Army Information Update

Because information is power, we are informing you each personally and inspiring you to pass it along.

March focus is **FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND BENEFITS.** Hello Spring! This may be a great time to take stock of your finances- where you are and how to realize your future financial goals or make them if you're just beginning. These resources are part of your benefits package and are free to Soldiers and their Families.

- 1. **Financial Frontline** Connect with virtual resources, watch online videos, and find and schedule an appointment with a certified Financial Planner.
- 2. <u>Financial Readiness Programs</u> Look for the "Find My Installation" search box in the upper right corner; then click the Financial Readiness Program link.
- 3. Help filing your 2023 Tax Returns:
 - a. Free tax filing software and support
 - b. Talk to a Tax Pro
 - c. Call <u>Your Installation's Legal Office</u> (search by keywords "Legal office") and ask about their Tax Preparation Program. Or ask at your local Army Community Service (ACS)CS. <u>Find Your Installation's ACS</u>.
- 4. **MilSpouse Money Mission** made <u>especially for military spouses</u> to empower them in leading their families to stronger financial futures.
- 5. Understanding your LEAVE AND EARNINGS STATEMENT (LES).
 - a. <u>6 Minute Video courtesy of Fort Carson, CO</u>. Great idea! It's also posted on <u>YOUTUBE</u>.
 - b. By the numbers: an explanation of each box on your LES
- Visit <u>Employment Readiness at Your Local Army Community Service</u> before you spend money to look for a job, recertify or relicense. Resources include free premium Linked-In when you PCS, free resume support, and <u>spouse licensure reimbursement</u> <u>support.</u>
- 7. Army Emergency Relief- The Army's Nonprofit.
- 8. **2024 Active Duty Pay Days**
- 9. Free Tutoring Resource for Soldiers and Families
- **10. Online Video Tutorials**

Each month's Army Information Update one-pager is posted on the

Army Family Web Portal

Our Goal: Every Army Spouse & Family are Aware of Big Army Information, Efforts, and Initiatives.