

Airman & Family Readiness

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Barnes Family Flyer

14 February 2014



Thank you for subscribing to the Barnes Family Flyer, a weekly newsletter for the Airmen and Families of the 104th Fighter Wing! The Flyer will be distributed every Friday and offers you a concise overview of the programs, benefits and opportunities for Military Families.

Kids Fun Fair - FREE tickets for kids 13 and under!

The Airmen and Family Readiness Office in bldg. 1 has free tickets for children under the age of 13 to be able to attend the Kids Fun Fair and Zoo at the Eastern States Exposition, Mallary East Building. The days of the fair are Saturday, Feb. 22nd from 10 AM to 7 PM and Sunday, Feb. 23rd from 10 AM to 6 PM.

Adults will have to buy tickets, which can be purchased on line at www.KidsFunFair.com or at the door for 14.00 each.

Annual Vacation Bowl

104th Family Readiness Group is sponsoring a Vacation Bowl Day

At the Westover Bowling Lanes

Thursday 20 FEBRUARY at 11 AM

For children ages 5 and up

LUNCH TO INCLUDE

A Choice of one of the following:

Hamburger, Hot Dog, Chicken Tenders, or Grilled Cheese with Fries and a Soda

\$5 per person, to be paid to Jenn Cesaitis

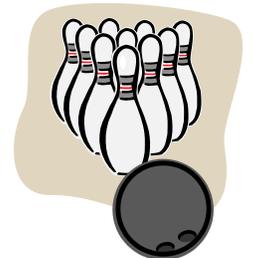
Parents are welcome to bowl with their children, and arrival time is promptly at 11:00. First come, first served, so please contact us ASAP.

Reservations and Food Selection required by 14 FEB to form teams & ensure we have enough lanes.

For further information and to reserve your spot, please contact:

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Beth St.Clair: 413-245-6615 or maineac@charter.net



LGBT Retreat for Service Members & Veterans

21– 23 FEB in Groton, MA Register [HERE](#).



Project New Hope presents LGBT Support Retreat for military service members and veterans - honoring connecting and supporting you and your partners, spouses and children. We want you to relax, have fun and reconnect with your family and other veterans. Eat plenty of good food, sleep like a baby, build great memories and have fun in the process! This program includes room, board, and meals throughout the weekend.



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Air Force Aid Society General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program 2014-2015

Applications are now being accepted for the Air Force Aid Society General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program for the 2014-2015 school year. This annual program provides \$2,000 undergraduate education grants to eligible spouses and children.

BASIC ELIGIBILITY: Eligible dependents of all ranks encouraged to apply; Children of active duty, Title 10 AGR/Reserve, Title 32 AGR performing full-time; active duty, retired, retired reserve, and deceased Air Force members; Spouses (stateside) of active duty members and Title 10 AGR/Reservists; Surviving spouses of Air Force members who died while on active duty or in retired status. Specific eligibility criteria are listed on-line at www.afas.org. **DEADLINE:** 07 March 2014 Applications available on-line only at www.afas.org.

Military OneSource and H&R Block Tax Program

Military OneSource is once again offering a free, electronic tax filing service. If you are eligible under the Military OneSource program, you can complete, save, and file your 2012 federal and up to three state returns online free with the H&R Block At Home[®] tool.

To access this free version of H&R Block At Home[®], you must start your return from the [Military OneSource H&R Block At Home[®]](#) link. Once you click the link you will be required to log in to Military OneSource. From the login page you will be directed to a site containing additional information on tax preparation, including the link to the Military OneSource free H&R Block At Home[®] service.



If you have questions about this tax service or about preparing your own tax returns, please call 1-800-342-9647 and ask to speak with a Military OneSource tax consultant. Trained tax consultants are available 7 days a week from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., EST. For information about deductions, exemptions, and filing deadlines visit the [Military OneSource Tax Program](#) page.

2014 Massachusetts National Guard Free Income Tax Assistance & Asset Building Program

The Massachusetts National Guard is proud to offer free tax preparation and asset building services again this year. In 2013 we prepared over 2,500 tax returns and saved Service members, Veterans and their Families close to \$270,000 in tax preparation fees. We are experts in preparing returns for the military and we do it for FREE. We hope that you utilize our program in 2014.

