

Resources for Military (active and reserve) and families in the Pittsburgh Area (as of Nov 24, 2020)
PLEASE NOTE: DURING THE CHALLENGES OF COVID 19, HOURS, AVAILABILITY FOR RESOURCES MAYBE LIMITED. PLEASE CHECK BY PHONE/WEBSITES to confirm availability. MANY OFFICES are closed but offering services via phone.

Commissary at 316th Expeditionary Sustainment Command.

- Location: 89 Soldiers Lane, Coraopolis, PA 15108 (next to the Army 316th Expeditionary Sustainment Command)
- Hours/Contact info: Tuesday-Friday, 9 AM-6 PM, Saturday, 9 AM-7 PM; 412-375-6310
- Manager: Jody Hoffman, jody.hoffman@deca.mil
- Website; <https://www.commissaries.com/shopping/store-locations/pittsburgh-area>

Exchange at 316th Expeditionary Sustainment Command

- Location: 89 Soldiers Lane, Coraopolis, PA 15108 (next to the Army 316th Expeditionary Sustainment Command)
- Hours/Contact info: Tuesday-Saturday, 830 AM -5:00 PM (tempoary), 412-329-7979
- Manager: Jaqueline Lucarelli, lucarellij@aafes.com Website: <https://www.shopmyexchange.com/exchange-stores/United%20States/PA/Coraopolis/Coraopolis-Moon-Express-1072104?searched=true&state=Pennsylvania>

Exchange at 171st Air National Guard

- Location: Building 105, 300 Tanker Lane Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108, 412-776-7662
- Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 AM-4 PM
- As of 22 Sept, access to the base is limited to 171st active and reserve personnel. No retirees/dependents.

Barber Shop at Exchange at 316th Expeditionary Sustainment Command

- Location: In the entrance to exchange.
- Hours/Contact info: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 AM-4 PM, 412-329-7764

Barber Shop at 911th Airlift Wing

- Location: 911th Airlift Wing, business 376, Building 300,
- Hours/Contact info: Monday-Friday: 9 AM-4:30 PM AF drill weekend, Saturday, 630 AM-12:30 PM; Call for app't, 412-418-9210
- As of 22 Sept, access to the base is limited to those with a current DOD ID.

ID Cards/Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS)-

ALL ID cards ARE ISSUED BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. For latest guidance during the pandemic, <https://www.cac.mil/Coronavirus/>

To make appointments on line near your home: <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/locator> Enter your address and indicate distance you would consider (right hand side of screen) Once the location (s) come up, select which one. A calendar should come up with available appointments dates and times. Select the date and time you wish and follow directions. **IF CALENDAR FEATURE IS NOT WORKING, PLEASE CALL FOR APPOINTMENTS. PLEASE NOTE ACCESS TO 171ST IS LIMITED TO ACTIVE/RESERVE PERSONAL OF 171ST AND ACCESS TO 911TH IS LIMITED TO THOSE WITH A CURRENT DOD ID.** As of 22 Sept 2020.

Additional locations for obtaining I.D. cards can be found at:

<https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/locator>

316th Sustainment Command

- Location: 99 Soldiers Lane, Moon Township, PA 15108 Business 376 near the airport and the 911th Air Reserve Wing.
- POC: Dawn Cronin, CAC/DEERS Operator, 412-604-8319, dawn.d.cronin.ctr@mail.mil.
- Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 AM-4 PM Appointment only. It is suggested you call in advance to check operating hours and ensure you bring the proper documentations before making the trip.

Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) Pittsburgh, ACCESS TO 911TH IS LIMITED TO THOSE WITH A CURRENT ID

- Location: 1265 Rocky Lane, Moon Township, PA 15108 (aboard 911th Airlift Wing)
- Hours/Contact info: Monday-Friday by appointment 9:00 A.M-3:00 PM. Make appointments on-line if calendar feature is working, if not call 412-776-4000. Confirmation of required documentation is suggested when setting up your appointment.

911th Airlift Wing, ACCESS TO 911TH IS LIMITED TO THOSE WITH A CURRENT DOD ID

- Location: Business 376, Bldg 300, Rm 106A,
- Hours/Contact info: T-TH-F , 7:30 AM-11 AM (appointment required); 412-474-8526.

171st Air National Guard -ACCESS TO 171ST IS LIMITED TO ACTIVE/RESERVE PERSONAL OF 171ST

- Location: 300 Tanker Rd, Coraopolis, PA 15108,
- Hours/Contact info: Tuesday-Friday, 7:00 A.M.-2:40 PM, (no Thursday afternoon). Call to confirm staff available, appointments recommended. 412-776-7485.

