



NC NATIONAL GUARD

FAMILY PROGRAMS NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2025

"EMPOWERING FAMILIES ON THE HOMEFRONT"



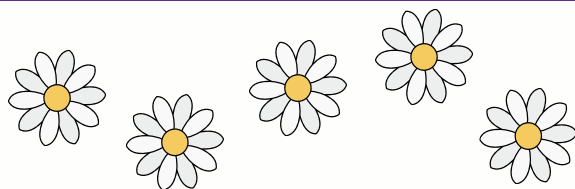
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9 April 2025 - Teen Council - Raleigh/Virtual
- 12 April 2025 - MOMC Royal Ball - Raleigh, NC
- 19 April 2025 - Financial Awareness Sustainment Training - Charlotte, NC
- 26 April 2025 - Financial Awareness Sustainment Training - Raleigh, NC
- 26 April 2025 - Financial Awareness Sustainment Training - Winston-Salem, NC
- 31 May 2025 - STEM Day - Morganton, NC
- 22-27 June 2025 - Teen Leadership Retreat - Kure Beach

THIS DAY IN HISTORY...

- **April 9, 1865** - The Civil War effectively ends when Robert E. Lee surrenders to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.
- **April 10, 1942** - The Bataan Death March began. This forced march resulted in over 5,000 American deaths.
- **April 18, 1775** - The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere and William Dawes occurs to warn patriots at Lexington and Concord of the approaching British during the American Revolution.



Dad Jokes 101!

- Did you hear about the guy who swapped the labels on the pumps at the gas station?

It was an April "Fuels" Joke!

- My wife complains that I never buy her flowers.

I didn't know she sold flowers!

- I found a website that teaches you how to read maps backwards.

Turns out it was "spam."

March Spring Thing count was: 5

How many daisies do you see?



From the State Family Programs Director's Desk:

April 2025

April is the Month of the Military Child, and we have the chance to say thank you for the commitment and sacrifice of our kids statewide! Our children rarely get a say when their Soldier or Airmen must report for the monthly Drill, or when the two-week Annual Training happens. They effectively never get to have an impact on Mobilizations, at home or abroad. They simply hug their Service Member, wish them good luck, and must wait for their return. To make matters tougher, our kids are among the only ones in their class who are experiencing this absence, leaving them feeling alone and misunderstood.

This month, let's take a moment to recognize them, to celebrate this community of youth that bears some of the greatest weight through deployments, annual trainings, or even the simple weekend duty. After all the birthdays, graduations, and games that we have missed, we can focus on them. The NCNG Family Programs Team is hosting a variety of events to celebrate our children. Take a few minutes to register and join in the celebration!

Sincerely,
SGM Robert Shook

Teen Council Corner

April has many observances surrounding our youth and community!

National Volunteer month...

Teen Council members are off to an amazing first six months. They have, combined, contributed a total of 195.5 volunteer hours supporting the NC National Guard as well as their local communities. They are definitely active members of their communities. For more ideas on where to volunteer, visit <https://www.volunteer.gov>

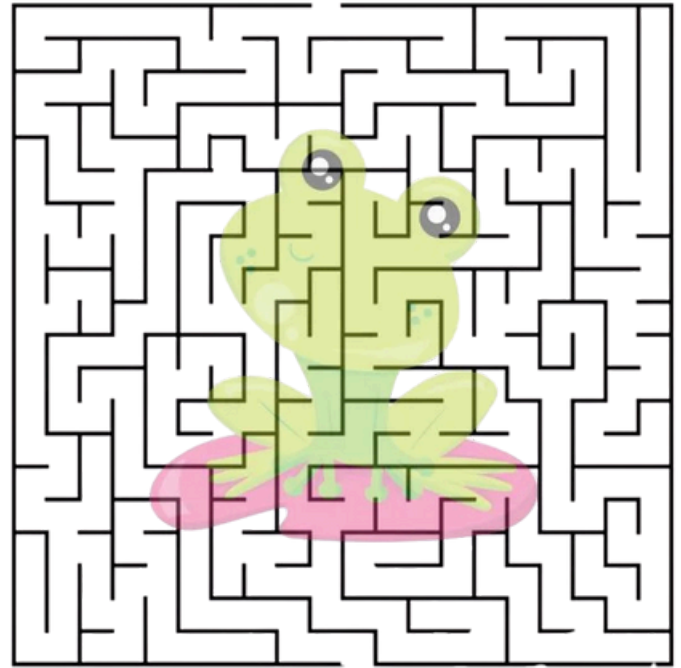
National Child Abuse Prevention Month...