PROGRAM LOCATIONS

Cape Cod, Ft. Devens, Hanscom AFB, Natick Labs, Newton American Legion Post 440, Reading, Wellesley, Westover AFB, Worcester

NOTE: CAC OR PASS IS REQUIRED FOR ENTRANCE TO CAPE COD, DEVENS, HANSCOM AFB, NATICK, AND WESTOVER AFB

TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

Go to www.massguard.org/appointments

We will start taking appointments on 23 January 2014 and appointments will begin on 3 February 2014.



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Free Family Skiing at Stowe's Military Appreciation Sundays

All active, full-time, United States Military Personnel, Guard and Reserve Members along with their families (spouse & dependent children), will receive **complimentary single-day lift tickets at Stowe Mountain Resort on three select Sundays** this winter.

DATES: February 23 and March 30.

Find out more at Stowe.com

Massachusetts National Guard Child & Youth Program Calendar of Upcoming Events and Programs available to you!

Visit this link for the most recent calendar published by the Mass National Guard Child & Youth Program

<http://www.104fw.ang.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-140128-011.pdf>

For more information or to be involved with anything listed, please feel free to contact our Child and Youth Program Coordinators or visit the office at 14 Minuteman Lane, Wellesley, MA 02481

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Greetings from MetLife!



Did you know that February is National Children's Dental Health Month?

Under the TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) there are some important dental benefits available to dependent children (including stepchildren, adopted children and court-ordered wards), in addition to spouses of active duty service members and Reservists:

- * * * * *Two cleanings and two exams per year at no cost, when a network dentist is seen.
- * * * * *Sealants on permanent molars for children through the age of 18, with a 20% cost share.
- * * * * *Orthodontic coverage for children up to the age of 21 or 23 if a full time student.
- * * * * *Space maintainers are fully covered for patients under the age of 19.
- * * * * *Two topical fluoride applications are covered in a consecutive 12-month period.
- * * * * *\$1,200 accidental annual maximum per enrollee.
- * * * * *Athletic Mouth Guard limited to one per consecutive 12-month period, with a 50% cost share.

Don't forget to remind your military sponsors to enroll their child(ren) in the TDP today and protect their smile! Their dedicated military service entitles them to receive this benefit.

Visit www.tricare.mil/bwe to enroll or www.metlife.com/tricare for additional information or call 1-855-638-8371.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Dental Benefits Advisor.

Tracy Pearsall – 860-372-4963, tpearsall@metlife.com



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MIAFHM FUND

(MASSACHUSETTS IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN FALLEN HEROES MEMORIAL FUND)

FEBRUARY 16TH 2014

SAMPLE SALE

LOCATION: Bob Eisengrein Community Center
100 Sherman Avenue
Devens, MA 01434

TIME: 2:00p.m. – 4:30p.m.

All proceeds go to the MIAFHMF. Join us to purchase items for your home and support a great cause. We have great deals on THREE TRUCK LOADS of brand new products from three large retailers.

Featured items: “bed in a bag”: \$50 (retail price \$100 - \$200)
Chairs: \$125 - \$250 (retail price \$350 - \$599)
Sofas: \$300 - \$500 (retail price \$799 - \$1250)
Tables: \$75 - \$200 (retail price \$300 - \$800)
Woven baskets: \$10 - \$30 (retail price \$40 - \$150)

PRICES:



Multiple dots, add the prices together (ex: 2 orange = 20+20 = 40)
Items without a dot: price is indicated

****NOTE:** dots may fall off or be removed. Our staff will charge the correct item price regardless.



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Military

The Season Pass Will Save You Ca\$h! All Season Long!



\$40.00

Includes FREE
Rounds Of Golf at:

- The Crumpin-Fox Club
- The Ranch GC, The Blandford Club,
- Southampton CC, Ellinwood GC,
- Tekoa CC, Shaker Farms CC,
- Worthington GC, CC of Greenfield,
- Blackstone National, the Ledges GC,
- Waubeeka GL, Elmcrest CC,
- Wyckoff CC, Beaver Brook CC,
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SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY MARCH 22, 2014



MASS BAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
50 OAKLAND STREET
WELLESLEY

This is a **FREE** one-day personal finance event for veterans, active duty, reserve members and their families. The conference will build financial knowledge and answer financial questions specific to your service.

