

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026



FILE FREE WITH MILTAX SOFTWARE

Tax season is here! Get ahead with MilTax, a free, secure e-filing software made for the military. Check your eligibility and file now or call to get one-on-one support from a tax expert.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OVERSEAS BRIEF

Feb 2 | Korea: 10 am | Germany: 11 am | Hawaii: 1:30 pm

Other locations: Please call to schedule an appointment.

Army Community Service (B2111)

Before your PCS overseas, you must complete this briefing through ACS's Relocation Readiness Program. To register, **[e-mail here](#)** or call 502-898-2359.

PLAY MORNINGS

Feb 3, 10 & 17 | 10 am - 12 pm

ACS Family Building (B2161)

Do you want to connect with other parents? If you are looking for something to do with your children ages 4 and younger, please join us. To register, **[e-mail here](#)** or call 502-898-7262.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES OFFERED AT ACS:

- Army Family Action Plan
- Army Family Team Building
- Army Volunteer Corps
- Exceptional Family Member Program
- Family Advocacy Program
- New Parent Support Program
- Relocation Readiness Program
- Employment Readiness Program
- Information and Referral
- Financial Readiness Program
- Mobilization, Deployment and Stability Support Operations
- Military and Family Life Counselors

PLEASE NOTE: The ACS Office will be closed Mon, Feb 16 for Presidents' Day.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Time



FAMILY VALENTINE CARD WORKSHOP

February 7, 2026 | 9 am* - 12 pm

*EFMP Families are welcome to come at 8 am for an early start

Spend time as a Family making Valentine's Day Cards!

Details

- All materials supplied
- Class sizes is limited
- Pre-registration required
- Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult

Call Army Community Service to register at 502-898-6712 or email lorie.l.retzlaff.civ@army.mil

Register by February 4, 2026.

Class held at 2161 South J Street.



ACS events are open to Military, Retirees, Civilian workforce, Family Members and registered Fort McCoy Volunteers, unless otherwise stated. For information on upcoming training opportunities through ACS, please go to <http://mccoy.armymwr.com> and click on Calendar.

mccoy.armymwr.com | 502-898-3505



FORT MCCOY

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE'S RELOCATION READINESS PROGRAM

NEWCOMER'S ORIENTATION

Learn about all of the programs and services the Fort McCoy community has to offer!

2025 DATES

Oct 8	Nov 12	Dec 10
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2026 DATES

Jan 14	Feb 11	Mar 11
Apr 8	May 13	Jun 10
Jul 8	Aug 12	Sep 9

All sessions held from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

McCoy's Community Center

Open to all new Military and Civilian personnel. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend.

FEDERAL R.I.A. CREDIT UNION

Breakfast provided by RIA Federal Credit Union
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Return completed registration form to Army Community Service (B2111) or email to: jesse.k.ogundu.civ@army.mil

Name: _____ Number Attending: _____

Unit/Director: _____ Rank: _____

Day Phone: _____ Email Address: _____ Date Attending: _____

Call ACS at 502-898-2359 for more information



EFMP Exceptional Family Member Program

ALL ABILITIES

Craft Night

Art offers individuals with all abilities a way to communicate. Practicing art has been shown to increase fine motor skills, improve focus, gain self-confidence, strengthen cognitive development and improve mood.

CHOOSE FROM A VARIETY OF ART PROJECTS INCLUDING:

- Sensory Crafts
- Seasonal / Holiday Crafts
- Painting & Coloring
- Scrapbooking & Stamping
- Diamond Art
- And Much More!

UPCOMING DATES

February 18 and March 18, 2026

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

ACS Family Building (B2161)



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TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL ACS AT 502-898-7262 or send an email to: sarah.l.wiedenfeld.civ@army.mil



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ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE ACS Real Life Solutions for Successful Army Living



Real Colors®

Real Colors® is a temperament tool and workshop designed to improve communication skills to lead to better team work, in and out of the workplace.

FEBRUARY 25, 2026

9:00AM - 11:30AM | ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE 2111 S 8TH AVE

JOIN US FOR INTERACTIVE TRAINING TO:

- Recognize strengths of yourself and others
- Understand how others process information
- Recognize the learning style of others
- Listen and speak in the language of other colors
- Build rapport quickly with others
- Use your communication style to connect with others

To register, call Army Community Service at 502-898-6712 or send an email to lorie.l.retzlaff.civ@army.mil

Event is FREE! Must be registered by February 20, 2026. Minimum of 10 participants to hold workshop.