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed the original proclamation after years of advocacy from children's rights groups who were pushing for laws to protect vulnerable individuals. NCAPM is celebrated to raise awareness and encourage communities to work together to prevent child abuse and neglect. In 2008, Prevent Child Abuse America introduced the blue pinwheel as the national symbol for child abuse prevention. The pinwheel represents the great childhood every child deserves.

To report suspected child abuse and neglect, call 800-4-A-Child (800-422-4453)



Complete the Maze! Help the bee reach his duck friend.



Aprilway Oolsfay!

Hendersonville Ice Cream Trail

Need a fun weekend getaway with the family? How about a sweet ice cream trail?



Choose from over a dozen locations across the Blue Ridge Mountains and enjoy everything from homemade ice cream to frozen custards to Mexican sorbets and paletas! Along with the sweet treats, these trail locations offer plenty of family-friendly attractions, beautiful scenery, and even summer camps.



Visit <https://visithendersonvillenc.org/ice-cream-trail> for more information and trail locations.

NCNG Child & Youth Services (CYS)

History of Month of the Military Child

The Month of the Military Child provides an opportunity to recognize and honor our youngest heroes, military children.

This special celebration of military children was established in 1986 by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. Weinberger was a WWII Veteran and father of two who realized the unique sacrifices and challenges military children faced as a result of their parent, or parents', military service. Military children deal with extended separations, deployments, frequent moves, and even the injuries their parents may sustain as a result of combat. Their ability to adapt to these challenges deserves our respect.



This year's theme:

**"NATIONAL GUARD KIDS,
YOUR ADVENTURE STARTS HERE"**



To find additional resources or your local program if your HOR is in another state, visit the ARNG CYs website: <https://www.ARNGCYS.com>

NCNG 2025 Teen Leadership Retreat

"NATIONAL GUARD TEENS, YOUR ADVENTURE STARTS HERE"

Join us and gather tools to navigate life's adventures!

22-27 June 2025

Open to NCNG Dependents 14-17 (18 still in HS)

Kure Beach Training Center



CPR, First Aid Certification * Community Service
Resiliency * Marketing Yourself - Job Skills
StreetSafe - Driving Tips * Teambuilding
Creating Healthy Relationships * Personal Safety
Express Yourself Creativity * Build Connections



Registration required, register today
by visiting the link below or scanning the QR Code.

Note: A current physical needs to be uploaded to complete registration.

For Questions, please contact
Kristi Wilson 984-664-7084

<https://www.cognitoforms/familyprograms2/teenleadershipretreatapplication>

You're Cordially Invited To the Royal Purple Ball

Please join the CYS Team along with its partners to
honor your military children during

"Month of the Military Child"

12 April 2025

1700-2000

Triangle Area

Dress Code:

Military - Dress Uniform or suit/dress

Civilian - Dress your Best

Dinner, Dancing, Photo Booth, Crafts, Activities,
Resources, MOMC Certificate Presentation

Registration Required

<https://www.cognitoforms/familyprograms2/MOMCRoyalPurpleBall>



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GOT A MINUTE? TAKE THE ARNG EDUCATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT!

This survey will be live until:
30 June 2025

Have you used or do you plan to
use your education benefits? I.e.
GI Bill, Tuition Assistance,
Credentialing Assistance,
Testing Programs?

Your feedback is important and will
be used to help improve ARNG
education programs & services!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FY25ARNGEdSurvey>



SCAN ME!



AGES
8-12

STEAM DAY

**31 MAY
2025**

OPEN TO NCNG DEPENDENTS 8-12

1300-1600

MORGANTON, NC

REGISTER ONLINE:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/FamilyPrograms2/STEAMDay>

LEARN MORE ABOUT

RENEWABLE ENERGY
ENGINEERING DESIGN PROCESSES
DYNAMICS OF LIFT DURING FLIGHT
AND MUCH MORE!



