

IN "FRO" MATION AT A GLANCE

April/May 2014

APRIL

- ❑ **Jayne Wayne Day**; Covella Pond; April 4th; 0800-1530. See flyer on page 3.
- ❑ **Paws in the Park**; Covella Pond; April 5th; 0800 – 1400. FREE to the public. See flyer on page 4.
- ❑ **Lt. Dan Band**; Ft. Benning (Wetherby Field); April 5th; 1800 gates open/1900 show starts. FREE to Military.
- ❑ **Month of the Military Child Proclamation**; CDC; April 8th; 1000. Open to all Patrons.
- ❑ **Resume Writing Workshop**; Bldg 7122 (Library); April 9th; 0900-1130. FMI call 639.9122.
- ❑ **Welcome Aboard Brief & Bus Tour**; Bldg 7122 (Library) April 17th; 0900. FMI or to register call 639.5278.
- ❑ **MCCS Advisory Board Meeting**; SNCO Lounge; April 17th; 1130-1230. Open to ALL MCCS Patrons!
- ❑ **Monthly Family Readiness Lunch**; Wild Flour Café (Dawson Rd); April 24th; Time: 1100-order/1130-meeting. RSVP Req. at smblogcomfro@usmc.mil

MAY

- ❑ **Color the Grove 5K Run**; Downtown Albany; May 3rd; 1000; FMI or to register visit: www.Raceroster.com
- ❑ **Special Olympics Fundraiser Festival (SOFF)**; Downtown Leesburg; May 3rd; 1000-1500.
- ❑ **Movie on the Flint "Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2"**; Riverfront Park; May 9th; Sunset; FREE and Open to the public.
- ❑ **YMCA's Healthy Kids Day**; YMCA Sports Park; 1000 – 1400. FREE. Call 436.0531 FMI.
- ❑ **L.I.N.K.S. Mentor Meeting**; Lincoln Housing; May 15th; 1000-1130. Call 639.6171 FMI.
- ❑ **Welcome Aboard Brief & Bus Tour**; Bldg 7122 (Library); May 15th; 0900. FMI or to register call 639.5278.
- ❑ **School Tour with the SLO**; Location/Date/Time: TBD. FMI call Mrs. Perryman, SLO @ 639.7497

Events are subject to change. For the latest information visit: www.mccsalbany.com

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

- ❑ **03-19 Apr. - Photos with the Easter Bunny**; Albany Mall; 1000-2000. Small fee.
- ❑ **05 Apr. - Home Depot's Kids Workshop**; Home Depot Store; 0900 - 1200 **** FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ****
- ❑ **12 Apr. - Lowe's Kids Workshop**; Lowes Store; 1000 **** FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ****
- ❑ **19 Apr. - BFHS Bark in the Park & 5K Run**; Ag Pavillion in Sylvester; 0830. **** FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ****

Click logos for more information.



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Deployments are tough
Managing the emotions that come with deployment doesn't have to be.

Our FREE ebook helps you navigate the deployment life cycle as it unfolds.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 🌟 **Monthly Family Readiness Forum**; Apr. 24th (Thurs); 1100 –Order lunch/1130-start; Wild Flour Café.
- 🌟 **SMP Monthly Meeting**; 2nd Thurs; SMP Rec. Ctr; 1500 **** OPEN to ALL Single Marines/Sailors ****
- 🌟 **Combined Unit & Family Day**; May 30th; More information to follow.
- 🌟 **L.I.N.K.S. for Teens/Kids**; Summer Time; More information
- 🌟 **** No Family Readiness Forums in May/June ****





Fact Sheet

Military Spouse Career Advancement Account Scholarship — Helping Spouses Pursue Higher Education

The MyCAA Scholarship is a workforce development program that provides up to \$4,000 of tuition assistance to eligible military spouses. The scholarship helps military spouses pursue licenses, certificates, certifications or associate degrees necessary to gain employment in high demand, high growth portable career fields and occupations. Spouses may use their MyCAA funds at any academic institution approved for participation in the MyCAA Scholarship.

Fast Facts

MyCAA provides a maximum education benefit of \$4,000 with an annual fiscal year cap of \$2,000 to assist eligible military spouses who need professional credentials to meet their portable career goals. Annual cap waivers are available for licensure and certificate programs if there is an upfront tuition cost that exceeds \$2,000 (up to the maximum education benefit of \$4,000).

Who is eligible for the MyCAA Scholarship?

