

# ACS CONNECTION

Unsure of where to go when you need assistance?  
Let Army Community Service (ACS) guide you in the right direction.

## OUR PROGRAMS

Family Advocacy Program  
270-412-5500

Financial Readiness Program  
270-798-5518

Army Emergency Relief  
270-798-5518

Exceptional Family Member Program  
270-798-2727

Information and Referral Program  
270-798-9322

Relocation Readiness Program  
270-798-6313/956-2676

Volunteer Program  
270-956-2934

Mobilization, Deployment, & Stability  
Support Operations  
270-798-3849/412-3195/412-2007

Outreach Program  
270-798-2062/412-6771

Soldier and Family Assistance Center  
270-412-6004

Survivor Outreach Services  
270-798-0272

Employment Readiness Program  
270-412-1720

## ACS QUICK SCOOPS

Welcome Back Employment Readiness Program!!

ACS **CLOSED** in observance of Veterans Day-  
November 10

EFMP Outreach - Commissary - November 1 Main  
Exchange - November 8  
Soldier Support Center - November 15

ACS Outreach - Commissary - November 6 Soldier  
Support Center (SSC) - November 8  
BACH - November 13  
Main Exchange - November 15

ACS **CLOSED** in observance of Thanksgiving  
November 23

## Contact Us



Bldg. 1501 William C. Lee Road (Inside Gate 1)



270-798-9322 or 270-956-2935



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# Relocation Support Programs for Families

By: Nicole Enlow, Relocation Specialist, Relocation Readiness Program

## Hearts Apart

Support group for those Families going through an unaccompanied tour or long TDY

### Coffee & Chat

Fourth Wednesday  
Every month @ 10am

1501 William C Lee Rd  
PH: 270-798-0513/6313/270-9562676

Scan QR Code to RSVP



Join us at ACS for some fun conversation and building your community.



## Hearts Apart

Hearts Apart is a support program for spouses and Families who are geographically separated from their service member while on a short tour (unaccompanied PCS) or TDY longer than 90 days.

We host an event on the fourth Wednesday of each month, such as Coffee and Chat, and a monthly movie afternoon (the fourth Saturday). These events allow Families to meet others experiencing a short tour or long TDY. At our Coffees and Chat, we discuss topics such as life skills, activities, or other issues that are important to them.

We are here to provide them with resources and support while their service member is away.

## International Spouses Group

International Spouses is a support program for foreign-born spouses. Participating in this group allows you to meet other spouses who are also foreign-born.

We host an event on the second Wednesday of the month and offer a movie afternoon monthly (the fourth Saturday). During our meetings, we discuss life skills, communication topics, special events, and other essential topics for the spouses.

We can assist spouses with learning the area, getting acclimated, and providing resources to help them settle into the Fort Campbell community and surrounding area.

## INTERNATIONAL SPOUSES GROUP



JOIN US THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
TO BUILD AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

8 NOVEMBER

AT 10 AM

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE

1501 WILLIAM C LEE RD

PH: 270-798-0513/6313/270-956-2676

SCAN QR CODE AND RSVP



For additional information contact Relocation Readiness  
270-798-0513/6313 or 270-956-2676

# Navigating Holiday Spending: A Balancing Act

*By: Loreta Guzman, AFC, Financial Readiness Program*

The holiday season is a time of joy and celebration, but it can also be a period of financial stress for many. Holiday spending in the military, just like for anyone else, requires careful budgeting and financial planning. Here are some specific holiday spending tips for military Families:

- **Plan Ahead:** start planning for the holidays well in advance. Knowing the specific dates for your leave or time off will help you create a budget and make travel or celebration plans.
- **Use Military Discounts:** Many retailers, restaurants, and travel services offer military discounts. Take advantage of these offers to save money on gifts, dining out, and travel.
- **Stick to a Budget:** Create a holiday budget that factors in ALL your expenses, including gifts, travel, decorations, and entertainment. Stick to this budget to avoid overspending.
- **Thrift Stores and Exchange Stores:** Consider shopping at thrift stores or at your local Exchange store, where you can often find good deals on clothing and gifts. You will also save on sales tax at your local Exchange store.
- **Send Care Packages:** If your Family is far away from where you're stationed, consider sending care packages with personalized gifts. This can be cost-effective way to show you care.
- **Travel Smart:** When traveling for the holidays, try to book your flights or accommodations in advance to secure better rates. Take advantage of military discounts when available.
- **Limit Credit Card Use:** Avoid using credit cards excessively. If you must use them, make sure you have a plan to pay off the balance promptly to avoid high-interest charges.
- **Financial Counseling:** Take advantage of our ACS Financial Readiness services! We offer guidance on managing debt, creating budgets, and saving for future. Call 270-798-5518 to schedule an appointment with one of our Accredited Financial Counselors (AFC) or seek out your Brigade's Personal Financial Counselor (PFC).