Army Corp of Engineers, Pittsburgh District:

- Location: Federal Building, 1000 Liberty Ave
- Hours/POC: By appointment only, **CAC cards ONLY, no I.D. cards for dependents/retirees.**
412-395-7162 or 412-395-7559

Legal

- To hire an attorney, contact the Lawyer Referral Service, www.acbalrs.org, 412-261-5555. If your income is very low (and the criteria varies), you can reach out to the following resources for reduced price or free services. If you live outside of Allegheny County, reach out to the local bar association for additional guidance/resources.
 - **Modest Means Program**, www.acbalrs.org/About/Afford-an-attorney.asp, 412-261-5555. Provides referrals to reduced-fee and flat-fee attorneys for certain legal problems.
 - **Neighborhood Legal Services Association**, www.nlsa.us. 412-255-6700; Toll Free: 866-761-6572. Telephone Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m
 - **Pro Bono Center of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation**, www.pittsburghprobono.org, 412-402-6677. Barbara Griffin, Esq., Director, 412-402-6668.
 - **Veteran's Leadership Program Western Pennsylvania**, www.vlpwpa.org, 412-481-8200. Provides referrals to Neighborhood Legal Services Association amongst the many services they provide (housing, employment, financial counseling, wellness, etc.).
 - **Veterans Legal Clinic**, 412-363-8761. Provides legal advice to veterans on a variety of legal issues, including obtaining benefits to which the veteran may be entitled. No criminal law or family law..
 - **Veteran's Court Allegheny Court**: <http://www.hsao.info/services/justice/veterans.htm> POC: Dan Kunz, Duquesne University School of Law, kunzlaw@comcast.net, kunz575@duq.edu 412-396-5287 Designed to promote community-based mental health treatment in lieu of incarceration for veterans who have been charged with a misdemeanor and/or non-violent felony in Allegheny County. JRS provides service coordination services for only veterans who are not eligible for Veteran Affairs benefits. If the veteran is VA eligible, the veteran should connect with the VA Veteran Justice Outreach (VJO) Denise Senft at Carmen.Senft@va.gov.
 - **Veterans Court Mentors Needed**: POC: Ray Amelio, Veterans Mentor Program, Veterans Leadership Program, 724-316-0575, amelior@vlpwpa.org Serve as a mentor to a veteran under Veterans Court supervision. Minimum qualifications: Veteran or currently serving; commitment for 1 year; contact the veteran at 1-2 per month; law abiding citizen with no current charges or under court or probation supervision; adhere to Veteran's Court protocols; complete screening process, on-line training, court orientation; 1 year sobriety; no psychiatric hospitalizations within the past year.
 - **JAG 911th**: During AF drill (UTA) weekends, 412-474-8840 military issues or 412-474-8681 civilian issues. Very limited services available.
 - **JAG 171st**: Sometimes available during the week besides 171ST drill weekends. 412-776-7528; 412-776-7529
 - **Veterans Legal Clinic**: University of Pittsburgh Dave Coogan 517-410-4873, coogan.dave@gmail.com. He is a student at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. He is open to assisting Service Members (he may have some limitations) and will work to refer members if he can't help.
 - **Allegheny County Bar Association's Military and Veterans Affairs Committee**. Daniel Kunz, 412-396-5287, kunz575@duq.edu sits on this committee. He is with Duquesne University School of Law and Veterans Court.
 - **Divorce Law Project**: <https://www.acba.org/public/Divorce-Law-Project>, 412-402-6714. A program of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation which serves Allegheny County residents by assisting qualified low-income persons to obtain simple, no-fault divorces. Clients are screened for income eligibility and matched with volunteer attorneys who provide pro bono counsel.

Family Support Centers

Army Reserve Family Programs' Virtual Installation: Fort Family 24 x 7 x 365; 844-663-3269, www.us-ar.army.mil/AREP Open to veterans and reserve members of other services.

316th Sustainment Command Family Support:

- Location: 316th Sustainment Command, business 376 near the airport and the 911th Airlift Reserve Wing, 99 Soldiers Lane, Coraopolis, PA 15108. Ms, Bobbie Schrupf bobbie.j.schrumpf.civ@mail.mil, 910-598-7525
- Survivor Outreach Services (SOS)--geared towards Army but provides services to all.
 - Ms, Bobbie Schrupf Support Coordinator, bobbie.j.schrumpf.civ@mail.mil, 910-598-7525
 - SOS delivers on the Army's commitment to Families of the Fallen. SOS connects families with resources and provides an emotional link to the Army. SOS services surviving Families for as long as the Family desires.
 - The Support Coordinator links surviving families with local resources which meet their particular needs as well as providing immediate and ongoing emotional support.

