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# **Transition, Education, Personal Finance, Family Member Employment, and Library RESOURCE GUIDE**

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# MCB Camp Pendleton Marine & Family Programs

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Welcome to the Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Pendleton, Marine and Family Programs, Personal and Professional Development Team. We are here to support your development and transition. Our services are provided to save you time and money, and most importantly support your successful transition. Please utilize these valuable services. If you have any questions, feel free to call our main line at (760) 725-9790.

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### TRANSITION READINESS PROGRAM

Transition Readiness Program (TRP) provides you and your family with the transition resources and tools needed to reach your personal goals and includes a standardized core curriculum.

#### Transition Readiness Seminar

**Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS) is a core requirement to your transition, mandated by the Department of Defense (DoD). It is required to prepare you for a successful transition. Please follow the process below.**

Keep in mind that there is a lot to consider when transitioning, so please start step 1 early.

- Retirees may attend the Initial Counseling and Pre-Separation Brief up to 24 months prior to EAS but must do so no later than 12 months from EAS.
- Separates may complete these two components, the Initial Counseling and Pre-Separation Brief, up to 18 months prior to EAS but must do so no later than 12 months from EAS.

#### **TRS Process**

##### **1) Initial Counseling and Pre-Separation Brief**

The first step is to schedule an Initial Counseling appointment. Here you will meet with a TRS Advisor to discuss your transitional goals, receive relevant resource referral, and review options for supplemental workshops and services. Then you will attend a short Pre-Separation Brief to learn more about resources. Pre-work is required and must be completed prior to attending your Initial Counseling. To schedule an appointment, visit [Transition Readiness Program - Camp Pendleton Events | Eventbrite](#) or use the QR code below to obtain pre-work instructions, please visit <https://pendleton.usmc-mccs.org/marine-family-support/transition-readiness-program>.

##### **2) Transition Readiness Seminar**

The next step is to register for the Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS). TRS is a 5-day group training course, where you will learn about the DoD Career Readiness Standards requirements. This seminar will provide you with the tools and resources necessary to complete these DoD Career Readiness Standards, and it will offer you additional valuable information to ensure you are prepared for your transition from military to civilian life. You will explore topics such as employment, VA benefits, financial planning, transition resources, etc. Spouses are encouraged to attend. To register, please contact your Unit Transition Coordinator (UTC).

##### **3) Capstone Review**

After completing TRS and completing your DoD Career Readiness Standards (CRS), schedule a Capstone Review. A Capstone Review is a meeting with a TRS Advisor where you will bring your completed CRS packet for review. The TRS Advisor will update your DD eForm 2648, you will then login to your eForm and electronically sign (approving), and then the TRS Advisor will forward the eForm to your command. To schedule a Capstone Review appointment, visit [Transition Readiness Program - Camp Pendleton Events | Eventbrite](#) or use the QR code below. Please schedule early as spots fill up quickly.

For additional TRS information, call (760) 725-6638 or email [CPTRSPRS@usmc.mil](mailto:CPTRSPRS@usmc.mil) or visit the TRS website at <https://pendleton.usmc-mccs.org/marine-family-support/transition-readiness-program>.



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## TRANSITION READINESS PROGRAM

### SkillBridge Program

A valuable service provided by our Transition Readiness Program is the Department of Defense (DoD) SkillBridge Program. SkillBridge provides eligible service members with job training and career development to acquire skills, knowledge, and abilities to assist them with job opportunities in the civilian sector. The opportunities must offer a high probability of post-service employment and offer enrollment at no cost or minimal cost to eligible service members.

#### **Types of Opportunities**

- Apprenticeship/Pre-Apprenticeship programs
- Employment Skills Training (EST) or On the Job Training (OJT)
- Internships
- Job shadowing

If you are attached to a Marine Corps unit on Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Pendleton, you will start the process with MCB Camp Pendleton's SkillBridge Program office. We are located at the Marine and Family Programs Headquarters (M&FP HQ), building 13150, room 311, and can be reached at (760)763-3429 or (760)763-6738 or [CPSDP@usmc.mil](mailto:CPSDP@usmc.mil).

