHANDLER STREET, WORCESTER, MA

This is a **FREE** one-day personal finance event for
servicemembers, survivors, veterans, and their families.

Class Topics:

Veterans Benefits	Dealing with Debt
Home Buying	Budget & Goal Setting
Basics of Investing	Retirement
Money Mentors	Higher Education

**DOOR
PRIZES!**

**CERTIFIED FINANCIAL COUNSELORS &
FINANCIAL PLANNERS ONE SITE!**

Presented by ACCC and a grant from the Office of Economic Empowerment
with additional support from:



Questions? Contact Sue Katz at

(857) 636-1825 or skatz@ConsumerCredit.com

This project was funded in part by the Massachusetts Economic Empowerment Trust Fund through the
Massachusetts State Treasurer's Office of Economic Empowerment.

Protect Yourself Against Mosquito Bites:



Sick with CHIKUNGUNYA, DENGUE, or ZIKA?
Protect yourself and others from mosquito bites during the first week of illness.

Protect family and friends

- During the first week of illness, chikungunya, dengue, or Zika virus can be found in the blood.
- A mosquito that bites you can become infected.
- An infected mosquito can bite a family member or neighbor and make them sick.

Watch for these symptoms
See your doctor if you develop a fever with any of the following symptoms:

- Muscle or joint pain
- Headache, especially with pain behind the eyes
- Rash
- Conjunctivitis (red eyes)

Protect yourself from mosquito bites

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Use door and window screens to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Use insect repellent.

For more information:
www.cdc.gov/chikungunya
www.cdc.gov/dengue
www.cdc.gov/zika

 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Women Veterans Health Care: <http://www.womenshealth.va.gov/>

Did you know that women are the fastest growing group within the Veteran population? Learn more about the changing face of women Veterans and what VA is doing to meet their health care needs. New chat feature WVCC chat is available by visiting the Women Veterans Health Care web page at www.womenshealth.va.gov and clicking the “Chat with the Women Veterans Call Center” icon. The chat function is anonymous — please do not use personally identifiable information such as social security numbers. WVCC Chat is available Monday through Friday 8 AM – 10 PM ET, and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. ET. She’s your guide to VA. All the representatives at the Women Veterans Call Center are women, and many are Veterans themselves. In addition to linking women Veterans to information, the Women Veterans Call Center makes direct referrals to Women Veteran Program Managers (WVPM) located at every VA medical center. The Women Veteran Program Manager helps women Veterans coordinate services. - See more at: <http://www.va.gov/HEALTH/NewsFeatures/2016/July/VA-invites-Women-Veterans-to-Chat-Online.asp#sthash.qEAaCftb.dpuf>

USO: What To Expect:



Who: For Active Duty and Reserve Service Members & Military Spouses

What: A Baby Shower & Celebration for Both Expecting Military Moms and Those with Infants 8-Months & Under

When: Wednesday, August 10th 11-2PM Burlington, MA

Baby showers are special celebrations friends and families host for their expectant loved one. However, often due to deployments and relocations, expectant military moms miss out on celebrating the upcoming birth of their child with those they love most.

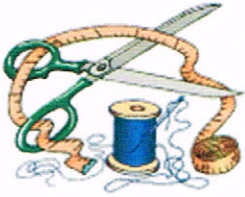


Through the "Special Delivery" program, the USO, best-selling author Heidi Murkoff and her *What to Expect Foundation* have teamed up to give these special moments back to military moms- a heartfelt thank you for their service and sacrifice.

The showers, which are hosted around the world, are complete with a lovely luncheon, take-home gifts for those in attendance, games and a great Q&A session with Heidi. During the discussion, Heidi addresses important questions about birth and motherhood while providing an environment where new bonds can be created between military moms. Each participant will take home a personally autographed book and a photo with Heidi herself!

Join USO New England to celebrate at this special event! Space is limited, so don't delay in registering and learning more details by visiting www.uso.org/specialdelivery

NEW Alteration Service on Fort Devens:



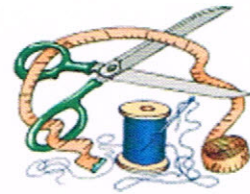
**ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE (AAFES)
ALTERATIONS**

Location: AAFES Clothing and Sales, Fort Devens – BLDG 671,
58 MacArthur Avenue

Hours: Monday and Tuesday 1000-1600

Friday and Saturday 1000-1600

Point of Contact: Kim 978.407.5364



Blended Retirement System :



Changes are coming to the military retirement system on Jan. 1, 2018. Depending on when you joined the military, your retirement benefits may look different than you expected. Make sure you understand the changes and if they will impact you. Start by reading [frequently asked questions](#) about the new blended system and get your retirement facts straight at

http://www.militaryonesource.mil/footer?content_id=290760

Operation Back-to-School:



Make the transition from summer to school by making a great plan. And it doesn't have to be mission impossible; it's possible to make it fun, starting with involving your child in the planning. Help your child establish a sense of ownership in the plan to prepare him or her for, and perhaps even get excited about, getting back into school. Here are five more ways to jumpstart your plan for Operation Back-to-School:

- **Ease back into learning.** Check-in with your child's school to find out if they have any summer reading homework — don't wait until it's too late.
- **Plan the sales.** Ask your favorite retail store when the tax holiday on school supplies will be and plan accordingly. Look for the supply list for your child's classes either on the school's website or at local school supply stores, which often have copies of such lists from local schools.
- **Discuss the clothes.** Chat with your child about what he or she wants to wear before you buy it. Simple decision-making exercises can help children make bigger decisions down the road. And think of the time you could save on shopping and the returns you might avoid.
- **Tame the jitters.** Talk with your child about the new things to come: new routines, new friends, etc. Highlight what's exciting and frame the challenges as chances for him or her to grow. Swing by your child's school one day before school begins to let your child look around the campus.
- **Adjust the schedule.** Tweak your child's daily schedule weeks before the first day of school. Make bedtimes earlier and screen times shorter, for starters. This can help ease their goodbye to summer and energize their hello to the new school year.

You might even throw a party for your child and his or her friends to celebrate both summer and school. And celebrate yourself too, for pulling off a plan that successfully launches your family into the new school year.

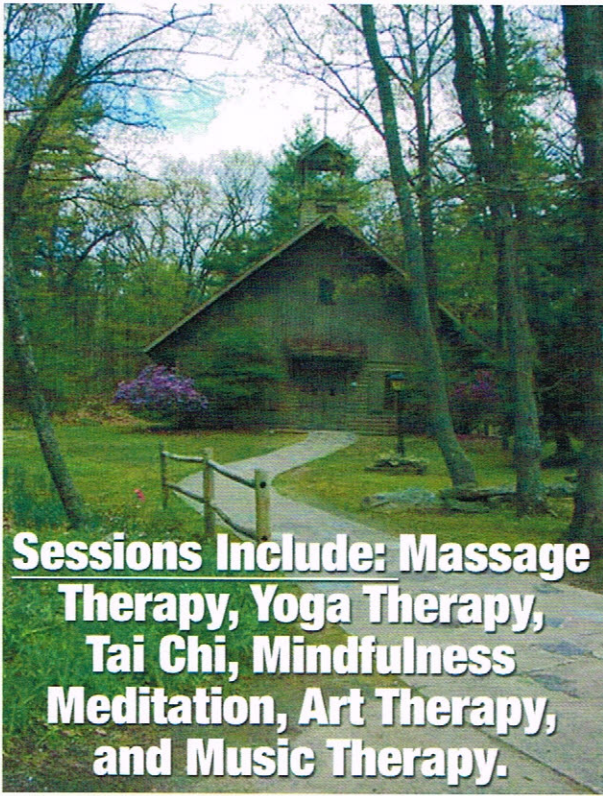
SOLACE FOR SOLDIERS

A weekend of healing and peace at picturesque
GROTONWOOD CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

167 Prescott Street, Groton MA

October 21-23, 2016

Hosted by the Warrior Thunder Foundation



**Sessions Include: Massage
Therapy, Yoga Therapy,
Tai Chi, Mindfulness
Meditation, Art Therapy,
and Music Therapy.**



FREE for all current serving
Military, Veterans of all eras and
their spouse or support person.

All sessions, meals and
lodging provided.

Registration:
<http://bit.ly/solaceforsoldiers>



Hanscom AF TICKETS & TOURS: All tickets are sold in person on a first come, first served basis. Check back often for our frequently updated list of tickets for concerts, shows, festivals, professional sporting events and much more!

NOTE: we are sometimes limited to the type of tickets available same-day in-house. Please plan your purchase in advance: some tickets may take 10-15 business days to arrive. **Orders may be placed Monday through Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** Any questions, call 781-225-6505.