911th Airlift Wing

Airman & Family Readiness Center (A&FRC)

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/911AFRC/>
- Location: 2475 Defense Ave, Coraopolis, PA 15108-4403.
- POC: Rob Ree, robert.ree.1@us.af.mil, Bldg 210, Room 203, 412-474-8544; 412-474-8410 fax),
- Hours: Monday through Friday 6:30 AM - 3 PM. Saturday & Sunday UTA (drill) Weekends 7 AM-4 PM.

Personal Financial Counselor: AVAILABLE ONLY FOR 911TH PERSONNEL

- Location: 911th Airlift Wing, Building 201, Room 101
- Office: 412-389-7909
- Hours: Appointments only
- POC: Mike Hamilton, PFC.Pittsburgh.USAFR@zeiders.com

Military Family Life Counselor: AVAILABLE ONLY FOR 911TH PERSONNEL

- Location: 911th Airlift Wing, Building 209, rm 117
- Office: 412-260-6447
- Hours: Monday-Friday, Drill Weekends, 8 AM-4PM,
- POC: LaBaron Stevens, LPC, NCC, stevensl2@magellanhealth.com

Air Force Casualty Office

- Location: 2475 Defense Ave, Coraopolis, PA 15108-4403
- Office: 412-474-8558 or 412-474-8559
- Hours: Monday through Friday 630 AM -4 PM.; Saturday's of UTA Weekends 6:30 AM-3 PM

171st Air Refueling Wing, National Guard, Family Support/Financial Counselor Family Support Center

- Location: Bldg; 300, Rm 155, 300 Tanker Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108-4249
- Office: 412-776-7365
- Hours: Call for availability. Unit works 9 hours and off every other Monday. Drill Weekends the office is open.
- POC: Deborah J. Krall, Deborah.krall1@us.af.mil, 412-776-7365

Personal Financial Counselor: The Financial Counselor works with families to help manage financial needs such as debt management, locating financial consultants and investment planning.

- Location: 171st ARW
- Office: 412-443-5743
- Hours: Appointments requested
- POC: Stephen M. Fineman, ChFC, PFC6.PA.ANG@Zeiders.com

Pennsylvania National Guard—Soldier and Family Readiness Centers (SFRC) open to ALL services members and families.

Location: Soldier & Family Readiness Specialists (SFRS) 19 across the state of PA.

- **POC:** Cheryl Fink, CSMS cheryl.a.fink2.civ@mail.mil, 835 5th Avenue, Coraopolis PA 15108; 412-203-1004; cell: 717-821-4668 (cell) • Hours: M-F 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, SFRS are also available for emergencies.
- **Services:** SFRS provide information and referral to resources and benefits available within the military network, within local community and at state and national level. Programs include. Family Readiness, State Child and Youth, Joint Family Support Assistance, Military Family Life Consultant, Personal Financial Counselor, Survivor Outreach Services, Transition Assistance Advisors, Resilience Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention, Behavioral Health, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response. Yellow Ribbon and Employment Outreach are additional resources offered by State Family Programs Branch.
- **Eight Essential Services** offered by SFRS but not limited to:
 - Legal Resource and Referrals - Assistance with Power of Attorney/Wills, Service Members Civil Relief Act, USERRA, ESGR
 - Financial Resource and Referrals - Understanding military pay; referrals for financial assistance grants/ loans; referrals for personal financial management training
 - TRICARE Resource and Referral - Assistance with TRICARE Medical and Dental applications; identifying medical service providers; claims assistance
 - ID Cards and DEERS - Assistance with obtaining dependent ID cards through nearest RAPIDS Centers
 - Crisis Intervention and Referral – Emergency assistance with sensitive issues
 - Community Information and Outreach - Assistance with Child Care resources, employment and career resources and VA benefits resources etc.
 - Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)
 - Employment

911th Airlift Wing Services

Facebook link: https://www.facebook.com/pg/911CommunityServices/posts/?ref=page_internal

Logging--<http://www.pittsburgh.afrc.af.mil/>

- Location: 911th Airlift Wing, business 376
- 412-474-8230, DSN 312-277-8320.
- Cost: Single Room (1 full bed), \$60.00, Suite (queen bed, pull out sofa, kitchenette): \$69.00

Fitness Center

- Location: 911th Airlift Wing, business 376
- Hours: Mon-Thurs 6:30 AM-5 PM, Friday, 6:30 AM-4 PM. AF Drill (UTA) weekends: Sat: 5:30 AM-9 PM; Sun: 5:30 AM-2 PM
- 412-474-8245

Recreational Equipment Rental/Pavilion Rental

- Location: 911th Fitness Center, 911th Airlift Wing, business 376
- 412-474-8245

Information Tickets Tours (ITT)

- Provides reduced price tickets for events, amusement parks (Kennywood, Disney Land/World, Pittsburgh Zoo, Sandcastle, etc)
- Location: 911th Fitness Center, 911th Airlift Wing, business 376
- 412-474-8245

Airman Attic

- Open to all service members. Donations welcomed. Open on 911th UTA (drill weekends), 10 AM-1 PM, 4-6 PM. POC: 412-474-8079, First Sergeant. Location: 2300 Defense Ave, Building 209, 3rd floor.