### Mandatory SkillBridge Brief

Camp Pendleton's SkillBridge Program offers monthly briefs for you to learn about the program. No registration needed.

#### **Mandatory SkillBridge Briefs: Mainside, Bldg 1339, Leatherneck Lanes, Classroom 4**

Come learn about the DoD SkillBridge Program, the different courses, eligibility, and application procedure. Brief held every Friday from 11:00 am until approximately 12:30 pm at Bldg 1339, Leatherneck Lanes.

#### **Mandatory SkillBridge Brief: SOI Building 520512**

Come learn about the DoD SkillBridge Program, the different courses, eligibility, and application procedure. Brief held the 2nd Thursday of every month from 11:30 am until approximately 12:30 pm at SOI on Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14, Jun 11, July 9, Aug 13, Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10.

It is vital that you start your research early as it takes time to investigate, inquiry, and get accepted into a DoD SkillBridge Program. There are over 3,700 SkillBridge organization and growing each day. For a list of authorized organizations please visit <https://skillbridge.osd.mil>.

For additional information including authorized timeline please visit TRS website at:

<https://pendleton.usmc-mccs.org/marine-family-support/transition-readiness-program/skillbridge>

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## TRANSITION READINESS PROGRAM

### Computer Lab and Career Specialists

The Career Center offers computer labs, employment resources, resume workshops, and career coaching to aid you and your family members in career planning and job search endeavors. The Career Center is located at, Marine and Family Program Headquarters (M&FP HQ) Career Center, building 13150, third Floor, room 308 is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 am until 4:30 pm. The labs are equipped with computers with WI-FI and internet capabilities plus printers for your career activities. Career Specialists are available to guide you in your career planning needs. They can assist you with career planning, job search strategies, resume development, interview support, and pertinent resources. In addition, they offer both group resume workshops and individual career coaching to prepare you for lucrative employment and to aid you in applying to meaningful SkillBridge Programs. For more information, call (760) 725-4199 or email [CPCS@usmc.mil](mailto:CPCS@usmc.mil).

The Career Centers provides comprehensive information and resources including:

1. Resource Libraries
2. Job Announcements and Job Search Assistance
3. Computers, Internet, Printers, and Copiers
4. Special Employer Event Information
5. Individual Career Coaching and Resume Review
6. Resume Development Workshops

### Individual Career Coaching

If you would like one-on-one support with career coaching, resume development and review, or job search assistance, please call (760) 725-4199 or email [CPCS@usmc.mil](mailto:CPCS@usmc.mil) to schedule an appointment with a Career Specialist.

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## TRANSITION READINESS PROGRAM

### 2026 Large Career Fairs

Many companies value military talent and are looking to hire you. Come meet these veteran friendly employers and learn what career or training opportunities exist, plus network with key resource providers.

We encourage you to dress for success and attend as many events as possible. Bring copies of your resume and practice introducing yourself. Learn how to spark interest and challenge yourself to get at least three company follow-up meetings. The more you speak to these recruiters, the more comfortable, confident, and knowledgeable you become. Plus, this can lead to an immediate job interview or to finding the perfect career program.

All events are held at the Pacific Views Event Center with food and beverages provided. Please register to receive updated event information and to help us properly prepare. To register, please visit <https://PPRCP.eventbrite.com>.

**March 26 Spring Career Exploration & Hiring Event**

This event highlights local and national employers and resources who are ready to hire you and support your transition.

**June 3 First Responders Hiring Event (Camp Horno)**

A targeted event where Federal, State, and Local law enforcement and public safety employers share about their agencies and how to get a foot in the door!

**June 4 First Responders Hiring Event (Pacific Views Event Center)**

A targeted event where Federal, State, and Local law enforcement and public safety employers share about their agencies and how to get a foot in the door!