Presented in partnership by the Massachusetts Financial Literacy Trust Fund, Massachusetts National Guard & Reserve and Office of Veterans' Services.

Online registration will be available February 2014.
Questions? Contact Sheila O'Loughlin, Financial Education Coordinator,
at (617)367-9333 x615





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NGAMA 2014 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The National Guard Association of Massachusetts and The Adjutant General, announce that **two \$2,000 scholarships** will be awarded to Massachusetts National Guard personnel and their sons, daughters, or spouses.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 31 MARCH 2014

CATEGORIES:

- A. Current members of the Massachusetts National Guard.
- B. Sons, daughters or spouses of a current member of the National Guard Association of Massachusetts (NGAMA).
- C. Sons, daughters or spouses of a current member of the Massachusetts National Guard.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

The application packet **must be completed as described below**: (Typewritten applications and statements are preferred.)

1. Scholarship Application (see attached).
2. One letter of recommendation (8 1/2 x 11) from an individual who can provide us with information regarding your character traits.
3. On a separate sheet (8 1/2 x 11) list extra curricular activities: i.e. clubs, athletics, community involvement and other significant accomplishments. College students are urged to list their high school activities and awards as well as college achievements.
4. Official high school or college transcript(s). Transcripts must indicate grade point average.
5. On a separate sheet of paper (8 1/2 x 11), typed and double-spaced, answer the following question: (limit response to one page)

"In light of the draw down of forces from Afghanistan, and an economy that provides a dramatic lack of employment, what retraining options should be offered by the State of Massachusetts to prepare the returning soldier to be competitive and is afforded the best possible chance at securing full and meaningful employment?"

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

1. Complete application packets must be received no later than 31 March 2014. Incomplete packets will not be considered
2. The Selection Committee will choose students based on achievement and citizenship.
3. Only winners will be notified.
4. You must be enrolled in, or planning to attend a regionally or nationally accredited degree or technical program.
5. We plan on presenting the awards at the NGAMA Annual Convention in April, 2014 and hope the recipients can attend.

MAIL TO:

National Guard Association of Massachusetts
Attn: Education Services Office (NGAMA Scholarship)
2 Randolph Street
Hanscom AFB
Bedford, Massachusetts 01731

NGAMA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Co-Chairmen

Robert Johnson, Teacher, Framingham High School

John Lee, Teacher, Norfolk County Agricultural High School

Application Selection Committee

Nancy Souza, Teacher, Old Colony Regional Voc/Tech High School

Wayne Libbey, Massachusetts Army National Guard

Sterling Scott, Education Officer, Massachusetts Air National Guard

Tom O'Sullivan, Massachusetts Army National Guard

CPT Mark Bennett, Education Services Officer, Mass. Army National Guard

**NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS
NGAMA 2014 Scholarship Application**

*You must be enrolled in, or planning to attend a regionally or nationally accredited degree or technical program to apply for this scholarship

Last Name		First Name		MI
Street		City/Town		
State		Zip Code		
Phone Number			Birth Date	
				Rank
Name of Parent, Guardian, Spouse, or Self				
School				
You are presently attending				
School				
You plan to attend				
Check All Boxes that Apply				
My Current Unit of Assignment: A.			I am a current member of the Massachusetts National Guard	
<input type="checkbox"/>				
My parent or spouse who is a member of the Massachusetts National Guard Association:				
B.			I am a son, daughter or spouse of a current member of the Massachusetts National Guard Association	
<input type="checkbox"/>				
My parent or spouse's name and Current Unit of Assignment:				
C.			I am a son, daughter or spouse of a current member of the Massachusetts National Guard	
<input type="checkbox"/>				

Must be postmarked no later than 31 March 2014 Deadline

Attach official high school or college transcript(s), as appropriate, to this application.