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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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1-800-342-9647

www.armyonesource.com

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ACS DIRECTOR



Imelda Fisher

Military Saves is part of the Department of Defense's Financial Readiness Campaign and has been a partner with DoD since 2003. It is a social marketing campaign to persuade, motivate, and encourage military families to save money every month, and to convince leaders and organizations to be aggressive in promoting automatic savings.

Military Saves is a part of America Saves, the larger nation-wide campaign for all Americans. Military Saves encourages all servicemembers, their families, and civilian employees to take the [Military Saves pledge](#). Savers who take the pledge can opt to receive a monthly e-newsletter from Military Saves, as well as a quarterly e-newsletter from America Saves. Military Saves also works with the defense credit unions, military banks and other non-profit organizations to promote savings and debt reduction. Military Saves Week 2013 is 25 February – 2 March which coincides with America Saves Week.

Military Saves Event: Thursday, February 14, 11:00 am Location: 36 Quebec Street, Building 657 inside dining quarters

Military Saves Week is held annually in February. Join Hanscom FCU for information about money: saving, spending, managing, and borrowing it. Find out how easy and rewarding it can be to develop the savings habit. This is a free, drop-in event from Hanscom Federal Credit Union. Please call 781-698-2291 with questions.

2013 MILITARY SAVES WEEK

by

Steven F. Egan, LTC, MP, Commanding

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, personal and household savings is fundamental to America's stability and vitality; and

WHEREAS, adequate emergency savings, retirement funds, and safe debt-income ratios are critical components of personal financial security; and

WHEREAS, personal financial security of servicemembers is a crucial aspect of military readiness; and

WHEREAS, Military Saves is a national social marketing campaign to persuade, encourage, and motivate servicemembers and their families to take financial action in building wealth through saving money and reducing debt;

WHEREAS, Fort Devens *is* a partner in the Military Saves campaign and is committed to helping its Military Family, including Officers, family members, retirees, and civilian employees take immediate financial action to build wealth, not debt;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LTC Steven F Egan, Commander, do hereby proclaim the week of 25 February through 2 March 2013 as:

I HEREBY call upon all members of our Military Family to set a personal savings or debt reduction goal, make a simple savings plan, and take action on that plan, or take another positive wealth-building action during MILITARY SAVES WEEK, and **pledge** to sustain that action during the following year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 1 day of February 2013.

Devens ACS Face book: Fort Devens ACS is on Face book! "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"

REMINDER: The Inclement/Stormy Weather Hot Line is always on and available for you to call in on in the event of any questions regarding the status of the opening/closing of Fort Devens due to all types of weather related happenings. Whenever possible the line is updated by 6 am during inclement/stormy weather. The number to reach the line is the following. (978) 796-3711

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.

Chapel Services: Chaplain assistance and services will resume at Fort Devens on a part time basis. Please note the times of office assistance and Sunday Service.

Chaplain Stevenson will be in the office at Fort Devens Welcome Center Office every other Wednesday from 10:00 to 5:00. Dates: Feb. 13, Feb. 27, Mar. 13, Mar. 27, Apr. 10 and Apr. 24

Chapel Services: 1st Sunday of each month at 10:00 at Fort Devens Welcome Center on Feb. 3 Mar. 3, and Apr. 7. Call ACS at 978-796-3023 for more information.

FINANCIAL

Tax Assistance: The MA National Guard Tax Center is going to be preparing taxes here on Fort Devens in the Welcome Center beginning Monday, February 4th and will be here every other Monday until 30 April. The dates they will be here are:

4 February, 19 February (Tuesday), 4 March, 18 March, 1 April, 15 April and 29 April.

Make an **appointment** by emailing: freetaxes@massguard.org

Some walk ins will be accepted. *** Call ACS for more information.

**LET'S MAKE
EXCELLENT
HAPPEN.**



Military Appreciation Day

30% OFF Entire Purchase with a valid military ID
March 16, 2013

In support of those involved in the service,
New Balance Factory Store in Lawrence will be honoring a
30% OFF Entire Purchase with a valid military ID.

Not member of the military? Donate non-perishable food items or
common care items requested by soldiers. In return, we will honor
30% OFF your Entire Purchase.

