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Aviano A&FRC Newsletter



**Aviano Airman and Family
Readiness Center**
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The Air Force recruits Airmen and retains families. The intent of this newsletter is to keep the military community abreast of the ever-changing issues and build a sense of community; comments are

Information on Emergency Payments for Veterans Awaiting VA Educational Benefits

Education Benefit
Advance
Payments

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki has authorized advance payments up to \$3,000 for Veterans who applied for VA educational benefits and who have not yet received their monthly education payments. Go to AdvancePay GI Bill site.

If you are a Veteran who has applied for one of VA's education programs and have not yet received your monthly benefit payment for the Fall 2009 term, you can request advance payment through this website, www.advancepay.gibill.va.gov.

You can also visit one of VA's 57 regional offices across the country to immediately receive an advance payment. You will need to bring a government-issued photo ID and your course schedule when you visit the regional office.

The advance payments will be reconciled with future education payments owed to you.

If you are a Veteran-student who received an emergency check and your bank has not yet made your funds available, or you are a bank representative with questions about this process, please visit www.va.gov

* Please Note: Intake sites are military installations. They are not sites where emergency checks are being distributed. Veterans are encouraged to find the nearest regional office in their state.

NEW PROGRAM "Spouse Start"

As an extension to the Right Start program, Spouse Start will focus on information and resources to allow spouses to thrive at Aviano Air Base. Here are just some of the topics:

- Networking
- Education
- Transportation
- Survival Tips
- Childcare
- Employment

Look for marketing on Spouse Start!

Call the Airman and Family Readiness Center @ 632-5407 to sign up.



Save the Date Events and Classes

- Nov 3rd: Money Talk Class at 2:00 PM at the A&FRC
- Nov 4th: Spouse Start from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at La Bella Vista Club
- Nov 4th & 18th: Sponsorship Class from 3:00 to 4:00 PM at the A&FRC
- Nov 9th: VA Benefits Briefing from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the A&FRC
- Nov 10th: Key Spouse Meeting at 10:30 AM at La Bella Vista Club
- Nov 11th: *Veterans Day - A&FRC Closed*
- Nov 16th: Employment Class from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the A&FRC
- Nov 17th: Basic Investing at 2:00 PM at the A&FRC
- Nov 18th: Spouse It Up! from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Bowling Center
- Nov 26th: *Thanksgiving Day- A&FRC Closed*
- Nov 27th: *USAFE Family Day- A&FRC Closed*

Peterson's Online Academic Skills Course



Peterson's Online Academic Skills Course (OASC) - Military OneSource now has a link to Peterson's Online Academic Skills Course. This course, free to all service members and family members, is designed for individuals who want to build

their math and verbal skills to excel in their jobs, pass their exams, advance their careers, or continue their education. The course will diagnose the individual's current level of reading comprehension, vocabulary, and math abilities and teach the concepts and skills needed to increase proficiency in each of these academic areas.

Table for Two for Deployers Extended Until Further Notice



Discover and celebrate your relationship in the privacy of your home in 15 minutes or less and then enjoy a **FREE** romantic

brunch, lunch or dinner at the La Bella Vista. Couple Checkup (\$40.00 value) is a renowned, on-line resource designed to enhance the overall quality of your relationship. It looks at 20 different dimensions from finances to temperament. If you are deploying in 9 months or coming back from a deployment in the last year, contact the A&FRC, Family Advocacy, or the Chapel to register.

November is Military Family Month



This annual observance provides an opportunity for the nation to recognize the extraordinary contributions and daily sacrifices of the

military family. Military Family Month is a time to demonstrate the nation's support for and commitment to the families of military personnel.

With hundreds of thousands of service members deployed overseas, especially in Iraq and Afghanistan today, this recognition of the sacrifice that military families make every day has never been more important. [Click here for Aviano Events.](#)

Air Force launches Family Website

Air Force officials launched a new website to showcase the [Year of the Air Force Family](#) effort. Airmen and their families can log on to the new website to learn about AF-wide initiatives, monthly themes and programs, as well as to contact local installation Airman Family and Readiness Centers to find out about local events and activities. Airmen and their families can expect programs and events tailored to the needs of their individual communities. [Check it out!](#)

Year of the Air Force
Family

