

Military Family Support Center

MFSC NEWS

Fill the Humvee



Grab your shopping list and come out this Saturday, the 23rd, from 9am to 2pm to the Salem and Clearbrook Wal-marts for our Fill the Humvee food drive. The Military Family Support Center will provide you with a list of items that the resource center is currently in need of. Participation is easy. While going through your normal shopping routine, simply grab an item or two from the list to add to your purchase. There will be a



Humvee parked at each location for you to place your donation. With the continuing economic uncertainties coupled with the financial cuts to the military, the MFSC needs the support of the community more than ever to help provided benefits for our military families. This is a great way to say thank you to the brave men and women who continue to serve away from the amenities of base. A small gift can go a long way.

"It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do little—do what you can"— **Sydney Smith**

MFSC Scholarship

The MFSC is still taking submissions for its 2013 \$1000 scholarship. Any high school senior interest in applying for the scholarship should check out the MFSC website and look under the Services & Programs tab. To qualify, they need to have a parent who is currently serving in the military. It is open to the children of active duty, National Guard, and Reserve members. After filling out the online application, which includes a short 200 word writing sample, applicants will be chosen by a MFSC committee. The deadline of April 15 is fast approaching for applications to be submitted. This is a great opportunity to gain some financial aid for college. Don't miss out!

March



Spring Splash

Mark April 6 down on your calendar for an afternoon of family fun. From 1pm to 4pm the Salem YMCA is partnering with the MFSC to host the military families in the valley. A person need not be a member of the Y to attend. There will be swimming, inflatables, crafts, food, and the wibit obstacle course, that floats! The activities are geared for the kids, letting the parents mingle and meet some of the other military families in the area. The event is free and open to all active duty, Reserve, and National Guard families. It is also a great opportunity to talk with the MFSC staff to learn how we can better serve the families.

DSN Number

With some of the units in the area deploying soon, the MFSC would like to remind the service men and women that we have a DSN number that can allow them to call their family for free. The line is intended for short conversations. For emergencies, contact the Red Cross instead. The directions for use are below. We recommend cutting them out and placing them in a wallet for future reference.

Have a time set up between you and the person you are trying to call. Contact the MFSC via email at info@milfamily.org or call the DSN number to notify them to be available during the set time or to help you set up a time with your loved one.

From a DSN line, dial 441-5675. When the MFSC representative answers the phone they will patch you through to the person you are trying to reach. It is that easy.



Volunteers

With the increase in the number of events the MFSC will be holding this year, there is also an increase in the number of volunteers needed. Volunteer opportunities range from something as simple as handing out flyers at the Fill the Humvee events to lending us your expertise, whether it is mechanical, carpentry, or legal. If you have a trade, we can find a way to use it in a way that benefits our military families. Many of the events, such as the Spring Splash and upcoming baseball games are a way to help the families and have fun at the same time. If you are interested in serving our military, please contact the MFSC. We will send you a volunteer packet with basic information and will add you to the volunteer email list. We try not to spam our helpers' email. We will only email you with the monthly newsletters and a list of volunteer opportunities. We look forward to having you as part of the team!