New Balance Factory Store (Lawrence)
5 South Union Street, Lawrence, MA 01843
(978) 725-2993



SOLDIER & FAMILY

Project New Hope: <http://www.projectnewhopema.org/sign-up/> Project New Hope Retreats are for Single and Married Veterans and their Families to include Retreats for Gold Star Families and Survivors from all eras. Project New Hope Inc. spends about 75% of its time helping singles and couples with their communication skills. When Veterans come back from overseas, they don't always have the communication tools to talk to their spouses about their pain, their frustration, their grief.

In both males and females...many want to seclude themselves, may not want to be around crowds, go on family vacations or outings. At the beginning of the retreats, many couples won't hold hands, won't touch each other, or put their arms around each other. By the end of the retreats, they're holding hands, hugging, laughing and they have Hope! Project New Hope Inc does not provide any travel expenses to or from retreats. Priority is given to "veterans & their families" who have not attended a retreat before.

February (15th - 17th) - Camp Canonicus, Exeter, RI - Couple's, **March (8th - 10th)** - Camp Wightman, Griswold, CT - Male Veterans, **April - (19th - 21st)** Grotonwood, Groton, MA Gold Star & Survivors with a (Natures Classroom) **May (17th - 19th)** - Pine Brook Camp, Shutesbury, MA - Family Retreat, **July - (12th - 14th)** Grotonwood, Groton, MA - Family, **September (13th - 15th)** - Oceanwood Camp, Ocean Park, ME - Family, **October (4th - 6th)** - Barton Center N. Oxford, MA - Women Vet's

FREE SKIING: The VA Boston Healthcare System & New England Handicapped Association proudly announces a Welcome Home Veterans Ski Appreciation Day to **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE** at Mount Sunapee, New Hampshire on Thursday March 14, 2012. ***THIS EVENT IS FREE TO ALL PRE-REGISTERED VETERANS*** For more information or to register contact: Jenny McLaughlin or Angela Neilson at the VA Boston Healthcare System (774) 826-1955 (phone) (603) 763-9158 (phone) (774) 826-2048 (fax) (603) 763-4400 (fax) or email Jenny.mclaughlin@va.gov info@nehsa.org

Thanks to Yanks - Free Magic Show: Thanks To Yanks is an annual Tribute to Military Families to honor the families and children of those who selflessly answer the "call of duty". FREE MAGIC SHOW featuring Tommy James, **Date:** Sunday: February 10th, 2013 **Time:** 1:15 - 2:00 PM (Magic Show) Doors open at 12:45 PM **Where:** Stacy Middle School Auditorium, 66 School Street Milford, MA 01757

Public is very welcome free of charge. If possible, please bring in an item(s) that we will send to support our troops. For a list of items please visit www.uxbridgesupportsourtroops.org/donate While tickets are free, seating is limited and must be reserved by noon, 02/08/2013. To reserve your FREE tickets email requests to mshain@charlesriverbank.com with the number of tickets needed. You will receive a confirmation email. Please call Michael Shain at 508-330-8487, 15 Virginia Drive, Milford, MA 01757 with questions or visit www.thankstoyanks.org

Home Base is looking for military parents of children ages 3 to 17 to review its new parent education website, www.StayingStrong.org If interested, please email HKelly4@Partners.org. Thanks for your help!

Business Information: Below are two interesting programs for Veterans and wounded warriors that can help them to get their own businesses started or lead them into careers in the world of finance. <http://whitman.syr.edu/ebv/> and <http://www.wallstreetwarfighters.org/web/> Both programs are at no cost to the member. Please take a look and share with anyone that you think that can benefit.

Hanscom Air Force Base: New programs, events & offers posted are posted frequently for happenings on Hanscom AFB. Visit Hanscom Services daily so you don't miss a thing! Go to: <http://www.HanscomServices.com> to sign up for notices and ticket information follow the "Subscribe" link on the Services Home Page.

The Minuteman Commons has launched a NEW Room Reservation app to make it easier to book a room any time of the day. Now you can make your room reservation for a squadron commander's call, holiday party, birthday party, luncheon, bridal/baby shower, wedding and more. The new app also has simplified fees and made it easier to reserve rooms. Here's the link: www.HanscomServices.com/MinutemanCommons

Enhanced TRICARE Retiree Dental Program: The Enhanced TRICARE Retiree Dental Program is available to all military retirees (including gray area retirees) and their eligible family members, unremarried surviving spouses and their eligible children, as well as MOH recipients and their eligible immediate family members. The program covers cleanings, exams, fillings, root canals, gum surgery, oral surgery and dental accidents on the first day that coverage becomes effective; after 12 months of

being in the program, it then covers crowns, bridges, partials, braces and dental implants. (**New retirees who enroll within four months after retirement from the Uniformed Services or transfer to Retired Reserve status are eligible to waive the 12-month waiting period for major services; supporting documentation is required**)

The Enhanced TRDP provides every enrollee an annual maximum of \$1,200 per person, a \$1000 annual maximum for dental accidents and a \$1500 lifetime maximum for orthodontics. It is important to note that the money that the TRDP pays out for preventive and diagnostic services doesn't count against the annual maximum – those benefits are in addition to the \$1200. Retirees can find more information on the program, as well as enroll 24/7/365, online at **trdp.org**.