TRIPS

- **MARTHA'S VINEYARD** \$102/person
Sat., Aug. 13 | Leave Hanscom 8 a.m., return by 7:45 p.m.
Round trip transportation on luxury Silver Fox Coach; Island Queen Ferry; Martha's Vineyard Island Tour; shopping time in Edgartown; dinner at Country Buffet
- **VINE TO WINE TOUR** \$89/person
Sat., Sept. 10 | Leave Hanscom 8:30 a.m., return by 6:30 p.m.
Round trip transportation on luxury Silver Fox Coach; lunch at Chandler's Restaurant: fresh baked haddock, vegetable lasagna, or roasted turkey with salad, beverage & dessert; Honora Vineyards in Jacksonville, Vermont: wine tasting, souvenir wine glass; Putney Mountain Winery in Putney, Vermont: wine tasting
- **LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE CRUISE** \$89/person
Sat., Sept. 24 | Leave Hanscom 9 a.m., return by 5:45 p.m.
Round trip transportation on luxury Silver Fox Coach; narrated cruise aboard the 230 foot Mount Washington: sailing from Weirs Beach, featuring scenic views of the White Mountains & more; full course buffet luncheon; visit to the Moulton Farm market
- **NEW YORK CITY SHOPPING** \$72/person
Sat., Nov. 19 | Leave Hanscom 6:30 a.m., return by 10:45 p.m.
Round trip transportation on luxury Silver Fox Coach; NYC map & attractions list

Hanscom 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

Employment Websites: When looking for employment have you tried indeed.com or ziprecrutoer.com?

USA JOB HELP CENTER: Applying for government jobs can be challenging. The new [USAJOBS Help Center](http://www.usajobs.gov/Help/) at <https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/> An official webswite of the US Goverbnebt

It can guide you through every task. The updates to this resource include a frequently asked questions section (FAQs), a "How to" section that guides you through the steps of the job application process, and more on what it's like to work for the government. For more information related to employment, visit USA.gov.

Military to Civilian Transition Peer Support : The Veterans Inc. Post 9/11 program provides peer support and specialized career services for Post 9/11 veterans. Veterans Inc.'s Peer Specialists, all Post 9/11 veterans themselves, offer one-on-one support and will connect you with all of the resources you need to ensure a smooth transition back into civilian life. If you are a Post 9/11 veteran looking to connect with Veterans Inc., email: Post9-11Program@veteransinc.org or call 800-482-2565.

Hire Veterans First is a listing of jobs for veterans and a resume posting service - including a focused list of jobs recruiting wounded warriors. www.hireveteransfirst.com Any participation is solely the responsibility of the individual.

Transitioning the Service? Find Out About Your Veterans and Retirement Benefits, How To Conduct a Job Search and other **MANDATORY** Transition Training.

Dates: 3-7 October 2016 All workshops start at 0800 in Building 676, Ft Devens, MA

To attend a workshop at Fort Devens? Call John AT (609) 562-1761. **SPOUSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND** "Personnel separating from the service may attend this workshop up to 18 months prior to their discharge date and retirees may attend up to 2 years prior to their retirement date."

"Congress requires that ALL personnel must start transition training NLT 12 months prior to their discharge date"

From Army Times on Web: This new eBenefits feature incorporates numerous tools and resources for job seekers, as well as employers who want high quality applicants. Veterans, service members and their spouses or dependents, who are looking for work, transitioning out of the military or changing careers are encouraged to utilize the Veterans Employment Center. Users can access the Skills Translator function to translate military terms to civilian skills or just go right to the Resume

Builder tool. Resumes created on the site will be available to private and public sector employers who specifically want to hire veterans. Veterans Employment Center is found at <http://www.ebenefits.va.gov>.
eBenefits Fact Sheet http://www.nvti.ucdenver.edu/home/buzz_xtra/eBenefits_factsheet.pdf

LENDING LIBRARY: The ERRC offers a large selection of library resources including books, CDs and DVDs. Employment topics include resume writing, interviewing skills and applying for federal jobs. Relocation topics include moving overseas, moving with children, and having fun in New England - family and pet-friendly activities. Other printed resources include atlases, fliers, and magazines.

HOT JOB BOARD, JOB LISTINGS AND OTHER RESOURCES: The Hot Jobs Board is updated on a daily basis and includes up to the moment federal, contractor, AFFES and NAF positions located in and around Hanscom. Listed Jobs are filed by sector and searchable by date. Other posted notices include local area job fairs, job fair guidance and six-month job search instruction schedule.

Free Vocational Training for Veterans: The Veterans Training School (VTS) is recruiting unemployed and under-employed Veterans for the following vocational free vocational programs: Apply today! Email Andrew Moyseowicz or call 617-371—1810. Find more online at www.nechv.org

Career Opportunities: An update that we now have a “Career Opportunities” link on our website which will have all the information regarding our current job opening, description, and how to apply... <http://www.veteransinc.org/about-us/career-opportunities/>

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>

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>

Moving and Relocation Information: Terrific tips to make moving easier. Plan my Move at <http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/MOS/f?p=MI:ENTRY:0>

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. Call 978-796-2331. 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: Fingerprinting 0930-1030 / 1500-1600 or By Appointment.

Police: 978-796-3333

Physical Security: 978-796-3950

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

Devens Legal: 978-796-2255

Education Office: 978-796-2331

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

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 978-796-2722/ or 2393 Freight 978-796-2832/ or 2840

Vehicles: 978-796-2141

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/>

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