**Sep 24 Fall Career Exploration & Hiring Event**

This event highlights local and national employers and resources who are ready to hire you and support your transition.

### Mini Career Fairs

Each Friday from January 9, 2026, through October 30, 2026, when TRS is in session (no holiday weeks), a one-hour mini-career fair, 11:30 am until 12:30 pm, is held on the grassy area just outside the TRS Training Facility (Leatherneck Lanes), building 1339. Veteran friendly companies attend. These fairs provide you with the opportunity to network and learn about employment and training opportunities, plus offer you a chance to get comfortable speaking about yourself and your career goals. No registration necessary. This is open to all!

**Weekly Career Fair Fridays**

Come attend our Friday mini-career fairs, building 1339 (Leatherneck Lanes) from 11:30 am until 12:30 pm and meet veteran friendly companies who are looking to hire or train you.

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## TRANSITION READINESS PROGRAM

### Individual Company Events and Hot Jobs

Civilian employers, Federal departments, and Law Enforcement agencies knock on our doors every day looking to hire military personnel! To connect you to these veteran friendly employers, individual company events are created. These stand-alone events are typically held at the TRS Training Facility, building 1339 (Leatherneck Lanes), starting at 4 pm.

#### **Individual Company Hiring Events**

Employers with immediate job openings come to discuss their business, their industry, and their job openings. Some schedule interviews to qualified candidates and some companies even hire-on-the-spot. This is not only a great way to get hired, but a great way to learn about different companies, cultures, and careers. Visit <https://PPRCP.eventbrite.com> to view and register for upcoming events.

#### **Federal Agencies Information and Hiring Events**

Federal Agencies come to share about their agency, various employment opportunities, and detail their hiring process. These agencies typically have a meticulous application process, so come and learn what it takes to stay employed in a Federal Government Agency. Visit <https://PPRCP.eventbrite.com> to view and register for events.

#### **Law Enforcement Briefs and Examinations**

If you are considering a career in law enforcement, this is a great opportunity to learn about City, County, or State law enforcement employment. These Law Enforcement agencies provide individual briefs and/or testing. Some offer a written examination, some offer the physical examination, and some offer both. Email [Bruce.L.Carroll@usmc.mil](mailto:Bruce.L.Carroll@usmc.mil) for inclusion on the distribution list and you will receive periodic email updates.

#### **Hot Jobs – Immediate Hiring Opportunities**

Companies constantly send us HOT JOBS, so if you are seeking immediate employment these opportunities will be emailed to all those who sign up on the distribution list. Email [Bruce.L.Carroll@usmc.mil](mailto:Bruce.L.Carroll@usmc.mil) for inclusion on the distribution list.

### Optional Transition Seminar

**2026 California Military Benefits Brief** sponsored by California Transition Assistance Program (CalTAP)

If you are residing in or planning to reside in California after separation, this seminar will connect you and your family with California specific veteran resources to ensure success. Topics include veteran benefits, education, employment, home loans, and entrepreneurship. Program held at the TRS Training Facility, building 1339 (Leatherneck Lanes), from 8 am until 12 noon on Jan 20, May 26, Sept 8 and Oct 13. Business casual attire or uniform of the day is acceptable. To register, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/d/ca--oceanside/caltap/?mode=search&q=caltap&page=1&hash=16d9c24b1b8824bd1791edfa0530c6e5> or use the QR code below



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## PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Personal Financial Management Program (PFMP) emphasizes building strong money habits to achieve a lifetime of financial well-being. Our financial management team helps you build money management skills to avoid many of the mistakes that lead to lifelong money struggles. Services include individual and couples financial counseling, financial classes, and referrals.