Spouses of service members on active duty in pay grades E-1 to E-5, W-1 to W-2 and O-1 to O-2 who can start and complete their coursework while their military sponsor is on Title 10 military orders, including spouses married to members of the National Guard and reserve component in these same pay grades.

Those who are *not* eligible include:

- Spouses married to service members in pay grades E-6 and above, W-3 and above and O-3 and above
- Spouses who are a member of the armed forces themselves currently on Title 10 orders
- Spouses who are married but legally separated (or under court order or statute of any state or U.S. territory) from a member of the armed forces on Title 10 orders
- Spouses whose National Guard/reserve component military sponsor is in a Warning Orders/Alert, Post Deployment/Demobilization or Transition Status
- Spouses married to a member of the Coast Guard
- Spouses who are unable to start and complete coursework while their military sponsor is on Title 10 orders

For more information visit, <https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa>.

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What will MyCAA pay for?

The MyCAA Scholarship pays tuition costs for education and training courses and examinations leading to an associate degree (excluding associate degrees in General Studies, Liberal Arts and Interdisciplinary Studies that do not have a concentration). The scholarship also covers the costs for obtaining a license, certificate or certification at an accredited college, university or technical school in the United States or approved testing organization that expands employment or portable career opportunities for military spouses.

MyCAA will NOT pay for the following:

- Tuition for courses and examinations not included in the spouse's Education and Training Plan and courses already started or completed by the spouse
- Reimbursements of any kind
- Books, supplies, equipment, uniforms, computers and electronic devices of any kind
- Student activities, events and entertainment
- Pre-payment/deposits for future courses, unless costs are part of a block of study
- School or college level entrance examinations, comprehensive exams and related preparatory courses
- Courses, tests or fees normally paid by an employer as part of a job training program
- Fees of any kind including, but not limited to, registration fees, technology fees, parking fees, etc.
- Non-academic credit or ungraded courses, including courses taken on an audit basis or as an internship, practicum, apprenticeship or clinical supervision; also, non-academic credit or ungraded orientation programs
- Courses taken more than one time, unless MyCAA has received a full refund from the school
- Academic credit by examination tests (CLEP)
- General studies, liberal arts and interdisciplinary associate degrees that do not have a concentration
- Personal enrichment courses (excluding academic credit/graded electives in an approved MyCAA Spouse Education and Training Plan)
- Transportation, lodging, child care and medical services
- Course extensions (except for approved hardship waivers)
- Study Abroad Programs (excluding programs of study offered by participating MyCAA schools on overseas military installations)
- Private licenses (For example, a private pilot's license would not be covered because it is for recreational use, but a commercial pilot's license would be covered because it would be used for an occupation.)
- High school completion programs, including online high school completion programs
- Continuing Education Credits to maintain a standing in a professional organization

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How to establish a MyCAA Account

Spouses can visit the MyCAA Spouse Portal online at <https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa> and provide the required Spouse Profile information. A real-time DEERS eligibility check will confirm if spouses meet MyCAA eligibility requirements. Once confirmed, spouses can move forward and establish a MyCAA Account. Those who do not pass this check will be provided additional guidance.

Where to get additional information or assistance



Call a SECO Career Counselor at
800-342-9647

If a spouse already has an established MyCAA Account, use the Message Box feature as the fastest way to receive information and assistance.



Counselors are available
Monday through Friday
7 a.m. to 10 p.m. EST

Saturday
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST

What about schools and organizations?

Schools interested in participating in the MyCAA Scholarship Program can call 888-256-9920 for assistance or visit the 'For Schools' resource page on the MyCAA Spouse Portal for program eligibility and participation information.

April

MONTH of the MILITARY CHILD

- April 2-3: Safe Sitter Certification Phoebe Putney Campus 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. *Registration required.*
- Tuesday, April 8: CDC Proclamation 10 a.m. Reception to follow
- Friday, April 11: CDC Kid's Parade 3 p.m. Reception to follow
- Tuesday, April 15: PURPLE UP! for military kids (wear purple in support)
- Thursday, April 17: CDC Egg Hunt 10-11 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 22: CDC Earth Day 10-11 a.m.
- Every Tuesday & Thursday: Play Morning Bldg. - 7104 Room 104 9-10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 22: YTC Summer Registration (AD & Current Members) 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Thursday, April 24: YTC Summer Registration (New & Expired Members) 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Family Care Branch

814 Radford Blvd
Bldg 7600 Ste 20311
Albany GA 31704

For more information call
229-639-5199



2014



CHEHAW

Native American Festival



April 11-13

Chehaw Park in Albany Ga

Special Event
Sponsors:
Colony Bank and Copelan Insurance

Tribal Dancers - Educational Demonstrations
Vendors & festival arena inside the Zoo
Tribute to animals native to the Southeast
Come spend the day...Zoo entrance included!

