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Aviano A&FRC Newsletter



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

May is Month of the Military Spouse



Would you apply for this position? "Will be routinely uprooted and moved across the country or world, will be left

alone for months at a time, must be creative with career choice and in the pursuit of higher education."

Military spouses meet these "job requirements" every day and do so with style and grace. The men and women who are left behind on the home front to manage their families also serve their country.

Military Spouse Day has been observed since May 23, 1984, when a proclamation by President Ronald Reagan recognized the profound importance of spouse commitment to the readiness and well-being of military members.

This year we celebrate Military Spouse Appreciation on May 8th in the A&FRC with Ms. June Walbert facilitating "The Keys to being Financially Strong and How to Build a Strong Credit Report" for Spouses" from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. Also, there will be a drawing at 4:00 PM for some fantastic prizes.

In honor of Military Spouse Appreciation throughout May, here are some other activities.

May 1 thru 8; Registration at the A&FRC for our Spouse Appreciation Drawing; enter to win fantastic Gifts

May 1 and 15 A&FRC Info Fair at BX

May 5 and 7 Basic Financial Planning & Investing Classes for Spouses at the A&FRC, call to register.

May 20; Spouse It Up! Spouse Appreciation where our Spouses our Shining Stars at 10:30 AM in PAHA

May 20; 123 Magic Parenting Class at Family Advocacy, Call 632-5321 to register.

May 27; Understanding your Personality Preferences (Four Lenses Assessment) for Spouses, call to register.

- ### Save the Date Events and Classes
- May 4th and 18th: Sponsorship Class from 2:00 to 3:00 PM at the A&FRC
 - May 5th: Money Talk Class at 2:00 PM at the A&FRC
 - May 6th: Bundles for Babies from 08:30AM to 12:00 PM
 - May 7th: Back to the Future, Reconnecting After a Deployment at 12:00 PM at the A&FRC
 - MAY 8th: June Walbert and Spouse Appreciation at 12:00 PM and 16:00 PM respectively at the A&FRC
 - May 18th Employment Class from 08:00 to 12:00 PM at the A&FRC
 - May 19th Key Spouse Meeting from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the La Bella Vista
 - May 19th: Basic Planning and Investing at 2:00 PM at the A&FRC
 - May 20th: Spouse it Up "Let's Make a Deal" at 10:30 AM at the PAHA - Hosted by 31CES & 31CS

Relocating in the Next Six Months?

Military life involves moving - there is no way around it. Plan My Move, a powerful new set of tools to help you and your family make your next move smooth.

Through Plan My Move, you can use the "Community Information" button to access School Report Cards, Crime, Cost of Living, etc. Also, you will have access to a Customizable Calendar, To Do Lists, Departure and Arrival Checklists and Overseas specific information. View the website for more info.

<http://apps.mhf.dod.mil/pls/psqprod/f?p=107:1:1569077388784646>



Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts Approved

With Congressional authorization set forth in Public Law 110-417, the Department of Defense is expanding the Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts - MyCAA - for military spouses of active duty and activated Guard and Reserve Service members worldwide beginning in mid May 2009.

Final administrative processes are now being put into place. In mid May, MyCAA will officially open its doors for eligible military spouses worldwide to receive up to \$6,000 of financial assistance to help pay for licenses, certifications and education in high growth, high demand portable career fields. For more details see

<https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa/default.aspx>

Turn Debt into Savings?

According to the Federal Reserve the average per household debt in the U.S., not counting mortgage debt, is about \$7,900. University of Utah created a FREE software program called PowerPay www.powerpay.org that will show you exactly how much interest and principle you are paying to your creditors and have give you a number of options in turning your debt into savings. We cover this program in our class "Money Talk" and have this software, credit reports, tax information, etc. on our website <http://afrc.avianoab.info/programs-finance.html>

Making A Difference by Volunteering



You see them every day. They answer phones, organize the community bazaars, tutor, or coach a team sport. They lead Operation Yellow Ribbon, organize fund raisers for earthquake victims, or head-up the Cancer Walk. They form partnerships between military and civilian communities, strengthening bonds and building relationships.

They are volunteers. And even though they don't get a paycheck, their willingness and dedication to the job helps programs continue despite a lack of funding. Because of them, communities enjoy a quality of life that they otherwise would not.

When you are new to a community and want to make networking contacts crucial to landing a paid job, volunteering can help. This is especially true when you find yourself stationed abroad. For more information, see our website at <http://afrc.avianoab.info/programs-volunteer.html>