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Crafting Your Resilience



Family Time = Fun Time!

Join us...At the workshop we will teach a resilience skill (goal setting, communication, mindfulness, character strengths, etc.) along with a craft. Work on that craft or pick something else from all the other options available!

Crafts Available: Scrapbooking, wood craft, canvas painting, beading, hand stamping, journaling, and so much more!

March 14, 2026 | 9AM - 12PM

EFMP Families are welcome to come at 8am for an early start

ACS Family Building, 2161 South J St

To Register Call 502-898-6712
or email lorie.l.retzlaff.civ@army.mil



Pre-registration required the Wednesday before the workshop. Samples/ideas provided. Bring your own project to work on if desired. Class sized is limited. Children must be accompanied by an adult. ACS events are open to Military, Retirees, Civilian workforce, Family Members and registered Fort McCoy Volunteers, unless otherwise stated. For information on upcoming training opportunities through ACS, go to <http://mccoy.armymwr.com> and click on Calendar.

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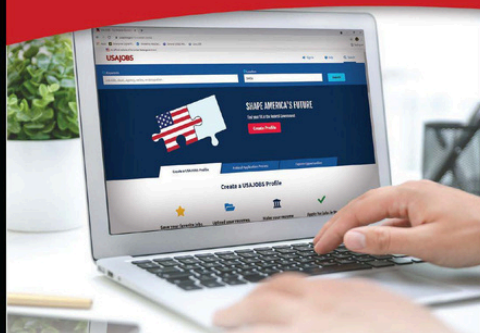
Empowering Soldiers, Enhancing Lives 2026 Annual Campaign



March 1 - June 14



USAJOBS & Federal Resume Writing Workshop



2026 DATES:

**Jan 13, Mar 24, May 7, Jul 15,
Sep 23, Nov 3**

**All sessions held from 9 – 11 am at
Army Community Service
2111 South 8th Avenue**

Learn how to write the new 2-page Federal resume to feature your skills and get the attention of the hiring manager! Laptops helpful but not required.

TOPICS COVERED:

- Foundations of a Federal Resume
- Knowing Your Preference
- Analyzing the Announcement
- Developing a Resume Format
- Applying for the Job
- Steps After Applying
- Tips in USAJOBS



**Register by
calling ACS at
502-898-6712**

or send an email to
lorie.l.retzlaff.civ@army.mil

**Registration required
2 days prior to
workshop.**

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KINDNESS KORNER

During the month of February take a minute to pick up your Acts of Kindness Calendar from Army Community Service (ACS). It's a great tool to remind us that kindness is about being friendly, generous, and considerate. An act of kindness can be anything from a warm smile to a helping hand, and it's a wonderful way to spread positivity.

These simple actions are for everyone, whether you are young or old, and they have the power to make our community a better place, one kind act at a time. While you are at ACS, you can check out a book or two from our Resource Library, find out about the events coming up, and find out the services ACS has to build your inner strength for tough times.

ACS is located at 2111 South 8th Avenue and is open M-F, 7:30 am – 4:00 pm, excluding Federal Holidays.

FEDERAL RESUME TIP OF THE MONTH

Did you know you can receive emails containing local job opportunities and information about remote positions throughout the country?

Do you need a resume review? Contact lorie.l.retzlaff.civ@army.mil or call 502-898-6712.

VIRTUAL CAREER READINESS RESOURCES & SUPPORT



Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP) employer Victory Workforce Development Services is hosting a series of monthly virtual training sessions through February 2026. These sessions will focus on various topics that will provide military spouses and veterans with career readiness resources and support. After each training, participants will receive a certificate of completion via email that will include their name, the training title and the completion date to be added to their resume.

To learn more and register, [click here](#).

To register for a new training session, click the Learn More tab next to the training session on the calendar.



PODCAST: 5 Truths About How EFMP Supports Military Careers

Col. Erik Herrmann shares how EFMP supported his family while continuing his service, from enrollment to command communication. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn how proactive planning and partnership keep family care and career goals aligned.

SOURCE: www.militaryonesource.com



Help Teens Stay Safe in Dating

Teens are learning how dating and healthy relationships work, so they don't always recognize excessive teasing or controlling behavior as a problem. By accepting inappropriate behaviors, teens leave themselves open to more serious forms of abuse – such as physical, sexual or emotional abuse from a current or former partner. Nearly ten percent of high school students report being physically abused by a partner within the past year. Teen dating violence can lead to poor performance in school, underage and binge drinking, suicide attempts and violence in future relationships. That's why it's crucial for parents to stay aware and involved.