Friday is special Kids' Day, 9:30am-2:00pm; school rate is \$5.00 per child.
Saturday 9:30am-6:00pm & Sunday 9:30am-5:00pm
\$10.75 per adult, \$7.75 children 4-12, members \$1.00



www.Chehaw.org 229-430-5275



COME & EXPERIENCE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE IN THE MARINE CORPS...



Jayne WAYNE DAY

Activities Include:

- ★ O'Course
 - ★ McMAPP Demonstration
 - ★ Rappelling
 - ★ Shooting Range
- and much, much more!

APRIL 4, 2014 AT COVELLA POND 0800 (CHECK-IN) 0830 (START)

Registration **REQUIRED** by 15 March 2014 at
www.surveymonkey.com/s/2014jwd

FREE Childcare with pre-registration by calling
229-639-5765.

Open to ALL Spouses of Active Duty, Retired, Reservists and DoD Civilians within the local area. Must be 18+ years old*.

*Dependents of active duty that are 16+ may participate along with their parent.

Details will be emailed to all registered participants on 24 March and will be available on your unit's eMARINE page.

For more information, please contact:

HQ Co. East Deputy FRO:
SSgt Carriker, Jason
229-639-9204

MCLBA HQ Co. Deputy FRO:
Capt Jacobs, Justin
229-639-7024



Painting Party

at Oakland Library

Take home your very own masterpiece!

Receive step-by-step guidance to create your own painting.
Instructions and supplies are provided.
Come with friends or meet some new ones.



When:
Thursday, Apr. 3, 2014
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Where:
Coffee Shop Lobby
@ Oakland Library

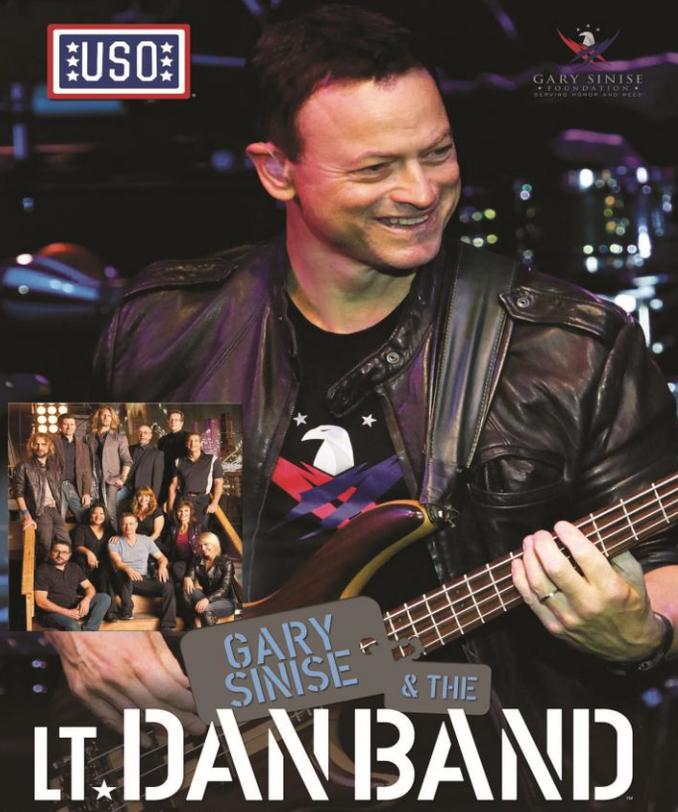
Who:
Beginners to Experienced
Ages High School and up

What:
We're painting a bunny!

Please bring:
Friends
Your own refreshments

Space is limited. Please register by Tuesday, April 1.
\$10 Supply fee due at registration.

For more information call 229-889-0300.
To register please visit Oakland Library.
Sponsored by Lee County Library



GARY SINISE & THE LT DAN BAND

Date:	Time:	Place:
April 5	Gates open at 6pm Show starts at 7pm	Wetherby Field

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Marine Corps Community Services Presents

Paws at the Park 2014



Bring your furry canine to socialize in a safe, off-leash environment.

The Albany Humane Society will be present for those interested in adopting a forever friend.

INFORMATIONAL BOOTHS AND LOTS OF COOL GIVE AWAYS

Fun for the whole Family

Participate in the Judging Contest For Best Dressed, Best Obedience and Best Trick!!! There will be 1st and 2nd Place awards on all three categories.



