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**Transition, Education, Personal Finance,
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RESOURCE GUIDE

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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.

4 Step 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](#) and to obtain pre-work instructions, please visit <https://pendleton.usmc-mccs.org/marine-family-support/transition-readiness-program>.

2) Transition Readiness Seminar

The second 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](#). Please schedule early as spots fill up quickly.

4) Capstone

Finally, schedule your Capstone Meeting with your Commanding Officer (CO) as per your command's direction. Here your CO will review your Career Readiness Standards and sign the DD eForm 2648. A completed signed DD eForm 2648 is required to receive your DD214, your official document identifying your separation from service.

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

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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.

Monthly SkillBridge Brief

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

Monthly SkillBridge Briefs: Mainside Theatre

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

Monthly 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 9, Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8, Jun 12, July 10, Aug 14, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 20, Dec 11.

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 4,900 SkillBridge organization and growing each day. For a list of authorized organizations please visit <https://skillbridge.osd.mil>.

When inquiring to various SkillBridge Programs, remember they are seeking future employees, so please approach them with professionalism. In essence, you are applying for employment.

Note: The following indicates the maximum amount of time before your actual separation or retirement date that you can begin the program, pending the required approval from the appropriate authority.

- **Category I (E1-E5):** up to 120 days, requires approval from Commanders at the grade of O5 or above.

Category II (E6-E7, WO-CWO3, O1-O4): up to 90 days, requires approval from Commanders at the grade of O5 or above.

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- **Category III (E8-E9, W4-W5, O5 and above):** up to 90 days or less, requires General Officer approval and Marine's SkillBridge participation must not result in a gapped billet.

For more information, visit the TRS website at

TRS website at <https://pendleton.usmc-mccs.org/marine-family-support/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 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

The Career Center has two locations.

- 1) 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.
- 2) Transition Readiness Program Facility, building 1339 (Leatherneck Lanes), is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am until 4:00 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.

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 to schedule an appointment with a Career Specialist.

Resume Workshops

Corporate Resume Drafting Workshop

All-day in-person lecture and lab. This workshop covers researching job announcements, drafting a basic resume, translating military skills, branding LinkedIn, and improving interviewing and networking skills. Offered monthly on Tuesday from 9 am until 3 pm on Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18, Apr 22, May 20, Jun 10, Jul 22, Aug 19, Sep 23, Oct 21, Nov 18 and Dec 16, at M&FP HQ, building 13150, classroom 3. To save a seat, send an email to CPCS@usmc.mil or feel free to simply walk-in.

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Federal Resume and Hiring Process Workshop

All-day in-person lecture and lab. This workshop will help you learn how to complete a federal resume. It covers understanding the block format and leveraging core competencies and accomplishments, as well as evaluating job announcements and keywords. Offered monthly on Thursday from 9 am until 3 pm on Jan 23, Feb 20, Mar 20, Apr 24, May 22, Jun 12, Jul 24, Aug 21, Sep 25, Oct 23, Nov 20 and Dec 18, at M&FP HQ, building 13150, classroom 3. To save a seat, send an email to CPCS@usmc.mil or feel free to simply walk-in.

For more information, visit the Careers website at <https://pendleton.usmc-mccs.org/marine-family-support/education/career-services>.

2025 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>.

May 15 MilSpouse Symposium & Hiring Event

This event honors spouses during Military Spouse Appreciation Month. Come learn from guest speakers, network with fellow spouses, and enjoy food and giveaways. Then a hiring fair follows and is open to all military spouses, active-duty service members, and veterans.

June 5 First Responders Hiring Event

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 25 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 10, 2025 through October 31, 2025 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 Fairs 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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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 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 for inclusion on the distribution list.

Optional Transition Seminar

2024 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 Feb 23, May 30, July 2, and Oct 17. Business casual attire or uniform of the day is acceptable. To register, please visit <https://mccscp-transition.eventbrite.com>.

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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 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 3rd 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 1st and 3rd 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 1st and 3rd 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 1st and 3rd 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 1st Tuesday of the month from 9am-4:30pm.

For financial information and resources, visit the PFMP website at 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 or call (760) 725-6660 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 or call (760) 725-6660.

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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 every Monday and Wednesday from 11:30 am until 12:30 pm at the Base Education Center Mainside. This one-hour brief provides information on planning for college and funding options to help you save both time and money. 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.

