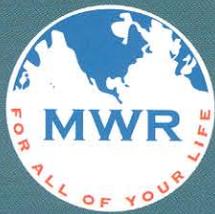




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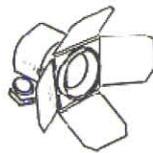


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PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

MWR Information, Tickets & Registration Office



Jill Hauser and Eric Ruiz, your ITRO staff.

The Information, Tickets and Registration Office (ITRO) can book your cruise anywhere in the world! Book a three to 14-day cruise to Alaska, the Caribbean, South America, Hawaii or Europe. Arrange a sea-going wedding party, family reunion or other special event.

Military Ticket/Voucher Program - Pay at the ITRO for your participating hotel at a discounted price and simply present your voucher when you arrive. Over 40 hotels in Florida participate.

USSOUTHCOM EXCEEDS COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN GOAL!

"The final results are in! Thank you USSOUTHCOM! Once again you've stepped to the forefront in helping those in need and exceeding your CFC goal of \$75,000!"

Jaqueline H. Arroyo
Executive Director
The South Florida Federal Executive Board

Sports, Wellness, Fitness MWR Partners With South Florida Golf Courses

South Florida businesses are working with USSOUTHCOM to offer special discounted rates. Golf is a favorite at USSOUTHCOM and our ITRO has a great deal for golf fans: 50% off greens fees at Palm-Aire, Inverrary, Miami Shores, Pembroke Lakes and Normandy Isle. Free cards are available at the ITRO. Present your card and military ID for 50% off or the lowest advertised price (whichever is lower.) Cards are valid through 31 October 2004.

MWR Sponsored Races*

20th Annual 5 Mile 3 Islands Run

21 March - 8am
5 mile skate, 2 mile walk
North Bay Village

Corporate Run

6 May - 6:45pm, Bayfront Park

Baptist Health Tour of Gables

29 May - 7:30am
5K Run/Walk, Biltmore Hotel

Twilight Run, South Miami

5 June 5 - 7pm

Sign up at the Fitness Center, Room #1310, (305) 437-1152

*All sponsored races subject to change.

SPOTLIGHT ON CYS Watch for YOUTH SUMMER SENSATIONS 2004!

The Family Support Center will be offering summer camp opportunities in Miami-Dade County from 14 June to 13 August 2004. Last year, USSOUTHCOM youth had great summer fun at Miami Seaquarium, FIU Soccer, Baseball and Martial Arts,

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Calendar of Events

MARCH

Military Emergency Relief Campaign Kickoff & MWR Expo

Monday, 1 March, 10am-2pm
HQ South Entrance

STEP Parenting Class

Tuesday, 2 March, 9:30-11:30am
USAG-M, Suite 110, Room 15

Miami Heat vs Toronto Raptors

Tuesday, 2 March 7:30pm
American Airlines Arena, \$25



Pre-Separation Briefing

Wednesday, 3 March, 2:30-4pm
(Pre-requisite to TAP)
USAG-M

Deadline for Universal trip

Weds, 3 March

Universal Studios Orlando

Saturday, 6 March
Depart HQ 6am, Depart Park 7pm

Miami Heat v Sacramento Kings

Saturday, 6 March 3:30pm
American Airlines Arena, \$25

Deadline to buy NASDAQ tickets

STEP Parenting Class

Tuesday, 9 March, 9:30-11:30am
USAG-M, Suite 110, Room 15

Marketing Yourself for a Second Career

Tuesday, 9 March, 9-11:30am
South Florida Workforce

Miami City Ballet

Friday, 12 March, 8pm
Jackie Gleason Theater
(Drawing for Tickets at ITR)