**Consider the above tips to avoid overspending this holiday season.**

**Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program  
270-798-5518**

# AFTB Celebrates 29 Years!!

*By: Kristen Geist-Hodgkins, Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator*

The Army Family Team Building program will celebrate its 29th anniversary next month and continues to adjust its course offerings to better serve the needs of Soldiers, Families and our total Army Family.

AFTB is a Family training and readiness program that provides participants with a better understanding of Army culture, as well as the skills and resources needed to become resilient, self-sufficient and self-reliant members of the military community. It is a program that changes and grows with the times to best meet the needs of a changing Army and the changing needs of Army Families.

AFTB classes focus on “Know, Grow, Lead”, Level ‘K (1)’ is military knowledge, Level ‘G (2)’, growth and resilience and Level ‘L (3)’, is leadership development.

Each level provides a variety of modules that offer progressive instruction built to equip attendees with the skills necessary to navigate through the Army system, understand the military mission and way of life and to successfully access the many resources and services available on the installation.

Coming up in the new year, AFTB will be changing their course offerings to include shorter class times and evening classes, so that individuals can find the courses that meet their needs and best fit into their schedules. Courses do not need to be taken in any particular order; the LEARN, GROW, LEAD is set up to connect Families to the Army one Class at a Time.

Level K is for people who are new to the military, new Family members, or perhaps new to Fort Campbell. Level K covers basic Army information, acronyms, military time, rank structure, etc.

Levels G and L do not build on Level K, but rather focus more on personal growth and personal development, and into leadership development.

AFTB runs on volunteers! For individuals who would like to learn more and / or get involved, we invite you to come visit us on 15 December 2023, 9am -11am, as we celebrate 29 years of serving our military community.