Space Available (Space A) Travel

- 171st Air Refueling Wing (KC-135): 412-776-7608, recording of flights, 412-776-7531, 937-257-7741
- 911TH Airlift Wing: E-mail requests for space A info to: 911aw.spacea.mbx@us.af.mil. Additionally, a Passenger Service Representative can be reached at 412-474-8198
- Air Mobility Command (AMC) website with eligibility criteria, other Space A flights: <http://www.amc.af.mil/amctravel/>

Counseling/Suicide Prevention/Housing/Employment/Miscellaneous Assistance

Military One Source: 800-342-9647; <http://www.militaryonesource.mil> Among it many services, Military OneSource offers free, confidential non-medical online counseling sessions via secure live video. Video non-medical counseling is provided by a professional with a master's or doctoral degree (in psychology, counseling, social work or marriage and family counseling) and a license to practice independently.

National Suicide Prevention Hot Line: 800-273-8255, <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>, 24/7 every day, confidential. WEBSITE has many resources including help for the survivors of those lost and chat capability.

Veterans Crisis Line: 800-273-8255 and press 1; text: 838255; <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/> 24/7 every day, confidential. WEBSITE has many resources especially for veterans, service members, family members and friends.

Veterans Leadership Program of Western Pennsylvania: <http://www.vlpwpa.org> 2934 Smallman St, Pittsburgh, PA 15201; 412-481-8200, Provides a wide range of services to military members and veterans including housing, financial counseling, employment assistance and wellness programming. Provides assistance in finding service members/veterans and families the most appropriate services and resources.

- Advantage Credit Counseling at VLP: Thursday's from 9:30am-4:30pm
- Employment Assistance: Every Wednesday from 10 AM-4PM, resume writing and job placement assistance.

Veterans' Place: <https://www.veteransplaceusa.org/> 945 Washington Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15206, 412-363-0500, Mission is to empower Veterans' transition from Homeless to Home, ending the cycle of homelessness to become engaged, valuable citizens who contribute to their communities. Offers Veterans' Assistance Center and assistance with employment, transitional housing and micro housing. It also has a day reporting center for low income and homeless veterans to receive some temporary daily supports with a shower, laundry, or even food.

Heroes Supporting Heroes™: <http://www.heroessupportnetwork.com> A network for military and veterans and families. Helps you find numerous resources in the area including discounts for military and veterans, housing, etc and connect your needs with the resources in the community. Open to all veterans, active, reserve, retired military.

Transition Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)

website: <https://www.taps.org>, phone (staffed 24/7), 800-959-8277. Benefits include counseling for family members of a deceased service member and for service members who have lost a fellow service member Other services include benefit and financial assistance, grief and loss education and one to one peer support, Reservists are eligible for the services as well as the family member of a reserve service member.

Duquesne University Military Services Program: <https://www.duq.edu/about/centers-and-institutes/psychology-clinic/military-services> POC: Linda Pasqualino Military Services Coordinator, 412-396-6562 Provides free counseling and support to the following eligible persons:

- Military service members, veterans, families and loved ones who have served or who expect to serve in the Iraq and/or Afghanistan conflicts (OIF/OEF).
- Members, families and loved ones of those who are Active Duty or Reserve/National Guard
- Who might be struggling with the invisible wounds of war: traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress injury, and military sexual trauma.
- Having questions about, or difficulty with, the cycles of deployment, homecoming, or reentry into civilian life.

Psychological Health Outreach Program (Navy Reserve): Mission is to ensure that reservists have full access to appropriate psychological health care services, to increase resilience and to facilitate recovery which is essential to maintaining a ready military force. Able to identify resources for housing, employment, child care, etc. POC: Victoria Steele, NCC LPCMH, USNR/USMFR Psychological Health Outreach Program, Clinical Counselor II, Serco Inc., New Castle NOSC, Office cell: 302-274-8358, Victoria.Steele@serco-na.com, Victoria.Steele.ctr@navy.mil, PHOP.Northeast@serco-na.com

Be There Peer Assistance Line: 844-357-7337 or text, 480-360-6188 or chat at <https://www.betherepeer-support.org> The Department of Defense BeThere Peer Support Call and Outreach Center provides resources and support for everyday problems to Active Duty, National Guard, Reserves and their family members. The center staffs with veterans and military spouses as peer specialists, who answer calls with compassion drawn from their own military-life experience. Not a crisis line but rather a resource for other assistance

VA Vet Centers: https://www.vetcenter.va.gov/Vet_Center_Services.asp Centers provide info on services provided, eligibility, etc at locations based on zip code entered into website. Readjustment Counseling Services including marital/family counseling, military sexual trauma counseling and referral, substance abuse assessment and referral, individual and group readjustment counseling, employment assessment and referral, screening and referral for medical issues including TBI, depression, etc. All services are free and confidential to eligible veterans and current active duty, their families and significant others.