### Individual and Couples Financial Counseling

To schedule an appointment, email [cppfm@usmc.mil](mailto:cppfm@usmc.mil) or call the office at (760)725-6098 or (760) 725-9478 or call mobile phone at (760) 829-0105 or (760) 829-0245. The PFMP is located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Marine & Family Programs Headquarters building 13150.

### Financial Management Classes

Registration not required. Classes for all eligible patrons are held in-person at Frontwave Credit Union, building 1105 (across from the base theater).

**Developing a Spending Plan:** This class provides guidance on how to develop a written budget that notes current and future expense. It also emphasizes the importance of savings and explains financial ratios to live by. Classes are offered monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday from 9-10am.

**Money and Marriage:** Valuable planning information for couples and individuals who are preparing for marriage or already married. This class will provide important financial topics to discuss in a healthy and productive manner. Classes are offered monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday from 10-11am.

**Thrift Savings Plan: Continuation Pay & Vesting in TSP:** The Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) and the Blended Retirement System (BRS) are defined contribution plans for uniformed services. Whether you are making the military a career or not, this is a retirement plan available for you. Classes are offered monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday from 1- 2pm.

**VA Home Loans:** This course will increase your knowledge and comfort level of buying a home, whether you are a first-time buyer or not. Classes are offered quarterly from 10am - 12 noon: 5 Feb, 7 May, 6 Aug, 5 Nov.

**\*Personal Readiness Seminar (PRS):** PRS provides an overview of resources available for continuing education, career development, and personal financial management. Per MARADMIN 346/20, Marines (Officers and Enlisted) are required to attend PRS within 90 days of arriving to their first permanent duty station. Classes are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month from 9am-4:30pm.

For financial information and resources, visit the PFMP website at [www.mccsCP.com/money](http://www.mccsCP.com/money).



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### BASE EDUCATION CENTER

The Base Education Center (BEC) provides personal and professional learning opportunities through education counseling, military and civilian testing, education workshops and briefs, on-base college classes, tuition assistance, administrative support, and world-class customer service. There are five higher education institutions aboard the base that provide academic programs from associate to master's degrees. In addition, students have options to seek programs with many other DoD partnered institutions.

Services include:

1. Tuition Assistance
2. Academic Advising
3. Education and Interest Assessment
4. Military Classification and Civilian Testing including AFCT, CLEP, DSST, DLAB, DLPT, and OPI.
5. GI Bill Application Assistance and Financial Aid Application Assistance
6. Leadership Scholar Program
7. Academic Skills Program
8. Marine Corps Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (MCCOOL)
9. United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP)
10. MyCAA assistance

Three locations:

1. Mainside Base Education Office, Bldg. 13150, (760) 725-6660 or (760) 725-6414
2. School of Infantry Base Education Center, Bldg. 520512, (760) 725-0606
3. On-base schools and Academic Skills Program, Bldg. 1331

### Academic Advising

The Base Education Center (BEC) has education advisors who offer academic guidance to you and your family members who want assistance in preparing for college. Counseling appointments are one hour in length and are available at both locations. To schedule an individual appointment with an education advisor, please email [CPEC@usmc.mil](mailto:CPEC@usmc.mil) or call (760) 725-6660 / 6414 or (760) 725-0606.

### Academic Skills Program

The Camp Pendleton Base Education Center (BEC) and Palomar College have teamed up to provide a 30-day PTAD Academic Skills Program. This valuable program focuses on helping you improve both English and Math skills; two skills that are extremely necessary to increase your competitiveness in today's military and civilian job markets! Program is open to military spouses and dependents too. Classes are limited to 20 students per session and are held at the BEC, building 1331, Monday thru Friday, from 7:30 am until 4:00 pm for four weeks. The Academic Skills Program is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED for all active-duty military students who want to use tuition assistance for the first time but have a GT of 99 or below. This non-credit class is open to the public, but priority and guaranteed admission are given to active-duty service members with those holding a GT score of 99 or less. For more information, please email [CPEC@usmc.mil](mailto:CPEC@usmc.mil) or call (760) 725-6660.