How You Can Help

- Model healthy relationships to show how honest communication builds trust
- Talk with teens about the importance of being respected – and respectful – in relationships
- Teach teens to use social networks and other digital media responsibly
- Connect teens with help through resources like your installation's Family Advocacy Program

More Resources for Teens and Parents

- The National Child Traumatic Stress Network - Teen Sexual Assault www.nctsn.org/resources/teen-sexual-assault-information-teens
- Military OneSource www.militaryonesource.mil
- Love is Respect www.loveisrespect.org
- That's Not Cool www.thatnotcool.com
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - search "Teen Dating Violence" on www.cdc.gov
- Futures Without Violence www.futureswithoutviolence.org

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www.MilitaryOneSource.mil | 800-342-9647



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MAJ. GEN. JAMES URSANO

Aidan Q.

SCHOLARSHIP

PROGRAM FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Applications accepted January 1 to April 1 for following academic year

The Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program is based on applicants' financial needs and was established to assist dependent children of Soldiers in obtaining their first undergraduate degrees.

"I'm so grateful for this opportunity that I've been able to receive all four years; it's definitely been a great help. They have helped me out so much, and I'm so grateful that I want to donate back to Army Emergency Relief."

Aidan Ursano scholarship recipient

Go to aerhq.org/scholarships/child or scan the QR code for more information about this program.

URSANO SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

ELIGIBILITY

In the last 16 years, more than 70,000 scholarships totaling over \$137 million have been awarded to Army children.

- ★ Dependent children of active duty, retired or National Guard and Reserve Soldiers on Title 10 Orders for the full academic year.
- ★ Children must be enrolled full-time for the entire academic year and be under the age of 24.
- ★ Recipients may receive scholarship funds for up to four years of full-time enrollment but must reapply each academic year.
- ★ Student must remain unmarried for the entire academic year.

AERHQ.org ★ 866-878-6378
2530 Crystal Dr., Suite 13161
Arlington, VA 22202



RELOCATION COMPASS

CONNECTION STILL MATTERS

February is about connections. In the middle of winter and the middle of a move, time together can feel quieter and more intentional. Relocation changes more than where you live; it shapes how you connect, care, and show up for one another. This month is a reminder that connection still matters and that warmth is often found in small, shared moments.

ACS is here as your compass, helping you find direction in the middle of change. Whether your next step is getting settled, building connections, or learning what resources are available, support is already in place. That clarity helps you move forward feeling supported and connected.

Staying Connected Takes C.A.R.E.

Connection doesn't always happen automatically during relocation. In the middle of winter and transition, it often takes a little more intention.

C.A.R.E. is a simple way to stay connected as you settle in.

C - Communicate Often: Stay curious and check in with one another. Short conversations or shared updates can make a real difference.

A - Adjust the Pace: It's okay to slow things down. Creating breathing room allows space for rest and reconnection.

R - Reconnect Intentionally: Shared routines matter. Meals, learning together, or setting goals to rebuild familiarity. The Fort McCoy Education Center and English Language Learning (ELL) options through Western Technical College (WTC) offer ways to grow side by side.

E- Engage Support: You don't have to navigate change alone. Support and resources are available here at ACS as you settle in.

Visit ACS at 2111 S. 8th Ave or call us to connect with support that helps you feel grounded and confident this season.



WARMTH LOOKS DIFFERENT IN WINTER

When it is cold outside, warmth often comes from connection. It shows up in small exchanges, shared reactions, and moments where attention shifts away from everything else.

A visit to Ripley's Believe It or Not! in Wisconsin Dells creates space for that kind of connection. Moving through the exhibits, there is time to stop, notice something unexpected, and share a reaction in the moment. The indoor setting keeps the cold out, but it is the interaction itself that brings warmth. Experiences like this make it easier to feel present, connected, and more at ease in a new environment.

Want to discover more hidden gems? Stop by the ACS office at 2111 S 8th Ave to pick up a Discover Wisconsin Scratch-Off Card.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA
March 28 | 9:00 - 11:00 am
McCoy's Community Center

Positions include event setup/take down, assistance with craft booths and photography.

To volunteer or for more details, call 502-898-6507 or email: michael.d.larsen8.civ@army.mil