Food available for purchase-CASH ONLY!!

Everyone Must Sign a Hold Harmless Agreement at the M.C.C.S Booth.

April 5th, 2014
MCLB Albany GA
Crouch Field Ball Park
(across from Lifelong Learning & Career Development Center, Bldg 7222)
8 a.m.-1 p.m.

For more information
Call 229-639-5369.



In accordance with HCO 11000.22, the following breeds are prohibited on base: Pit Bulls, Rottweilers, canidog hybrids, or any canine breed with dominant traits of aggression that present an unreasonable risk to the health and safety of personnel. Ex: American Staffordshire Bulldog. For a complete list of Dog Park Rules, see mcsalban.com.

Marine Corps Exchange First Annual Spring Kids Fashion Show*

April 12, 2014
12-1 p.m.

Featured Marine Corps Exchange
Brand 1775

Fashion, style, beauty,
classy, cute, handsome.



*Located in the Children's Department





Daniels Cup TEAM CHALLENGE



April 16
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Boyett Park

Test your teamwork in these 3 events:

Tractor Tire Flip
Relay Race
Tote & Carry



5-member teams:

- At least ONE FEMALE
- All team members must be authorized patrons of the Fitness Center

Winner will display the Cup in their work area and defend it next year.

For more information 639-6234.

Deadline to sign up your team at

Daniel; Family Fitness; Center is; April 11.

MCLB ALBANY YOUTH/TEEN CENTER

**BLDG
9253**

**AGES
9-18**

WHEN?

SESSION A: May 19th-June 27th

SESSION B: June 30th-T.B.A

(Summer program will end according to Dougherty County School Calendar. 2014-2015 Calendar has not been released)

Closed on Federal Holidays

► Hours for trips and special activities may vary please refer to monthly calendar and marketing

SUMMER 2014

REGISTRATION INFO

**\$25 NON REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE
REQUIRED PER SESSION PER CHILD**

(Cash, Money Order, or Check)

Active Duty & Current Members
Tuesday April 22nd 11:00 am- 5:00 pm

Expired & New Members - Thursday April 24th 2:30-5:30

*****Space is Limited*****

For more information contact: Michelle Ramos
Phone: 639-8470 Email: ramosmic@usmc-mccs.org

Operation Safe & Sound at Home

Hosted by Marine Corps Family Team Building Family Readiness

Learn what to do during weather, fire, medical and personal safety events so you and your family can be protected and prepared to be *Safe and Sound at Home!*

Available to active duty service members and their families on April 22 from 9-11 a.m. at the Base Conference Center.

Call 639-6171 for more information. Childcare is free and available at the CDC. Call 639-5765 to reserve a spot.



You Auto Know ...



How to change a flat tire and keep your vehicle running?!

**Come to our Auto Skills Center
On April 29th from 1 - 2:30 p.m.
and learn how!**

**Open to active duty and spouses.
Call 639-6171 to register. Childcare free and
available at the CDC. Call 639-5765 to reserve a spot.**

Georgia National Guard State Youth Program
Celebrating the Month of the Military Child



**WEEKEND
YOUTH CAMP**



**CAMP COST: \$15.00 (checks payable to Georgia 4-H Foundation)
DATES: April 25-27, 2014
LOCATION: Fortson 4-H Center, Hampton, GA**

*****Applications Due: Friday, April 4, 2014*****

Register: www.GeorgiaGuardFamilyProgram.org/YOUTH

Info: Kara Coleman at Kara.b.coleman2.nfg@mail.mil or 678-569-5860.
Brian Stone at stonebe@uga.edu or 706-542-4444.



**REGISTER
TODAY!
**CLICK
HERE****



COLOR THE GROVE 5K

FLINT RIVER QUARIUM FLINT RIVER QUARIUM DARTON DARTON STATE COLLEGE

**MAY 3, 2014
DOWNTOWN ALBANY**

Start time: 10 a.m.

**PRE-REGISTER AT RACE-ROSTER.COM
DAY OF EVENT: 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**

**PRE-REGISTRATION PACKET PICK-UP
Friday, May 2, 2014: 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Albany CVB - 112 N. Front Street**

GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL RATES:
\$30 per individual entry until April 30th
After April 30th - \$35/person
Group rates: 4 per group - \$100 until April 30th
No group rates after April 30th



RAIN OR SHINE - NO REFUNDS
Proceeds to benefit Flint Riverquarium and Darton Athletics

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