**For additional information contact ACS Volunteer Coordinator  
270-956-2934**

# Upcoming Training/Classes/Workshops

Registration is required for all Training/Classes/Workshops

For additional information contact Army Community service at 270-798-9322

Nov 1	Wednesday	Family Life: Effective Discipline (ACS) 9:30am-11:00am (FAP) OCONUS Smooth Move Orientation (Levy Brief, @ SSC, Every Wed) 1pm-1:30pm (RRP)
Nov 2	Thursday	Soldier & Family Newcomers Orientation (ACS, Every Thu) 8:30am-1:30pm (RRP)
Nov 3	Friday	Command Team Training (Teleconference) 9am-11am or 1pm-3pm (MD & SSO)
Nov 6	Monday	VMIS Volunteer Training (ACS) 10am-11am (AVC)
Nov 7	Tuesday	Care Team Training (ACS) 9am-10:30am or 1pm-2:30pm (MD&SSO) Level 2/Growth (ACS) 9am-12pm (AFTB) Citizenship Class (ACS Every 1st & 3rd Tue) 10am-11:30am (RRP) Play Morning (SKIES) 10:30am-12pm (NPSP) CONUS Smooth Move Orientation (Teleconference, Every Tue) 1:30pm-2pm (RRP)
Nov 8	Wednesday	Money Management (ACS) 9am-11am (FRP) Command Family Readiness Representative (CFRR) Training (ACS) 9am-1:30pm (MD & SSO) Family Life: Co-Parenting (Session 1, ACS) 9:30am-11:30am (FAP) OCONUS Smooth Move Orientation (Levy Brief, @ SSC, Every Wed) 1pm-1:30pm (RRP)
Nov 9	Thursday	Soldier & Family Newcomers Orientation (ACS, Every Thu) 8:30am-1:30pm (RRP) Support Group for Parents w/children under 4 or Expectant Parents (ACS)10:30am-11:30am (FAP)
Nov 13	Monday	VMIS Organization Point of Contact (OPOC) Training (ACS) 10am-11:30am or 1pm-2:30pm (AVC) Key Contact Training (ACS) 1pm-2:30pm (MD&SSO)
Nov 14	Tuesday	Informal Fund Custodian Training (ACS) 9am-11am (MD & SSO) Briefer Training Course (ACS, Day 1) 9am-3pm (AFTB) Family Life: Maintaining Balance Thru the Holidays (ACS) 9:30am-11:00am or 6pm-7:30pm(FAP) Play Morning (SKIES) 10:30am-12pm (NPSP) Exceptional Family Member Program Support Group 11am-12pm (EFMP) How to Buy a House (ACS) 1pm-3pm (FRP) CONUS Smooth Move Orientation (Teleconference, Every Tue) 1:30pm-2pm (RRP)
Nov 15	Wednesday	Briefer Training Course (ACS, Day 2) 9am-3pm (AFTB) Thrift Savings Plan (ACS) 10am-11am (FRP) Expectant Parent Workshop (ACS) 10am-11:30am (FAP) VMIS Volunteer Training (MS Teams) 10am-11am (AVC) OCONUS Smooth Move Orientation (Levy Brief @ SSC, Every Wed) 1pm-1:30pm (RRP)
Nov 16	Thursday	Soldier & Family Newcomers Orientation (ACS, Every Thu) 8:30am-1:30pm (RRP) VMIS Organization Point of Contact (OPOC) Training (MS Teams) 10am-11:30am (AVC)
Nov 17	Friday	Key Contact Training (Teleconference) 9am-10:30am (MD&SSO) Family Life: Keeping Your Cool When Things Get Heated (ACS) 9:30am-11:00am (FAP) Family Life: Co-Parenting (Session 2, ACS) 9:30am-11:30am (FAP)
Nov 21	Tuesday	Citizenship Class (ACS Every 1st & 3rd Tue) 10am-11:30am (RRP) VMIS Organization Point of Contact (OPOC) Training (ACS) 10am-11:30am (AVC) Play Morning (SKIES) 10:30am-12pm (NPSP) CONUS Smooth Move Orientation (Teleconference, Every Tue) 1:30pm-2pm (RRP)
Nov 22	Wednesday	OCONUS Smooth Move Orientation (Levy Brief @ SSC, Every Wed) 1pm-1:30pm (RRP) Informal Fund Custodian Training (Teleconference) 1pm-3pm (MD & SSO)
Nov 28	Tuesday	Play Morning (SKIES) 10:30am-12pm (NPSP) VMIS Organization Point of Contact (OPOC) Training (MS Teams) 1pm-2:30pm (AVC) CONUS Smooth Move Orientation (Teleconference, Every Tue) 1:30pm-2pm (RRP)
Nov 29	Wednesday	Soldier & Family Readiness Group (SFRG) Assistant Training (ACS) 9am-1:30pm (MD & SSO) OCONUS Smooth Move Orientation (Levy Brief @ SSC, Every Wed) 1pm-1:30pm (RRP)
Nov 30	Thursday	Soldier & Family Newcomers Orientation (ACS, Every Thu) 8:30am-1:30pm (RRP) Key Contact Training (Teleconference) 9am-10:30am (MD&SSO)

# Happenings Around ACS

**Fort Campbell Volunteer  
of the Quarter Nominees  
and Winners**

**Congratulations to our  
Volunteers of the Quarter  
for  
July, August, September**

**Ceremony  
18 October 2023  
at ACS**



**Thank you for all  
your hard work  
and dedication to  
our Fort Campbell  
Community!**



**ACS AFTB Company  
Commander & First Sergeant  
Spouse Course Attendees**



**1/33 CAV 3BCT  
Pre-Deployment Fair**



**ACS FAP provided prevention  
and educational outreach at  
Customs House Museum.**



**ACS Staff would like to wish  
everyone a Safe and Happy  
Thanksgiving!**



**ACS employees wore purple on  
Fridays to show support in  
bringing awareness to ending  
Domestic Violence.**



**ACS Staff sends a huge  
"Thank You" to our Veterans  
for their Service to our  
Country!**