Fiddler on the Roof

Sunday, 14 March, 2pm
Actor's Playhouse/\$25

STEP Parenting Class

Tuesday, 16 March, 9:30-11:30am
USAG-M, Room 15

Pre-Separation Briefing

Wednesday, 17 March, 2:30-4pm
(Pre-requisite to TAP)
USAG-M

Single Parent Support Group

Thursday, 18 March, 11am-12pm
USAG-M, Room 15

Miami Heat v. Philadelphia 76ers

Saturday, 20 March 1pm
American Airlines Arena, \$25

5 Mile 3 Islands Run

Sunday, 21 March 8am
North Bay Village

Deadline to purchase Chicago tickets

Monday, 22 March COB

NASDAQ Tennis Tournament

Wednesday, 24 March – Sun, 4 April

Deadline to purchase STOMP tickets

Monday, 29 March COB

Fitness Lecture – Osteoporosis – Not Just About Women

Wednesday, 31 March Noon CR TBA

APRIL

Month of the Military Child and
Child Abuse Prevention Month

Corporate Run

Thursday, 1 April, 6:45pm
Office Depot Center

Chicago

Sunday, 4 April, 2pm
Jackie Gleason Theater/\$47



“Child Abuse and Neglect” Video

Tuesday, 6 April, 9:30-11:30am
USAG-M, ID Waiting Room

Pre-Separation Briefing

(Pre-requisite to TAP)
Wednesday, 7 April, 2:30-4pm
USAG-M

Spring Training Holiday

Friday, 9 April

STOMP

Sunday,
11 April,
3pm
Jackie Gleason/\$44



“Children and Domestic Violence” Video

Tuesday, 13 April, 9:30-11:30am
USAG-M, ID Waiting Room

Resume Writing & Interviewing Skills

Wednesday, 14 April, 2-4pm
USAG-M Ed Ctr

“The Children Are Watching” Video

Tuesday, 20 April, 9:30-11:30am
USAG-M, ID Waiting Room

Pre-Separation Briefing

(Pre-requisite to TAP)
Wednesday, 21 April, 2:30-4pm
USAG-M

Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day

Thursday, 22 April, recommended ages are 8-12
<http://www.daughtersandsonstowork.org>
Watch the portal for more information
<http://scnet/home/>

“The Children of Divorce” Video

Tuesday, 27 April, 9:30-11:30am
USAG-M, ID Waiting Room

Transition Assistance Program TAP

Tuesday, 27 April – Thursday, 29 April
8am-4pm
La Quinta Hotel

Fitness Lecture - Analyzing Popular Diets

Wednesday, April 28 Noon CR TBA

Watch the portal,
<http://scnet/home/>
for info on the **Spring Picnic**

Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day (22 April)

Recommended ages are 8-12.

<http://www.daughtersandsonstowork.org/>



Army Community Service (ACS) Marches Toward Accreditation

The Family Support Center (FSC) continues to strive to provide customers the best services and programs. The FSC had an accreditation site visit in November 2003. The goal of accreditation is to ensure that service members, families, civilians and retirees can rely on consistent levels of support regardless of assignment, thereby contributing to mission readiness. The accreditation process measures a center's programs and services against Army regulations to determine whether the center is in compliance.

The center is relatively new and had an 18-month period to correct identified deficiencies. Within the 18-month period the center improved in all program areas but fell short of the DA standards. An annual self-study will allow for continuous improvement and the mechanism to maintain all standards once achieved.

The DCA thanks all who have assisted with this goal because without the help of offices and staff outside the Directorate of Community Activities, the mission would be impossible to accomplish. More information on the accreditation process will be provided in a later edition of the Bugle Boy.

MARKETING YOURSELF FOR A SECOND CAREER

Employment Readiness Seminar

The Family Support Center (FSC) presents COL H.W. Buse, USMC (RET), on 9 March, 9-11:30am at South Florida Workforce, 7300 NW 19th Street. COL Buse will speak on competition for finding a job, tips for strengthening your resume, and salary negotiations and benefit packages, among other important topics. If you plan to leave the service within the next five years, you shouldn't miss this event. Open to military, spouses, civilians and family members. Contact the FSC at 305 437-2665/2671 for information or to register.



Join Us for Women's History Month

Each year March is designated National Women's History Month. The theme for the 2004 national observance is "Women: Inspiring Hope and Possibility." Employees and family members are welcome to participate in US Southern Command's Women's History Month activities: "The Blossoming of Hope Brings the Gift of Possibility." Watch for portal announcements and flyers on the activities planned and share the information with family members. To learn more about Women's History Month, visit www.nwhp.org.



KID'S CORNER



USSOUTHCOM kids have a blast at Boomers!

1000 Attended the Children's Holiday Party/Fall Picnic at Boomer's. Many thanks to the MARINE CORPS LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION INC. for their generous contribution, making this year's Children's Holiday Party/Fall Picnic another great success.



USSOUTHCOM Community Information Meeting (SCCIM).

SCCIM is held the first week of each month. Zip Code Coffee Group Coordinators disseminate information from the SCCIM to the zip code coffee groups. All spouses are encouraged to submit concerns/issues to their area zip code coordinator. The purpose is to share ideas and make living in South Florida an enriching experience. Upcoming meetings: 10am, Codina Building Conference Room. POC: Jennifer Harms 305 437-2723.