Locations/Contact info: **PLEASE CALL THE VET CENTER TO CONFIRM HOW AND WHAT SERVICES THEY CAN PROVIDE DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS**

- Pittsburgh: 2500 Baldric Rd, Suite 15, Pittsburgh, PA 15205, 412-920-1765. After hours, 24/7, 1-877-927-8387. www.va.gov/rcs The Pittsburgh Vet Center is open to provide all services and provide counseling via telephone or secure video teleconferencing. Available for in person appointments in outdoor settings.
- White Oak Vet Center--2001 Lincoln Way McKeesport PA 15131, 412-678-7704;
- Dubois Vet Center--100 Meadow Lane Suite 8 DuBois, PA 15801; 814-372-2095
- Wheeling Vet Center--1054 East Bethlehem Boulevard Wheeling, WV 26003; 304-232-0587
- Morgantown Vet Center--34 Commerce Drive Suite 101 Morgantown, WV 26501; 304-291-4303

Domestic violence, child abuse and/or child neglect: Military One Source , 800-342-9647; Department of Defense, Domestic and Child Abuse hotline 877-790-1197, or the National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-7233.

Additional Employment Resources

City of Pittsburgh Employment Center

www.pghjobs.net, POC: Samuel Germino, samuel.Germino@pittsburghpa.gov, 412-255-2384. Employees must live in Pittsburgh except for police.

Vibrant Pittsburgh

<http://vibrantpittsburgh.org/Module/JobBulletins/List> Working to ensure Pittsburgh has a diverse and inclusive workplace. Monthly job bulletin.

Pittsburgh Hires Veterans:

<https://pittsburghhiresveterans.org/> 412-388-0100; Fax, 412-388-0200, email: emailinfo@pittsburghhiresveterans.com <https://www.linkedin.com/company/pittsburgh-hires-veterans/> Location: 1333 Banksville Road, Floor 2, Pittsburgh Pa 15216 Provides assistance with finding employment/training, doing resumes, practice interviews, job referrals, career counseling.

Vet Jobs - formerly referred to as "Corporate America Supports You (CASY)"

<https://vetjobs.org/>. Western PA POC: Crystal McFadden P: 412.345.1081, Email: cmcfadden@vetjobs.org; www.facebook.com/groups/PittsburghVets Services at no cost: Assists veterans, guard, reserve, and spouses-

es in job search, career readiness, assessing and translating veteran skills, resume targeting, industry and gap skill training, job placement.

VA Community Employment Coordinator: Contact Desiree Cokel, Community Employment Coordinator
Office: 412-822-1280 Cell: (412) 216-2056 e-mail: Desiree.Cokel@va.gov Veterans Recovery Center, 1010 Delafield Rd, Bldg 69 1A116, Pittsburgh, PA 15215,

Military Spouse Employment Resources (in addition to above resources):

- SECO: myseco.militaryonesource.mil
- MSEP: msepjobs.militaryonesource.mil
- MyCAA: aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa
- Military Spouse Corporate Career Network: Mission is to increase job placement and career development for military spouses and family members through the elimination of employment obstacles. www.msccn.org

Other Services/Resources

PA 2-1-1 Southwest, Powered by United Way, Information and Referral Hotline. Dial 2-1-1 or (888) 553-5778, or pa211sw.org Connect to services that help for transportation assistance, financial assistance, utility assistance, housing, legal aid, other programs for veterans.

VA Benefits/Questions/Applications/Verification of Service: <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>

VA Services in Pittsburgh: www.pittsburgh.va.gov/services Listing of VA services available in Pittsburgh:

VA Airborne Hazards and Open Pit Registry: <https://veteran.mobilehealth.va.gov/AHBurnPitRegistry/#page/home> The registry is a database of information about Veterans and Servicemembers collected through a questionnaire. OEF/OIF/OND/OFS Veterans and Servicemembers who have deployed to the Southwest Asia theater of operations on or after August 2, 1990 as well as those who have deployed to Afghanistan or Djibouti after September 11, 2001 can use the registry questionnaire to report exposures to airborne hazards (such as smoke from burn pits, oil-well fires, or pollution during deployment), as well as other exposures and health concerns.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves (ESGR): <https://www.esgr.mil/>. Pennsylvania POC: Mrs. Theresa Arentzen, 1051 Fairchild Street, Bldg 203, Horsham, PA 19044, 215-323-7435, E-mail: Theresa.e.arentzen_ctr@mail.mil; ESGR works to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve Component Service Members and their civilian employers. They work to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employees' military commitment.