2025 Educational Events

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

June 18 Juneteenth Education Fair

This event is a fun education and resource fair. It brings awareness to Juneteenth, a federal holiday, while highlighting on-base schools, visiting schools, and support agencies who have trusted partnerships with us. No registration needed.

Sept 5 MCB Commencement Ceremony

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

Oct 17 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.

Oct 17 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! Event will be held at the Pacific Views Event Center. 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-Riddle University
National University
Park University

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FAMILY MEMBER EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

The Family Member Employment Assistance Program (FMEAP) helps Military Spouses and dependents with developing and fine-tuning a variety of skill sets that will help them search for, apply for, and obtain employment. FMEAP also provides many resources related to education, certifications, no-cost training, and spouse licensure reimbursement. Areas of support include understanding labor market data, identifying potential employers, developing powerful resumes, implementing job search strategies and effective branding and marketing techniques, improving interview and salary negotiation skills, utilizing volunteer experience to bridge employment gaps, using Spouse Preferences on federal applications, and more.

Individual Career Coaching

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

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

Competitive Edge Resume Workshop

Learn how to market your skills on your resume, target company needs, bridge resume gaps, and communicate accomplishments. Offered from 9:00am-11:00am on Feb 5, Apr 2, Jun 4, Aug 6, Oct 1 and from 1:30pm-3:30pm on Jan 8, Mar 5, May 7, Jul 9, Sep 10, Nov 5.

Nail the Interview & Fearless Salary Negotiations Workshop

Learn how to effectively answer questions, “sell yourself”, and understand employer buying motivators. Fearless Salary Negotiations gives you a clear strategy and the tools you need to confidently maximize your salary and negotiate. Offered from 9:00am-11:00am on Feb 12, Apr 9, Jun 11, Aug 13, Oct 8 and from 1:30pm-3:30pm on Jan 15, Mar 12, May 14, Jul 16, Sep 17, Nov 19.

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. Offered from 9:00-12:30 pm on Feb 19, Apr 16, Jun 18, Aug 20, Oct 22, Dec 3.

MilSpouse Special Event - Register for event at <https://PPRCP.eventbrite.com>.

May 15, 2025, MilSpouse Appreciation Symposium & Hiring Event

In recognition of Military Spouse Appreciation Month, FMEAP hosts this special event to honor military spouses. Attendees learn from motivational guest speakers and network with fellow spouses and employers. The Appreciation Symposium is held at Pacific Views Event Center from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm. Then a Hiring Fair follows from 12:30 pm until 2:30 pm and is open to all Military Spouses, Active-duty Service Members, and Veterans.

For more information, visit the FMEAP website at www.mccsCP.com/familyjobs.

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LIBRARY

The MCCS 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) 725-7325
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 or call (760) 725-2532.

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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.

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+

2025 Library Special Events

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

Feb 10-14	For all ages 4-12; Take Home Kits	Black History Month
March 10-14	For ages 4-12; Take Home Kits	Women's History Month
May 5-9	For ages 4-12; Take Home Kits	Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month
June 2 - July 26	For all ages	Summer Reading Program
June 9-13	For ages 4-12; Take Home Kits	Pride Month
Sept 8-12	For ages 4-12; Take Home Kits	Hispanic Heritage Month
Oct 28, 29	For all ages	Halloween Bash
Nov 10-14	For ages 4-12; Take Home Kits	Native American Heritage Month
Dec 2	For all ages	Holiday Party

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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.

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 at dfoy@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, Dorothy.Haney2@va.gov, Timothy.Sellers@va.gov, jesse.panis@va.gov and 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. David.Dickens@vatap.calibresys.com, Gary.Horn@vatap.calibresys.com, C.Garcia@vatap.calibresys.com, Kira.Miller@vatap.calibresys.com, Abram.Steward@vatap.calibresys.com, Alan.Tirol@vatap.calibresys.com, Shaunnekqua.Grace@vatap.calibresys.com, Mark.Opperman@vatap.calibresys.com, Neil.Baylard@vatap.calibresys.com, Lillian.Dickerman@vatap.calibresys.com

U.S. Marine Network and Additional Job Opportunities

- 1. Marine for Life**, building 13150, room 207; www.marineforlife.org
For assistance, please contact Jamal Brown at (619) 663-7323 or Jamal.Brown@usmc.mil.
- 2. 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.