**Session dates: 12 Jan-6 Feb, 23 Feb-20 Mar, 20 Apr-15 May, 13 Jul-7 Aug, 24 Aug-18 Sept, 28 Sept-23 Oct.**

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## BASE EDUCATION CENTER

### Tuition Assistance Briefs

Tuition Assistance is a Marine Corps financial assistance program that helps cover the cost of tuition. It can be used for courses taken at an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical institution leading to certificates, associate's, bachelor's, or master's degrees. Tuition Assistance Briefs are offered most Mondays and Wednesdays from 1130 - 1230 at the Base Education Center Mainside and most Tuesdays at 1000 – 1100 and Wednesdays from 1400 – 1500 at the School of Infantry (SOI) location. Class schedule is subject to change, please visit the BEC website at <https://pendleton.usmc-mccs.org/marine-family-support/education/voluntary-education> to confirm dates or contact Base Education Center at (760) 725-6660. No registration is required.

### 2026 Educational Events

The Base Education Center hosts several events per year. For more information, please email [CPEC@usmc.mil](mailto:CPEC@usmc.mil), call (760) 725-6660 / 6414, or visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/mccseducationcenter>.

### Small-scale events:

**MyCAA Monday:** MyCAA Mondays are designed for military spouses interested in advancing their education and career goals through the My Career Advancement Account (MyCAA) Scholarship program. This session will walk military spouses through the essentials of the scholarship, from eligibility and approved programs to the application process. Attendees will gain a clear understanding of how to use MyCAA to pursue certifications, credentials, and career training in fields that offer stability and growth. Bring your questions and leave with the knowledge and confidence to take the next step in your professional journey. Classes offered every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday from 9:30 - 10:30am.

**Lunch and Learn:** Lunch and Learn sessions support service members, veterans, and military spouses interested in specific educational paths and breaking into new career fields. Over lunch, participants will explore a variety of industries, discover transferable skills, and learn practical strategies for entering different professions. The session will highlight educational resources, certification programs, and networking opportunities that can help the military community successfully transition and thrive in diverse career paths. Registration preferred.

**Session dates are as follow: 11 Feb, 19 Feb, 2 Mar, 19 Mar, 9 Apr, 23 Apr, 7 May, 28 May, 16 July, 6 Aug.**

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## Large-scale events:

### **24-25 Jun MCB Camp Pendleton Summer Education Fair (24 Jun Mainside & 25 Jun SOI)**

The MCB Camp Pendleton Summer Education Fair is a community-centered event designed to connect military families with valuable educational resources, programs, and opportunities. This fair brings colleges, universities, vocational programs, and support services to provide guidance on academic pathways, scholarships, financial aid, and career development. No registration necessary.

### **11 Sept MCB Camp Pendleton Commencement Ceremony**

The MCB Camp Pendleton Commencement Ceremony recognizes the accomplishment of students who have successfully completed the graduation requirements for an associate's, bachelor's or master's degree. Registration required.

### **16 Oct MCB Camp Pendleton College Fair**

Two and four-year higher education institutions from across the country come to this event to connect with you and your family members! If you are considering higher education or if you are continuing your education, this is a great opportunity to meet with many school representatives to learn about their programs and services. Event will be held at the Pacific Views Event Center. No registration necessary.

### **16 Oct Leadership Scholar Program Forum (LSP)**

The LSP Forum connects qualified Marines with 50 four-year, not-for-profit colleges and universities across the nation. This program provides assistance in the admissions process for Marines who qualify. Come learn what it takes to attend one of these schools! No registration necessary.

## On-Base Institutions:

There are five on-base colleges and universities that offer associate, bachelor, and master's degrees.