American Red Cross

Service to the Armed Forces Representative: 412-263-3100

- Emergency Communication for deployed and/or state-side service members and their family.
- Emergency Financial Assistance consideration through Military Aid Societies.
- Pre and Post Deployment workshops.
- Disaster Assistance (fire, flood.....).
- Volunteer Opportunities.

Financial Counseling:

- Joe Warner, Personal Financial Counselor, 614-296-6701, PFC1.OH.NOSC@zeiders.com Generally at NOSC at least 1 drill weekend/quarter. Check with Joe via email or phone for specific schedule.
- Stephen M. Fineman, ChFC, Personal Financial Counselor, Appointments requested. PFC6.PA.ANG@Zeiders.com Phone: 412-443-5743, Office located at the 171ARW, 300 Tanker Road, Coraopolis, PA 15208. Not currently on base, Skype appointments preferred.
- Bruce Nieman, ChFC. Personal Financial Counselor, Appointments requested, PFC.pittsburgh.ANG@Zeiders.com Phone: 412-742-2190, Office located at the 316TH Army Sustainment Command, 99 Soldiers Lane, Coraopolis, PA 15208
- Mike Hamilton, ChFC, Personal Financial Counselor, Appointments requested, phone: 412--389-7909 PFC.Pittsburgh.USAFR@zeiders.com. Office located at the 911th. **AVAILABLE ONLY FOR 911TH PER-SONNEL**
- Advantage Credit Counseling at Veterans Leadership Program, 2934 Smallman St, Pittsburgh, PA 15201; 412-481-8200, <http://www.vlpwpa.org>: Thursday's from 9:30am-4:30pm

The Hebrew Free Loan Association of Pittsburgh: <http://hflapgh.org> , 412-422-8868, Offers interest-free loans on a nonsectarian basis to residents of Allegheny, Westmoreland, Washington, Butler, Beaver and Armstrong Counties who may not qualify for assistance through other institutions.

Defenders of Freedom <http://defendersoffreedompa.us> POC: Anna M. Cehelsky, Cell: 412-303-7074. Primary mission is to support post 9/11 combat veterans in their transition to civilian life and to assist in emergency situations. Will help with rent, utility payments and repairs to name a few. Veterans who are requesting assistance can send an email, along with their DD214 and explanation of their request and supporting documentation to assistance@defendersoffreedompa.us.

Operation Troop Appreciation: www.OperationTroopAppreciation.org Sherry D. Einhaus 412-973-1831, sdeinhaus@comcast.net. Provides wish-list items for deployed troops including morale boosters items as recreational items and welcome home gifts for veterans families including emergency assistance and transportation.

Operation Homefront: www.OperationHomeFront.net, Financial assistance to families of deployed and transitioning service members and post 9/11 wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans. Primarily targeted to E1-E6 service members. Financial assistance is provided in the form of grants, not loans, paid directly to the vendor.

Military and Family Courtesy Lounge: Pittsburgh International Airport, Airside Terminal. C-54 gate area. Staffed by volunteers, hours vary. Open to active duty, reserve, guard retirees and veterans and families.

Leadership Pittsburgh, Inc: Details and application info: <http://www.lpinc.org/programs/community-leadership-course-for-veterans> The Community Leadership Course for Veterans™ (CLCV™) initiative aims at leveraging the skills and experience of post 9/11 veterans for the betterment of the broader Pittsburgh region, our opportunities and organizations. Leadership Pittsburgh is recognized as the premier source for identification and connection of leaders across sectors with issues, each other, and with community needs/opportunities. Through participation in the six month long course, CLCV class members have the opportunity to develop a greater understanding of our region, meet with business and community leaders, as well as utilize their leadership skills to accomplish a community impact project in partnership with a local non-profit organization. From April to September, this course provides participants with the exposure, experiences and connections that prepare them to tackle the challenges of our community. Bi-weekly sessions cover topics such as corporate landscape, nonprofit landscape, history of Pittsburgh, savvy networking and more. The knowledge and associations obtained through CLCV can provide committed participants access to the platforms needed to take on leadership roles within Southwestern Pennsylvania communities. Applications due first Friday of February.

Asbestos Issues: <https://www.asbestos.com/navy/ships/> or <https://www.mesotheliomafund.com/veterans> Asbestos exposure on ships.

Tickets for Veterans/Military Members/Family Members: Info/sign-up: <https://www.vettix.org/> Vet Tix * provides tickets to events with the goals of reducing stress, strengthening family bonds, building life-long memories and encouraging service members and veterans to stay engaged with local communities and American life. Vet Tix provides tickets to all branches of currently-serving military and veterans, including immediate family of troops KIA. Vet Tix secures tickets to sporting events, concerts, performing arts, educational and family activities across the nation. VetTixers sign up online and service is verified. VetTixers request tickets to events that interest the service member/family and they then pay a small delivery fee to receive their free tickets.

