

Military Family Support Center

MFSC NEWS

Upcoming Events



Virginia Commonwealth Games

From July 19 to 21 Subway is holding the Commonwealth Games. There will be 5 sports with divisions for veterans; Track and Field, Bowling, Shooting, 5K, and Archery. Veterans will be able to participate in 3 divisions; General,



Veteran, and Disabled Veterans. The addition of the new divisions is due in large part to the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program and their diligence. For more information go to the milfamily.org website and look under the events tab.

Baseball Games

The MFSC is hosting 4 upcoming baseball games. The first is this Friday, May 24, in Lynchburg with the Hillcats. The second is June 12 with the Salem Red Sox. The third is in Pulaski with the Mariners on June 26. The final game will be in Akron Ohio with the Aeros on June 29. All games are free to all military veterans and their families whether they are still serving or not. A meal will also be provided. We recommend arriving to the games at least half an hour before the first pitch if you want to participate in some of the activities and ceremonies. In order to reserve your ticket, just call the MFSC at (540) 400-8301. We will need your first and last name, branch of service, and the number of tickets you require. The flyers for each game can be found on the MFSC website: milfamily.org. The Akron game will have a festival outside the park starting at 4:00 and skydivers too!

May



Hours at MFSC

Starting in June the MFSC will be changing their hours for the summer. We will be open later on weekdays. Here is the new schedule:

Monday-Thursday 9:30-5:30

Friday & Sunday Closed

Saturday: 10:00-2:00

It is always a good idea to call before coming out. Sometimes events and meetings will pull us away from the office.

Mingle at the Market

Come out June 8th for fun and music. This event includes a "beverage garden" and is meant for adults only. An ID showing proof of age 21 is required. Veterans get in free and everyone else is \$5. For more information: vintonchamber.com.

Pig River Ramble



The weekend of May 17 –May19 the MFSC took part in the annual boating event in Franklin County. Boat Racers and Drifters came out each day for a great time with their families and boats. The MFSC was the nonprofit organization that benefited from the duck race, which is a fun part of the three day event. Money was raised to help the military families and many prizes were given away. A special thanks to Advance Auto who donated a majority of the prizes for the race. The MFSC would also like to thank Debra Weir for putting together the duck race and helping with the fundraising. Thank you to Melinda Payne and Nancy Dye for securing the prizes on such short notice.



From left to right: Janice Walker, Mark Walker, Jerry Brittain, Leslie Brittain

Congratulations to Ayron Walker, the winner of the Military Family Support Center Scholarship. The scholarship was inspired by Leslie Brittain's Graduation speech. Walker's parents were able to accept the award on her behalf while she was taking a final exam. The \$1,000 scholarship was awarded following her short essay about how her parents were the heroes that made a difference in her life. Walker plans to attend Appalachian State University and will major in nutrition. The MFSC wishes her luck on her academic journey.

Donate Money... for Free?

The MFSC is now selling \$5 reloadable Kroger gift cards to help raise money for the center. How do they work? Anytime you add money to the gift card, 5% goes to support the MFSC. Whenever the card gets low, simply add more money at the register. It is an amazing way to support the center without spending a penny more than you would have anyway. Kroger has been a big supporter of our troops and their families. To purchase the card, simply go online to the milfamily.org website under Store. If you don't want to pay the shipping and Paypal fee, which amounts to an extra \$1, you can stop by the center or purchase a card at one of our upcoming events. Thank you in advance for your support of our military families. Note: Cards must be kept at a minimum balance of \$1 or they will expire after 30 days.