For questions contact:
Desmond Williams 984-661-1703 or Kristi Wilson 984-664-7084

F.A.S.T.

Financial Awareness Sustainment Training

NCNG Claude T Bauers Military Center
4105 Reedy Creek Road, Raleigh, NC 27607

26 April 2025
Classroom #170



Agenda

Personal Financial Counselor (PFC)

- Introductions & PFC Program
- Financial Challenges
- Your Financial Topics
- Improving financial education delivery methods
- Wrap up & final thoughts

20 slots available

Open to all NC National Guard Soldiers and Family
(1 additional adult per SM, spouse, significant other or parent for single SM)
Register today using the QR code:

Class time: 1000-1130
Darlette McCormick PFC



Register for class by 18 April 2025

George.W.Lane2.civ@army.mil

call: 984-664-6935 for questions

One on one consultation available after training.

Available onsite resources:
NC Work for Warriors
NCNG Family Programs
NCNG Education Office

Let's talk about finance

F.A.S.T.

Financial Awareness Sustainment Training

NCNG Winston Salem Armory
2000 Silas Creek Pkwy, Winston-Salem NC, 27103

26 April 2025
Classroom #120



Agenda

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Class time: 1000-1130
Rebecca Brummel PFC



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Financial Awareness Sustainment Training

NCNG Armory
4240 West Boulevard Charlotte, NC, 28208

19 April 2025
Classroom #11



Agenda

Personal Financial Counselor (PFC)

- Introductions & PFC Program
- Financial Challenges
- Improving financial literacy
- Budgeting
- Blended retirement
- Continuation pay
- Making the TSP work for you

25 slots available

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Class time: 1000-1130
David Voth PFC



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North Carolina National Guard
Education Services Office
Quick Reference Brochure

MONTGOMERY GI BILL

Selected Reserve Chapter 1606

- Receive up to \$481 per month
- Tax free payments
- CAN be combined with FTA

Selected Reserve Kicker

- Receive up to an additional \$350 per month
- Enlisted, non-prior service; 50 or higher on ASVAB, enlist in a critical skill
- Enlisted, prior service; 50 or higher on ASVAB/AFCT, DMOSQ qualified, E-7 or below
- Enlisted currently serving; Completed at least 3, but no more than 14 years

Active-Duty Chapter 30

- Pay \$1,200, up to an additional \$600 to buy in
- A monthly payment is paid directly to the Soldier based on amount of active duty served.

North Carolina Tuition Assistance Program NCTAP

- Receive *up to* a 100% tuition and fee reimbursement towards a qualifying North Carolina based school

- Public
- Private
- Promise
- Flight
- Any of the 58 community colleges

- Associates, Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate
- Must have two years remaining on your contract from the end of term date

Application periods:

- Fall Term: August 1 - August 31
- Spring Term: January 1 - January 30
- Summer Term: April 12 - May 10

Reimbursement is based on annual NC budget and type of school attended

Post- 9/11 Chapter 33

Tuition and Fees:

- Up to 100% of in-state tuition at public schools
- Book Stipend:
 - Up to \$1,000 per academic year
- Monthly Housing Allowance
- Payments are based on qualifying service:
 - 36 Months = 100% (Includes Purple Heart) • 30 Months = 90% • 24 Months = 80% • 18 Months = 70% • 6 Months = 60% • 90 Days = 50% Possible to transfer benefits to a dependent after

meeting certain obligations

Federal Tuition Assistance

FTA

- Up to \$4,500 per year. If you qualify, you may receive 100 percent of the tuition cost up to \$250 per semester hour
 - \$167 per quarter hour
 - \$16.66 per clock hour

Credentialing Assistance

- Up to \$2,000 per year to pay for a credential
- Can be combined with FTA, not to exceed \$4,500



E-mail



ESO Office



NCTAP

984.664.6272

<https://ng.nc.gov/services-support/education-services-office>

<https://ng.nc.gov/north-carolina-tuition-assistance-program-nctap>

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