United Through Reading: <https://unitedthroughreading.org> Unites military families facing physical separation by facilitating the bonding experience of reading aloud. Allows military members to select books and record for dependents. Check website for further info including locations, POC, app, how to record, order books, etc.

Tutoring Assistance www.tutor.com/military Info and account set up. Online tutoring and homework help including studying, test prep, proofreading and more. For K-12 grade students. Some adults are also eligible for college and career transition help.

Military Teen Chat Application: <https://www.milteenchat.com> MilteenChat App is an initiative using mobile to empower military adolescents. The App is Free and was designed by military youth as a community resource to cope with and overcome the challenges unique to military adolescents. Security measures have been included in the App. Parental approval is required.

On-line Public Schools/Courses: pa.insightschools.net K12 offers military discount (15%) for online private schools and K-12 courses. Free public school option. For more info, k12.com, 855-900.9142 Insight PA is the vendor for K12 in Pennsylvania, 844-243-0726, Please self identify as military.

Military Family Network™ <http://www.militaryfamilynetwork.com/>, local POC: Ms. Megan Turak, 412-531-1978. mturak@militaryfamilynetwork.com Military Family Network works with the military, government, organizations, businesses and military families to create a community of expert and trusted resources both online and off. Using this information, military families can build their own personal support networks, get connected, customized to their family needs, and increase their readiness and well being.

Child Care: <http://www.childcareaware.org>. If active duty and eligible for fee assistance, Child Care Aware.

EmergencyCrisis Child Care:

Jeremiah's Place, <http://jeremiahsplace.org/> 412-924-0726 6435 Frankstown Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206, Provides emergency care for children ages 0-6 for a few hours or a few days based on the needs of the family. Primary focus at Jeremiah's place is to keep children safe and to provide a safe and supportive solution for families in need. Jeremiah's Place is in the East Liberty section of Pittsburgh and is staffed by trauma informed caregivers and social workers. All services provided by Jeremiah's Place a free, available 24 hours a day, and most importantly, judgment free. Emergency child care needs can include: Hospitalization, Funeral, Homelessness, Domestic violence, Military deployment, Job interview, Unsafe child care, Emergency respite.

Canyon Heroes <http://canyonheroes.org> Serves veterans by providing an adventure therapy experience-- hiking and rafting the Colorado River to help heal the psychological wounds of war. Trip participants are supported on their journeys by professional counselors with experience with the military community. Adaptive outdoor recreation, combined with professional counseling, can help veterans adjust, decompress and shed the complex responses that are related to everyday events.

The Lilac Springs Veterans Services Project. <http://lilacsprings-vets168.com/organization/> POC: Marsha and Anthony Pedone, 814-282-9380 lilacspringspa@gmail.com, Free 3 day breakaways for combat vets and partners/combat single vets/family caretakers

Allegheny Division of Veterans Services: <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/veterans/index.aspx> Soldiers and Sailors Museum/Hall, Third floor, 4141 Fifth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, 412-621-4357. Apply for federal and state benefits for veterans and family members where applicable. File a DD-214 with the county for safe keeping.

Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) www.woundedwarriorproject.org Local: POCs; Priscilla Palmer 412-385-5323, David Cain 412-385-5325, 301 Grant Street, Suite 900, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, WWP serves veterans and service members who incurred a physical or mental injury, illness, or wound while serving in the military on or after September 11, 2001. Family members of these warriors are also eligible for free WWP programs and services.

USO:

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pg/USOwpa/posts/?ref=page_internal

Located at 911th Airlift Wing, 2475 Defense Ave, Building 210, Rm 211, Coraopolis, PA 15108-4403. Available on UTA/(drill) and during the week, 8 AM-4PM. POC: Christine Ree, Western PA Regional Manger, cree@uso.org, Cell: 412-427-4753. Currently available programs include:

- Bob Hope Legacy Reading Program (BHLRP) – Service members can record themselves reading a children's book. The book and recording are shipped home. Any service member who finds themselves away from home may participate, whether they are away from home for a deployment or a drill weekend. (By appointment)
- Rucksacks to Backpacks – Provides back to school supplies for military children. (August)
- Thanksgiving Baskets – Military families in need receive Thanksgiving meal items and a gift card for a turkey. (November)
- Adopt a Family – Military families in need receive help in providing gifts for their families during the holiday season. (December)
- Tickets for Troops – Provides tickets to service members and their families throughout the year to sporting events, concerts, amusement parks, etc. (As available)
- Family Day/Welcome Home Events – Support depends on the event, usually centered around family-friendly activities. (As needed)

Additional Social Media/Facebook pages that maybe helpful:

Pittsburgh Veteran Community related events: www.facebook.com/pittsburghvets

Mission Continues: <https://missioncontinues.org/service-platoon/Pittsburgh-platoons> Organization made of veterans who do volunteer work in support of the community projects.