### **2-year schools (General Education, AA/AS degrees):**

Central Texas Community College  
Palomar College

### **4-year schools (BA/BS and master's degrees)**

Embry-RiddleUniversity  
National University  
Park University

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## FAMILY MEMBER EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

**FMEAP supports military spouses and dependents in building essential career skills to successfully search for, apply to, and secure employment.** The program offers resources for education, certifications, no-cost training, and spouse licensure reimbursement. Services include guidance on labor market trends, employer targeting, resume development, strategic job search and branding, interview and salary negotiation techniques, leveraging volunteer experience, and using Spouse Preference on federal applications. Active Duty Service Members may attend all workshops and events.

### Individual Career Coaching

FMEAP provides virtual or in-person individual assistance with career development, assessment, and career coaching. For appointments call (760) 829-0305 or email [CPFMEAP@usmc.mil](mailto:CPFMEAP@usmc.mil).

Virtual Career Workshops - Register for Workshops at <https://PPRCP.eventbrite.com>

### Competitive Edge Resume Leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI):

Learn how to leverage the power of (AI) to create a resume that stands out and increases your chances of landing interviews. Maximize your time and understand how to "market" your skills on your resume and target what companies' value, bridge resume gaps, and create accomplishments that shine.

**Morning Sessions: 9:00am-11:00am** on Jan 7, Mar 4, May 6, Jul 1, Sep 2, and Nov 4

**Afternoon Sessions: 1:30pm-3:30pm** on Feb 4, Apr 1, Jun 3, Aug 5, Oct 7.

### Nail the Interview & Fearless Salary Negotiations Workshop:

Learn how to effectively answer questions, "sell yourself", and understand employer buying motivators. Salary Negotiations give you a clear strategy and the tools you need to confidently maximize your salary and negotiate.

**Morning Sessions: 9:00am-11:00am** on Jan 14, Mar 11, May 13, Jul 8, Sep 16, and Nov 18

**Afternoon Sessions: 1:30pm-3:30pm** on Feb 11, Apr 8, Jun 10, Aug 12, Oct 21.

### Spouse Transition and Readiness Seminar (STARS) Workshop:

**Is your spouse separating or retiring?** Are you prepared for Life beyond the military? Learn tips and resources to assist you and your spouse in transition. Topics include Effects of a Career Change, Benefits and Entitlements, Education and Career Programs, Financial Considerations, and Relocation and Transition Program Overview.

**Sessions: 9:00am-12:30 pm** | Feb 25, Apr 15, Jun 17, Aug 19, Oct 28, Dec 2.

### Leverage LinkedIn & Strategic Job Search:

**Are recruiters finding you on LinkedIn — or are you invisible?** 98% of recruiters use LinkedIn. If you're not actively shaping your presence, you might be missing out. Learn how to harness LinkedIn's full potential to build your professional brand, expand your network, and take control of your job search with purpose and strategy.

**Sessions: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm** | Mar 18th | May 20th | Jul 22nd | Sep 23rd

MilSpouse Career & Hiring Symposium May 14, 2026 | Career Symposium 9 am - 1230 pm | Hiring Event 12:30 - 2:30 pm in honor of Military Spouse Appreciation month. **For more information visit the FMEAP website at** [www.mccsCP.com/familyjobs](http://www.mccsCP.com/familyjobs)



Scan QR Code for Job Leads and Resources

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### LIBRARY

The MCB Libraries maintain a collection of print, audio-visual, early literacy programs, and electronic resources for educational, informational, and recreational pursuits. Computers and free Wi-Fi available at all branches. A variety of programs are offered for children, teens, and adults. Plus, a CreateSpace is available offering 3D printers, crafts, a laser engraver, and more. Resources and services are available to Marines and family members of all ages.

### Locations

There are three libraries aboard Camp Pendleton which include the Patrick J. Carney Library, Pacific Views Library, Seaside Square Library, plus a bookmobile and a CreateSpace. Library services are also available at MCLB Barstow.

