



Military Family Support Center MFSC NEWS



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Military Family Support Center’s Weekend Summer Camp

June 13—June 15, 2014 at the W.E. Skelton Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake, the MFSC is sponsoring a military kids weekend summer camp. The camp is being held in partnership with the Virginia Cooperative Extensions. Many of our military families enjoyed the Virginia Cooperative Extensions camps for Operation Military Kids over the past few years. This year the Military Family Support Center is excited to have the opportunity to bring this same camping opportunity to our military families. The camp is for the dependants of military personnel (active, guard, reserve), wounded warriors, and fallen warriors from geographical dispersed areas (Southwestern Virginia).

Campers will have all the benefits of a modern camp facility while still being able to enjoy a traditional summer camp experience. The camp will include many fund activities, games, and adventures. A few of the activities campers will choose from are: sports, crafts, canoeing, rock climbing, ropes course, riflery, and so much more. Most important the camp is a fun weekend for military kids to meet, play, and have fun. Campers will enjoy all these activities from the comfort of their modern air conditioned dorms, while enjoying catered meals and snacks.

Registration for the camp is \$35.00 per camper, and is due by May 30th. Space is limited and filled up quickly last year so contact the MFSC today if you are interested.

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Lynchburg Lets “Play Ball”

The MFSC is proud once again to be able to offer free tickets to the Lynchburg Hillcats Military Family Appreciation Night on Friday May 23, 2014. The Hillcats will take on the Winston Salem Dash at 6:05 pm. The gates open at 5:00 pm.

To enjoy a free game, free meal (hot dog, chips and drink), the game, and fireworks all you need to do is contact the Military Family Support Center at mfscevents@gmail.com. Email your name, the number of tickets you are requesting, your branch and unit of service.

Please note tickets are for veterans, current military personnel, wounded warriors, surviving dependents of soldiers killed in action, and their immediate families.



The Warrior Hike—Visits Southwestern Virginia

The Military Family Support Center is proud to have been asked to help support this program in Southwest Virginia this year. The program which sponsors veterans who choose to “Walk off the War” by traversing the entire Appalachian Trail schedules stops in communities adjacent to the trail for these hikers to meet, greet, talk, and advocate for veterans.

This year the Military Family Support Center is humbled to have been asked to help support this mission. The MFSC is working with the Roanoke VFW post 1264 as well as the Roanoke Veterans Coalition to provide services for these veterans when the stop in the Roanoke/Salem area on May 17th. The VFW post 1264 is hosting a pot luck for these veteran hikers. The local Army Reserve is providing showers and accommodations for the hikers overnight as well as transportation to and from the trail. The Roanoke Veteran Coalition is coordinating the efforts of all these groups to hopefully provide a restful afternoon and night for the hikers.

To find out more information about the Warrior Hike visit their website at www.warriorhike.com



WE NEED YOU

The MFSC Needs Your Help!

The Military Family Support Center is looking for Volunteers for the following days and events...

Friday May 16th—We need volunteers from 11 to 2 at the MFSC offices to help box up and move furniture so we can paint the next day

Saturday May 24—The MFSC is having a Fill the Humvee at a local Kroger store, we will need help unloading and inventorying the items received

Salem Red Sox Salute to Service

The Salem Red Sox Salute to Service program will continue throughout the 2014 season. The Red Sox in are creating 'moments of recognition' at each of the remaining home games this season. The recognition will include free admission to each of the home games for one military family. This family will be honored by the team with special recognition during the game. This opportunity is in addition to the Military Appreciation Game already scheduled for August 9, 2014.

If you or a veteran/military member you know are interested in being recognized , please contact Amanda at abaumgardner@milfamily.org.



Spring is turning out to be an incredibly busy time of year for the Military Family Support Center. As things in the office change; saying good-bye to Thomas and wish him well as he pursues other opportunities, and welcome Brandon Mayer as he begins his time with the MFSC. Events and opportunities for veterans in the communities are also more frequent as the weather turns warm. Therefore we are asking for your patience and understanding. There have been and will be dates in the future where all of our office staff will be out in the community attending events and working. We are asking all members, volunteers, donors, and community partners therefore to contact us at least two hours ahead of any planned visits to our Center. We ask your understanding on day were we are out of the office. We will return you phone message or email as quickly as possible.

Thank you!



Military Appreciation Baseball Games

Dates and information:

The Lynchburg Hillcats will take on Winston Salem Dash at home in Lynchburg, on Friday May 23rd, game begins at 6:05 pm.

We are now accepting reservation for this game!



The Pulaski Mariners will take on the Danville Braves at home in Pulaski, on Wednesday July 9th, game begins at 7:00 pm.

We will begin accepting reservations for this game on June 9th.



The Bluefield Blue Jays will take on the Danville Braves at home in Bluefield, on Friday July 25th, game begins at 7:05 pm.

We will begin accepting reservation for this game on June 25th.

The Salem Red Sox will take on the Potomac Nationals at home in Salem, on Saturday August 9th, game begins at 6:05 pm.



We will begin accepting reservation for this game on July 9th.

Upcoming Events

Military Spouses Appreciation Day—Friday May 9, 2014

Armed Forces Day Parade—Saturday May 17, 2014

Lynchburg Hillcats Military Appreciation Game—Friday May 23, 2014

MFSC Summer Camp—Friday June 13-Sunday June 15, 2014

Pulaski Mariners Military Appreciation Game—Wednesday July 9, 2014

Bluefield Blue Jays Military Appreciation Game—Friday July 25, 2014

Salem Red Sox Military Appreciation Game—Saturday August 9, 2015

Blue Ridge Veteran Celebration 5K— Date to be Announced

8th Annual Rotary/Kiwanis Golf and Tennis Tournament—Monday September 29, 2014

NCAA Softball Tournament—Saturday October 4-Sunday October 5, 2014

... more events coming soon...