TRDP enrollees realize the maximum program savings (an average of 22%) when seeing a network provider. To find a network provider, as well as utilize the **Consumer Toolkit** to print ID cards, view annual maximum information, see if claims have been paid and sign up for e-mail updates, please visit **trdp.org**. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please call Doug Schobel at 401-732-0297 or e-mail him at Dschobel@delta.org.

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).

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TICKETS AND TOURS

TICKETS AND TOURS, (781) 225-6505/6498 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.

Disney on Ice: Rockin' Ever After: Friday, February 17 at 5pm. \$25 for loge section 8, rows 7-10 Prepaid orders may be made at Tickets & Tours through Fri., Feb. 1 Get ready to rock out with some of the most magical idols of all in a musical showcase that features the hottest tunes and talent from across the kingdom in Disney On Ice's Rockin' Ever After! Jam to a Scottish jig as a group of royal contenders from the latest Disney Pixar film, Brave, competes to win the heart of headstrong, sharp-shooting Merida, making her ice debut! Experience more show-stopping performances by Ariel, Rapunzel, Flynn, and Belle as they take center stage in a spectacular musical display! It will be a rockin' remix of royalty when Disney On Ice brings this superstar line-up to Boston!



Washington D.C. Cherry Blossom Special

Thu. - Sun.
April 4-7

Featuring:

- round-trip transportation
- luxury accommodations at Embassy Suites Tysons Corner
- 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners
- Washington D.C. guided tours

Thursday, April 4: Depart from Hanscom AFB at 7 a.m. Enjoy luxury accommodations at the Embassy Suites Tysons Corner. Tonight, enjoy a full course dinner (included) at Ruth's Chris Steak House.

Friday, April 5: After breakfast (included), take a guided tour of Washington D.C. Your tour guide will show you the Capitol, White House, Embassy Row, National Cathedral, the FDR, MLK & WWII memorials and the Holocaust Museum. Another delicious dinner is included tonight.

Saturday, April 6: After breakfast (included), continue your sightseeing at the Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. A narrated tour on the Tour Mobile is included. Be sure to check out the Smithsonian Institute's Air & Space Museum or the new American Indian Museum. Before returning to the hotel, you'll view the Presidential Monuments including the Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials.

Sunday, April 7: Depart for home after breakfast (included). Double \$469 pp | Triple \$459 pp | Single \$589 pp Call Tickets & Tours for more information or to reserve your spot today! (781) 225-6505



New York City

Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, 9/11 Memorial

Thursday
April 11

Featuring:

- round-trip transportation on luxury Silver Fox CD/DVD/WiFi motor coach
- Ellis Island & Statue of Liberty Tour
- Admission to the 9/11 Memorial

Thursday, April 11: Depart from Hanscom AFB at 6:30 a.m. A coffee/breakfast stop will be made on the way. After arrival at Battery Park, you'll board the ferry and head to both the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. You'll have time at both locations to explore. There are cafeterias on both Ellis & Liberty Island for lunch (not included). After returning to Battery Park, the group will walk to the 9/11 Memorial for a scheduled visit at 4:45 p.m. You'll arrive back to Hanscom AFB around 10:30 p.m. \$79 pp

Call Tickets & Tours for more information or to reserve your spot today! (781) 225-6505



Red Sox - Blue Jays

Baseball Game & Niagara Falls

Tue. - Thu.
Apr. 30 - May 2

Featuring:

- round-trip transportation on luxury Silver Fox CD/DVD/WiFi motor coach
- deluxe accommodations at Country Inn & Suites Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario
- 2 breakfasts

- Red Sox vs. Blue Jays - field level seating
- Tour of Niagara Falls

Tuesday, April 30: Depart from Hanscom AFB at 7 a.m. After checking into the Country Inn & Suites Hotel, you're on your own - perhaps check out Niagara's Casino which is walking distance from the hotel.

