

MORE FAMILIES  
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# MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD FAMILY PROGRAMS NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2011

**Attention Military Children!  
Need Cash for College?  
\$1500.00 Scholarship**

**Get your application at  
[www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org)**

**Applications available Dec 1, 2011**



Call our 24/7 toll free number to contact the Family Assistance Center Staff after hours if urgent assistance is needed.

1-877-706-7598

## **Military Spouse Education Assistance**

**MyCAA** is an employment assistance program that provides up to \$4,000 of financial assistance to eligible military spouses who are pursuing a license, certification or Associate's degree in a portable career field and occupation.

**Training and Education Financial Assistance:** MyCAA provides a maximum education benefit of \$4,000 with an annual fiscal year cap of \$2,000 to assist eligible military spouses who need professional credentials to meet their Portable Career goals.

**Who is eligible for MyCAA Financial Assistance?** Spouses of service members on active duty in pay grades E1 to E5, W1 to W2, and O1 to O2 who can start and complete their coursework while their military sponsor is on Title 10 military orders, including spouses married to members of the National Guard and Reserve Components.

<https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa/>



## Don't Forget to sign up!

To get your child signed up go to the website and select the county that you reside in. <http://www.toysfortots.org/donate/toys-city-conty.asp>

Once on the site select the "Request Toys" button at the top of the page and follow the instructions on that page for your area.

Toys for Tots are available to ensure that children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas.

Maybe you would like to volunteer— this would be the website that you would register at as well.

## Montana Yellow Ribbon Events



**Dec 10-11** 640th 30day Post Deploy

**Jan 7th** 640th 60day Post Deploy

**Jan 14th** B Co 189th Pre Deploy

Yellow Ribbon contacts: 406-324-3985 or

406-324-3984



### FREE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREATS 2012

**Feb 17-19** Lewistown-couples

**Mar 18-20** Fairmont Hot Springs-singles

Army Guard call Chaplain Duvall 406-324-3307



### TRICARE ISSUES

On 11 September 2011 some computer backup tapes were stolen from a car in San Antonio, TX. Most of you will not be affected by this, but for families who had a Soldier on Active Duty or if you received treatment in a Military Medical Facility this could affect you. If you receive a letter from Science Application International Corporation (SAIC) informing you of the compromise of personal data then you have been affected. The information on the tapes included Social Security Numbers, date of birth, address, phone number, diagnosis, treatment information, laboratory tests, radiology results prescriptions, provider information and other patient data. These tapes did not contain any financial data, such as credit card numbers or banking information. SAIC is authorized by TriCare to pay for one year of continuous credit monitoring and credit restoration if necessary through your Experian credit file that could indicate activity that is associated with identity theft. Letters have already started going out to those who are affected.

## New Services for Family Caregivers of Post-9/11 Veteran



Under the "Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010," additional VA services are now available to seriously injured post-9/11 Veterans and their Family Caregivers through a new program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers. VA is now accepting applications for these services.

- Monthly stipend
- Travel expenses (including lodging and per diem while accompanying Veterans undergoing care)
- Access to health care insurance (if the Caregiver is not already entitled to care or services under a health care plan)
- Mental health services and counseling
- Comprehensive VA Caregiver training provided by Easter Seals
- Respite care (not less than 30 days per year)

If you think you fit the criteria for these new services, please follow the link to answer some preliminary questions and download an application.

<http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility/caregiver/>

**1-877-222-VETS**



## JOB RESOURCES

**WWW.USAJOBS.GOV**

**WWW.VETJOBS.COM**

**WWW.VETSUCCESS.GOV**

**WWW.ESGR.ORG**

**WWW.CAREERONESTOP.ORG**

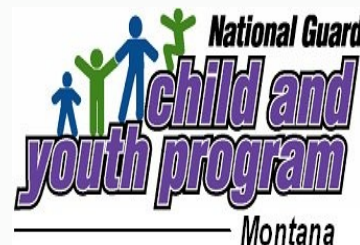
**Please contact your FAC for more resources!**



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## eKnowledge Donates \$38 Million of FREE SAT and ACT Test Prep Software to Military Families Worldwide



The SAT and ACT exams are one of the most important tests a student will take. Above average scores can result in thousands of dollars in scholarships and acceptance to preferred universities. The best way to improve score results is to practice. By practicing, students become acquainted with the format, the timing and the subject matter on the tests.

Thanks to eKnowledge, Military families do not need to spend a fortune preparing for SAT and ACT exams. In alliance with the DOD, and supported by professional athletes from the NFL and MLB, eKnowledge is donating FREE\* \$200 SAT and ACT PowerPrep™ programs to Military Service Members and families worldwide. The PowerPrep™ DVD allows self-paced practice that fits the student's needs and lifestyle. In six years, eKnowledge has donated over 160,000 SAT and ACT programs with a value of \$39 Million, at no profit to the company.

The eKnowledge DVD contains over 11 hours of video instruction, animation, graphics, thousands of sample questions and practice tests. Research shows that students who study for their college entrance exams are more comfortable, more confident and better prepared, resulting in higher test scores.

The donated \$200 DVD can be ordered online, or by telephone. \*There is a nominal charge of \$17.55 for the cost of materials, customer support and shipping.

To order online: [www.eknowledge.com/MTVA](http://www.eknowledge.com/MTVA)

To order by telephone: 951-256-4076

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| 2011/2012 SAT TEST DATES: |             |            |          |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------|----------|
| November 5                | December 3  | January 28 | March 10 |
| May 5                     | June 2      |            |          |
| 2011/2012 ACT TEST DATES: |             |            |          |
| December 10               | February 11 | April 14   | June 9   |

[www.montanaguardfamily.org/html/](http://www.montanaguardfamily.org/html/)



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