Patrick J. Carney Library	Building 1146	(760) 725-5104
Pacific Views Library	Building 202860	(760) 725-2032
Seaside Square Library	Building 51093	(760) 390-4966
Bookmobile	Mobile	(760) 509-5359
CreateSpace	Building 202860	(760) 725-2532
Barstow Library	Building 218	(760) 577-6395

### In-Person and Digital Library Services

The libraries offer a variety of in-person hands-on resources and materials to enhance personal and professional learning for all ages. In addition, the Navy MWR Digital Library is full of electronic resources available through our website. Library services include:

1. CAC-enabled computers and WI-FI, copying, faxing, and scanning services
2. Books, references, and research assistance
3. Videogames and consoles, movies, and TV shows
4. Storytimes and other monthly programs for children, teens, and adults
5. Online books, magazines, journals, news sources, and research databases
6. Language learning and Universal Class Online Courses with over 500 free learn at your own pace courses
7. Continuing education course for personal and professional development, online tutoring, plus more
8. Career resources and test preparation with practice tests and study guides for SAT, ACT, GRE, CLEP, and more

### Welcome to the Library Tour Monthly Brief

Come attend an informative one-hour hands-on library tour detailing all the services available. You will explore what the library offers in its physical and digital spaces, learn about various programs, and walk away with so much information on how to utilize these valuable resources. Briefs rotate between library locations monthly. Please call (760) 725-5104 to reserve your spot as space is limited. All ages invited!

### CreateSpace

Located within the Pacific Views Library, building 202860, is our CreateSpace. The CreateSpace is a collaborative workspace, for patrons of all ages to learn, explore, design, and invent creative projects. The CreateSpace offers a variety of resources to learn, craft, and create. Resources available range from 3D printers and laser engravers to robotics and craft supplies. For ages 5 and up. Ages 5-9 need adult supervision. To learn more about our classes and innovation time please email [CreateSpacePEN@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:CreateSpacePEN@usmc-mccs.org) or call (760) 725-2532.

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## LIBRARY

### Commandant's Professional Reading List (CPRL)

The CPRL represents books pertinent for your professional development and critical thinking. The CPRL is arranged into two sections: "Commandants Choice" and "Grade Levels." Each Marine shall read a minimum of five books each year. The Grade Level titles are separated into five levels for both enlisted Marines and officers. These levels coincide with specific ranks and Marines should attempt to read all titles within their level prior to proceeding to a higher level. In addition to the reading list, you are highly encouraged to incorporate periodicals into your reading regimens. Scholarly and professionally oriented articles foster innovation, PME development, critical study of the profession of arms, and serious discussion regarding topics of interest to the Marine Corps. Professional publications inform debate on current, topical issues of relevance to the Marine Corps and promote intellectual growth of the individual Marine. To access the list, please visit our website [www.mccsCP.com/libraries](http://www.mccsCP.com/libraries).

### Monthly Library Programs

The libraries offer events throughout the year for all ages. Please call any library for monthly calendar of events.

- **Adult and Kid Watercolor and Sketch On! Workshops**, take home kits for all ages.
- **Storytimes** for ages 0-6
- **Baby Stay and Play** for ages 0-2
- **Brick Builders** for all ages
- **Movie Matinee** for all ages
- **Readers Social Club** for 18+
- **Teen Anime Club** for high school students, ages 13-18 (or still in high school)
- **Seaside Square Library 3D Printing Workshop** 5+

### 2026 Library Special Events

The library hosts an abundance of education, informational, recreational, and fun events for all ages.

