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Incirlik A&FRC Newsletter



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The Air Force recruits Airmen and retains families. The intent of this newsletter is to keep service members and families abreast of the ever-changing issues and build a sense of community.
Comments are always welcome.

MyCAA Halt Won't Affect Approved Spouses

A week after announcing the temporary halt of the Defense Department's Military Spouse Career Advancement Account operations, the head of the program assures participants with approved financial assistance that their enrollment will be unaffected.

"For those of you who have currently approved financial account documents, your documents will be honored," said Tommy T. Thomas, deputy undersecretary of defense for the Pentagon's office of military community and family policy. "We encourage those spouses who were in the process of developing their career plans to continue to do so."

The halt, announced Feb. 18, came as a result of an unprecedented six-fold spike in enrollments during January. Since the soft launch in March 2009, more than 136,000 military spouses have applied for the MyCAA program. Currently, 98,000 are enrolled in courses or have been approved for tuition assistance.

The MyCAA program provides military spouses with opportunities to pursue portable careers in high-demand, high-growth occupations through training programs, job readiness counseling, and employment assistance.

For more information about the program, please call the A&FRC at 676-6755 or the Education Center at 676-3211.

Calendar Spotlight

(call 676-6755 for information)

12 Mar 10	SAR Writing, Half Day		IUS
24 Mar 10	Key Spouse Meeting	1715-1800	A&FRC
25 Mar 10	Hearts Apart	1800-2000	A&FRC

2010 Operation Purple® Camp Locations Announced

The National Military Family Association is excited to announce the locations for the 2010 Operation Purple summer camps. This free summer camp program was developed by the Association to support military children dealing with the stress of war. The seventh summer of Operation Purple camps will host children at 67 locations in 35 states as well as 2 overseas locations. Individual camp sites and information will be available on **March 15 when registration opens.**

Information about the camp program, eligibility, and camp locations is available online at www.militaryfamily.org. Specific camp information will be available when registration opens on March 15, 2010. Until then, interested families can [sign up to receive email notices and announcements on the website.](#)

Camps are free to all participants thanks to support from the Sierra Club and The Sierra Club Foundation.

Complete details will be sent out on March 16th, so watch your in-box!

Mullen Cites Importance of Families

During a week-long tour through Southwest Asia, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff spent time focusing on what he calls his No. 1 priority, servicemembers and their families.

"No matter what happens in the world, no matter what equipment I buy, no matter what concepts I adopt for the future, it's really you that make the difference," Navy Adm. Mike Mullen told troops during a town hall gathering Feb. 17. "You are the center of gravity for the adjustments that must be made as we move to the future."

Families have emerged as more important than ever, the admiral said.

"We couldn't do it without you and your families," the admiral told members of the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing during a town hall on Feb. 18 at a base in Southwest Asia. "You couldn't be here, deploy and rest easy if things weren't going well at home and for the support that your families have given."

Family support, Admiral Mullen said, "is vital to everything that we do."

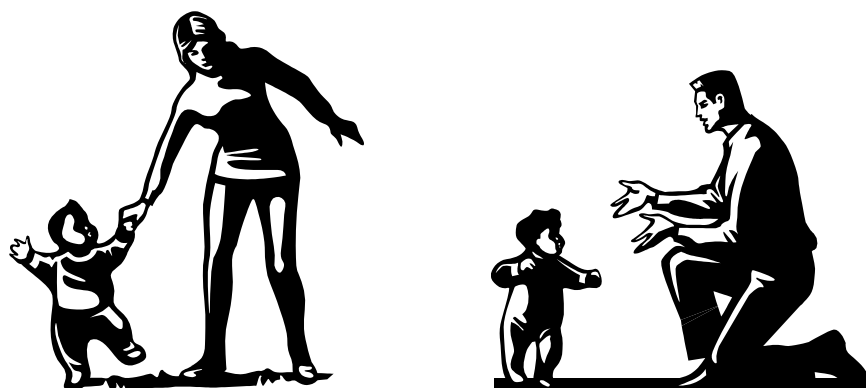
"And what our families have done and our extended families have done that make it possible for us to serve at this extraordinary time has truly been exceptional," he added. "So I am extremely grateful for that as well."



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

SARC – 676-SARC (7272)
MFLC Adult – 0537-676-6924
MFLC Youth – 0506-927-5423

Mental Health – 676-6452
Chaplain – 676-6441
Chaplain After Hour Emergencies – 676-9920
Military OneSource – 1-800-342-9647
www.MilitaryOneSource.com



*Want To Know How Your Child Is
Developing?*

DoDDS and Educational and Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS) is offering

FREE developmental screenings

at the Child Development Center (CDC)

for ages 2 months old to 5 years old

Friday 12 March 2010

0800-Noon

*If interested, sign up for an appointment at the CDC at 676-6553 or EDIS at
676-6452*

Sign up soon, while appointments are still available.

“CUT OFF” DATE: Friday 5 March 2010