Wednesday, May 1: After breakfast (included), enjoy a tour of Niagara Falls including the FLoral Clock, the Whirlpool and Table Rock. Later today, you'll head to Toronto to watch the Red Sox take on the Blue Jays (1:07 p.m.) at The Rogers Centre.

Thursday, May 2: Depart for home after breakfast (included) - expected arrival back at Hanscom AFB is 7 p.m.

Double \$279 pp | Triple \$275 pp | Single \$359 pp | \$239 per child (with 2 adults)

Call Tickets & Tours for more information or to reserve your spot today! (781) 225-6505_

Walt Disney World Armed Forces Salute: now through Sept. 28, 2013 **Military**

personnel/Families only* During the offer period (now through Sept. 28, 2013), **4-Day Disney's Armed Forces Salute tickets** with or without options may be **purchased by eligible servicemembers** (or their spouse, but not both), **for themselves, their family and friends.** 4-Day Disney's Armed Forces Salute tickets are limited to six per eligible servicemember. Tickets must be *used* no later than Sept. 28, 2013. ***The eligible servicemember or spouse MUST be present to activate the tickets on the first day of use at any of the Disney parks.***

Those eligible for the program include: active or retired members of the U.S. military, including activated members of the National Guard and Reservists, as well as active and retired members of the United States Coast Guard.

3 ticket options available:

- 4-day Salute Park Hopper: \$155
- 4 day Base Ticket with Water Park Option: \$155
- 4-day Park Hopper with Water Park Option: \$183

The 3 options above are the only tickets offered through the Armed Forces Salute program. Tickets are not stocked at Hanscom's Tickets & Tours office. Orders may only be processed at Tickets & Tours Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. You must order these tickets in person; your military ID must be verified before your order is processed. Tickets will be mailed to Tickets & Tours for pick-up.

Blackout dates as well as other rules and restrictions apply; see Tickets & Tours for Disney's *Special Provisions* details or more information. ****Please be advised: DoD civilians and foreign military are NOT eligible to purchase, activate or use Disney Armed Forces Salute tickets. Tickets purchased by non-eligible parties may be confiscated and/or destroyed.***

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

February Tip: JFSAP Connections - Child & Youth Behavioral Military & Family Life Consultant

Engage Parents & Youth to Help Prevent Bullying

From StopBullying.gov

School staff can do a great deal to prevent bullying and protect students, but they can't do it alone. Parents and youth also have a role to play in preventing bullying at school. One mechanism for engaging parents and youth, a school safety committee, can bring the community together to keep bullying prevention at school active and focused.

Benefits of Parent and Youth Engagement

Research shows that school administrators, such as principals, can play a powerful role in bullying prevention. They can inspire others and maintain a climate of respect and inclusion. But a principal cannot do it alone. When parents and youth are involved in the solutions:

- Students feel safer and can focus on learning.
- Parents worry less.
- Teachers and staff can focus on their work.
- Schools can develop more responsive solutions because students are more likely to see or hear about bullying than adults.
- School climate improves because students are engaged in taking action to stop bullying.
- Parents can support schools' messages about bullying at home. They are also more likely to recognize signs that a child has been bullied or is bullying others.

How Parents and Youth Can Contribute

Schools can set the stage for meaningful parent and youth involvement, but it doesn't happen overnight. Parents and youth need to feel valued and be given opportunities to contribute their expertise. To sustain parent and youth involvement, schools need to provide meaningful roles for them. For example:

- Students can contribute their views and experiences with bullying. They can take leadership roles in school to promote respect and inclusion, communicate about bullying prevention with their peers, and help develop rules and policies.
 - Parents can contribute to a positive school climate through the parent teacher association, volunteering, and school improvement events.
 - School staff can keep parents informed, make them feel welcome, and treat them as partners.
- Schools can consider identifying a school coordinator to support parent and youth engagement strategies. Schools can set meeting times that are convenient for parents and youth and may consider additional incentives such as providing dinner or child care.

These tips along with school safety and community education can help prevent bullying in and out of school.

HANSCOM AIRMAN AND FAMILY READINESS CENTER

February 2013

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) - MFLC provides 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) 879-7654 and leave your first name only for an appointment!

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.

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.

***HEART LINK NEW SPOUSE ORIENTATION** – Will be held on Monday, 4 February from 1 – 4 p.m. Welcome to the military family! Heart Link is a wonderful orientation workshop for any spouse married to a service member from any branch of the armed services who wants to learn more about military life. Our spouses are the heart of this great Armed Forces family and the lifeline behind your sponsor's success in the military. The Heart Link program will provide you with essential information you need to know to make your life in the Air Force exciting, fulfilling, and rewarding (and you'll win prizes!) Join us and we'll get started on our journey!