Feb 27	For all ages	Rise & Read Read-a-thon
March 9-13	For ages 4-12; Take Home Kits	Spring Take Home Kit
Apr 13-17	For ages 4-12; Take Home Kits	Month of the Military Child Take Home Kit
May 4-8	For ages 3-18; Take Home Kits	Teen Thrive Take Home Kit
June 1 - July 25	For all ages	Summer Reading Program
June 6-10	For ages 4-12; Take Home Kits	Summer Take Home Kit
Sept 7-11	For ages 4-12; Take Home Kits	Fall Take Home Kit
Oct 27, 28	For all ages	Halloween Bash
Dec 1	For all ages	Winter Wonderland Workshop
Dec 7-11	For ages 4-12; Take Home Kits	Winter Take Home Kit



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## VETERAN RESOURCES

### VA Disability Claims Information

You may apply for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Disability Compensation benefit between 180 to 90 days prior to your separation date. You must have a firm fixed date of separation to have your records reviewed. If you are pending administrative separation, you must have your 5 or 10-day letter. You will also need to be available for 45 days from the date your claim is submitted so you can attend VA exams. This timeframe permits the VA to schedule exams, review service treatment records, and evaluate the claim before you separate allowing the VA to deliver a decision as soon as possible.

There are three organizations that provide disability claims filing support as noted below:

**1) Disabled American Veterans (DAV)**

Located in the M&FP HQ, building 13150, room 220; (760) 725-9482. Please schedule an appointment by emailing Angela Watson at [vbasdcptso@va.gov](mailto:vbasdcptso@va.gov).

**2) Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)**

Located in the TRS Training Facility, building 1101, room 7; (760) 405-4345. Please schedule an appointment by emailing Donna Foy [bwilson@vfw.org](mailto:bwilson@vfw.org).

**3) U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)**

Located in the M&FP HQ, building 13150, second floor. Walk-in appointment available from 8:00 am until 2:30 pm, Monday through Friday, second floor lobby. Handouts listing the requirements to file a VA Claim are available in the lobby. For questions, email all VA Representatives including [Jerrand.Carr@va.gov](mailto:Jerrand.Carr@va.gov), [Dorothy.Haney2@va.gov](mailto:Dorothy.Haney2@va.gov), [Timothy.Sellers@va.gov](mailto:Timothy.Sellers@va.gov), [jesse.panis@va.gov](mailto:jesse.panis@va.gov) and [Michael.villalpando@va.gov](mailto:Michael.villalpando@va.gov).

### VA Benefits Advisors

Offices are located at the Transition Readiness Program Training Facilities, building 1101 and 1339 and are open from 8 am until 4 pm. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Benefits Advisors are available to assist you in understanding and accessing your VA benefits, including disability and compensation, VA health care, education and career benefits, insurance, home loan guaranty, veteran pension, state and local resources, and more! Feel free to email any Advisor to schedule an appointment or simply walk-in to get support. [Gary.Horn@vatap.calibresys.com](mailto:Gary.Horn@vatap.calibresys.com), [C.Garcia@vatap.calibresys.com](mailto:C.Garcia@vatap.calibresys.com), [Alan.Tirol@vatap.calibresys.com](mailto:Alan.Tirol@vatap.calibresys.com), [Mark.Opperman@vatap.calibresys.com](mailto:Mark.Opperman@vatap.calibresys.com), [Neil.Baylard@vatap.calibresys.com](mailto:Neil.Baylard@vatap.calibresys.com), [Lillian.Dickerman@vatap.calibresys.com](mailto:Lillian.Dickerman@vatap.calibresys.com), [Kynan.Henderson@vatap.calibresys.com](mailto:Kynan.Henderson@vatap.calibresys.com), [Tristian.Biggs@vatap.calibresys.com](mailto:Tristian.Biggs@vatap.calibresys.com).

### U.S. Marine Network and Additional Job Opportunities

- Marine for Life**, building 13150, room 207; [www.marineforlife.org](http://www.marineforlife.org)  
For assistance, please contact Jamal Brown at (619) 663-7323 or [Jamal.Brown@usmc.mil](mailto:Jamal.Brown@usmc.mil).
- Marine 2 Guard**, building 13150, room 225; [Army National Guard - Marine to Guard](#)

For assistance, please contact: SFC Uroza (571) 309-5395 or SFC Garcia (620) 640-1887.