ZIP CODE COFFEE GROUPS POCs

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Stephanie Paul (954) 885-8327
Ramona Chestang (954) 885-9139

Doral, North Dade:

Heather Tuttle (305) 597-0517
Patsy Barrier (786) 845-3073

MWR Hires School Liaison Officer



Ileana Gonzalez-Posada, School Liaison Officer

Military children undergo many school transitions as they follow their parents' military career. To mitigate school transitions for military children and their families the Army established the School Liaison Officer (SLO) position.

The School Liaison Officer plays several roles. These are to:

- Serve as the primary contact for school related matters;
- Represent, inform and assist the command;
- Assist military families with school related issues;
- Collaborate with local school systems, installation and community organizations;
- Forge partnerships between the military and schools.

School Liaison Services facilitates the transition of military children in the local school system. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) has been signed with the Miami-Dade County Public School System (M-DCPS). This is the first step toward bridging the gap between the local school system and the USSOUTHCOM military community. Efforts are underway to develop and implement an Action Plan with M-DCPS at the district level. Initiatives are in process to sign an MOA with Bro-

ward County Public Schools. These partnerships are promising and will enhance our children's educational experience in South Florida.

The Family Support Center's School Liaison Services seeks to ensure the success of our military children and their families. If you have school related issues, including special needs, please contact Ileana Gonzalez-Posada, School Liaison Officer, at 305-437-2665.

School Dates to Remember:

Broward County Public Schools
FCAT: 1 – 12 March
Early Release Day: 25 March
Teacher Planning Day: 26 March
Spring Break: 5 – 12 April
Report Card: 20 April
Early Release Day: 22 April
Last Day of School: 10 June

Miami-Dade County Public Schools
FCAT: 1 – 12 March
Secondary Early Release Day: 15 March
Teacher Planning Day: 26 March
Spring Break: 29 March - 2 April
Teacher Planning Day: 9 April
Secondary Early Release Day: 22 April
Last Day of School: 9 June

International Spouses Group Monthly Potluck

Foreign Born Spouses! Join us the last Friday of the month, 6pm in the Education Classroom at U.S. Army Garrison, 8300 NW 33rd Street (Air Jamaica Building). Please call Jennifer Harms, 305 437-2723 for more information.

Support the Military Emergency Relief Campaign

Serving Service Members and Their Families in War and Peace

Army Emergency Relief, Navy-Marine Corps Relief, and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance provide emergency funds to military members and families for:

- food, gasoline and diapers when pay errors affect income;
- travel when a service member's immediate family member is hospitalized or dying;
- emergency medical costs;
- rent when a spouse has lost a job and the family is facing eviction;
- basic living expenses like electricity and bus fare for retired members who may have temporarily lost employment.

These agencies get much of their funding through the voluntary contributions of military members like you. Won't you please support these agencies during the US Southern Command Military Emergency Relief Campaign? The Campaign takes place 1 March – 15 May. Contact the campaign representative in your directorate or SGT Lemley at (305) 437-1700.

Fed Up With Hostile Drivers?

Develop methods of coping with aggressive drivers and avoid becoming a victim of road rage. Request a class in Coping with Aggressive Drivers and Managing Road Rage by contacting C. Dana Cekauskas, LCSW, 305 437-2734, cekauskc@hq.southcom.mil. Driving in South Florida can be a more enjoyable experience with the skills you will learn in this class!

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SPOTLIGHT ON CYS

Watch for *YOUTH SUMMER*

SENSATIONS 2004! (continued)

Museum of Science, Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami and several traditional summer camp programs. Youth's age 6-18 will have the opportunity to attend summer camp at very affordable rates.

The 2003 fees ranged from \$26 - \$68 per week per child. Based on DoD guidance, prices may increase slightly this year and parents should be prepared to assume a higher share of the cost.

Registration is completed via DD Form 2652, Application for DoD Child Care Fees, a copy of a Leave and Earnings Statement, and orders assigning active duty military to the command. A camp specific application will need to be completed for each child. Some camps may require immunization forms, and parents should be prepared to provide that documentation. USAG-Miami bears no responsibility for refunding payments made to camps. Parents will need to work with individual camps when a refund is requested. Drop-off time at the Codina building is no earlier than 7:30 am, pick up NLT 4:45 pm.

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