Red, White and Blue: <https://www.teamrwb.org/chapter/team-rwb-pittsburgh-pa/> Enrich the lives of America's veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity.

Veterans' Breakfast Club: <http://vbcpgh.org/> Every veteran has a story. Come to our live storytelling events or listen here. There's no better way to say, "thank you for your service."

Info on scams of military personnel: [:https://comparite.ch/militaryscamsdata](https://comparite.ch/militaryscamsdata). Site defines the size of the problem.

Discounts for Military—encourage you to ask and pass on to me bozdechvpm@aol.com of any discounts you should discover. The listing below does not reflect an endorsement of any particular company/vendor. Always worth asking—discounts sometimes vary by location, if in uniform, dependents eligibility, etc.

General list of stores offering military/veteran discounts: <https://militarybenefits.info/military-discounts/>; <https://www.veteransunited.com/money/military-veteran-discounts/>

Advanced Auto Parts: 10% Show veteran or military ID; dependents also eligible. <https://help-desk.advanceautoparts.com/s/article/Does-Advance-Auto-Parts-offer-a-Military-discount-for-service-men-and-women>

Auto Zone: 10% off in store only. Show veteran or military ID.

Don's Appliances: 5% discounts

Guaranteed Rate Affinity: Home loans. No lender fee on VA loans for veterans, current service members. <https://www.grarate.com/article/waived-va-loans> Local POC: Jennifer Muraco, VP of Mortgage Lending, O: 724.912.0060 C: 412.204.6864, jennifer.Muraco@grarate.com

Brookside Lumber/H.R. Starr Lumber: 5% discount. <https://www.brooksidelumber.com>, 1011 Pittsburgh Rd, Valencia, PA 16059, **Phone:** 724-898-1501

Hofbrau Haus: 20% discount on food. Show veteran or military ID. Discount location dependent with locations throughout country, www.hofbrauhaus.us/locations.com Pittsburgh location: Southside Works, 2705 South Waters Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203, <https://www.hofbrauhauspittsburgh.com/>

Home Depot: 10% discount. Show veteran or military ID

Lowes: 10% discount. Show veteran or military ID

Homes for Heroes, Inc.

A licensed real estate company with the largest nationwide network of affiliate real estate specialists and local business affiliates; committed to providing easy ways for the heroes to save on a home, and on every day home-related purchases. A portion of Homes for Heroes' earnings is donated to the Homes for Heroes Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) that provides assistance to heroes in need via local non-profit charities. You must be enrolled with Homes for Heroes and be represented at closing by a Homes for Heroes real estate affiliate to be eligible for Hero Rewards (cash back) 866-443-7637 or 866-4-Heroes. <https://www.homesforheroes.com/> Realtors, Lenders, and Title company, and Inspector affiliates pay to be members of Homes for Heroes and they agree to pay a referral fee as a way to give back to the heroes. When purchasing a home the heroes save on commission with the Realtor and the amount of savings depends on the price of the home, \$500 on the fees charged by the lender, \$150 on the title service, and \$50 on a home inspection if they are a Homes for Heroes Affiliate. When selling a home, heroes receive a 25% credit on commission at closing. The Frequently Asked Question section on the website addresses most of these questions and you have access to Hero Reviews and a video called Our Story. In addition you are able to click on the About section and read those pieces of information about the Home Buying and Selling Program, the Foundation, the people who started the company etc. All of this can be accessed without signing up as a hero. <https://www.homesforheroes.com/> Some of the local real estate agents (as of 12 Mar) participating: Deb Reddick, ReMax 360 Realty, 412-638-9886, debreddick.remax@gmail.com Donna Robinson, Berkshire Hathaway, 724-316-5704, donna.robinson@thepreferredd Realty.com

Oakmont Bakery: 10% discount, show military (active, reserve, retired) ID

Walnut Grill (various locations): Tuesday's evening, buy 1 entree, get one free

Wholey's Seafood: 10% discount on Monday. show military (active, reserve, retired) ID

Rover: Pet care/sitting/walking/boarding/day care, etc: <https://www.rover.com/pittsburgh--pa--dog-boarding/>

Amtrak: Veterans of the United States Military receive a 10% discount on the lowest available rail fare on most Amtrak trains. To learn more: <http://bit.ly/2MYFdxP>

O'Reilly Theater: Is a Blue Star Theater Pittsburgh Public Theater and offers members of the military and their immediate families 50% off tickets.

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