***PREPARING FOR HOMECOMING: REUNION BRIEFING FOR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN** – Will be held on Wednesday, 6 February, from 3 – 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.

***RESUME WRITING FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR** – Will be held on Thursday, 7 February, from 12:30 – 3 p.m. This basic resume writing course discusses how to write and format an effective resume and cover letter. Taught by a former Private Sector HR Staffing Specialist and member of the Professional Association of Resume Writers and Career Coaches and the Career Planning and Adult Development Network.

***COMMUNICATION AND ASSERTIVENESS** – Will be held on Friday, 8 February, from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Why is communication important to talk about? How much of our communication is actually nonverbal? Learn how to avoid roadblocks, become an active listener, send clear and consistent messages both verbally and nonverbally, and assertively express your ideas and feelings in an open, honest and direct way. Presented by Hanscom's Military and Family Life Consultant.

***E-SMOOTH MOVE SEMINAR** – Will be held on Thursday, 13 February from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Learn how to navigate the 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** – Will be held on Thursday, 13 February, from 12:15 – 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. Presented by Hanscom's Military Family Life Consultant.

***TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WORKSHOP** – Will be held on Monday - Friday, 11-15 February, from 7:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Hanscom Conference Center, Building 1106. Mandatory for all service members. Assists voluntarily and involuntarily separating and retiring service members with career and life transition. This 5-day program consists of a DOL Employment Workshop, a comprehensive VA Benefits Briefing, and application for VA Benefits, and modules on Financial Planning, Military Occupational Code (MOC) Crosswalk, and Preparation and Review of Individual Transition Plans (ITP). Spouses are welcome! All military attendees must be enrolled in eBenefits.va.gov prior to the workshop. Attendees are also asked to bring own laptop /device, copies of medical records, LES, Credit Report; ITP, VMET, OPRs / EPRs (or equivalent), and transcripts (CCAF), and complete the Pre-TAP Assessment for Service Members and Spouses:
<http://icesvys.disa.mil/go.cfm?PreTapAssessment>.

***HOW TO AVOID FALLING IN LOVE WITH A JERK/ETTE** – Will be held on Wednesday - Friday, 20 - 22 February, from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. 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 3-part seminar for singles and singles-again

***MILITARY SAVES WEEK** – Will be held on Monday – Friday, 25 February – 1 March, various base locations. Airman and Family Readiness Center is partnering with the Hanscom Federal Credit Union (HFCU) for this series of events around Hanscom base. Information tables will be set up at all of the workshop/event venues offering financial information and giveaways. See the schedule of programs: Tuesday 26 February, "REFINANCING YOUR HOME" from 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. at the A&FRC; Wednesday 27 February, "THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN" from 1 - 1:45 p.m., at the Hanscom Conference Center, Bldg. 1106; also from 2 - 4 p.m., "FAMILY FINANCIAL FUN", Games for Adults & Piggy Bank Painting for Kids; Thursday 28 February, "BASIC INVESTING" from 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. at the Brown Conference Room, Bldg. 1305

***MEDICAL SQUADRON WELCOME** Will be held on Monday, 25 February from 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m. Information about the Hanscom Clinic and briefings on TRICARE, the Health and Wellness Center, Mental Health, Public Health, Dental Health, and others. Spouses encouraged to attend!

***FAMILY WELCOME** – Will be held on Tuesday, 26 February, from 9:30 – 11 a.m., at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. 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. Walk-ins welcome.

***HOW TO USE THE "T": NEWCOMERS' PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND CITY ORIENTATION** – Will be held on Wednesday, 27 February from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., (Classroom Only.) Learn how to navigate the local public transportation system (the “T”) before you go. Reduce the stress and cost of driving and parking in Boston by using public transportation. Topics include where you can go and how to get there using the "T". Maps, schedules, and helpful travel tips are provided. Bring your lunch.

***MAKING MARRIAGE WORK AFTER DEPLOYMENT** – Will be held on Thursday, 28 February, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Join Hanscom's Military and Family Life Consultant for a discussion about the unique challenges of reuniting as a couple after deployment. We'll offer possible solutions and skills for building a more stable, satisfying relationship.

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>

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.agr.myareaguide.com/>

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

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