



UPCOMING EVENTS

12 January 2018



Find MCCS holiday hours for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend [HERE](#).

SELF-CARE WORKSHOP ON JANUARY 25th - CALL TO REGISTER FOR THIS POPULAR EVENT!

Don't miss this opportunity to "Relax, Renew, Revive" in 2018! At the MCCS Community Center (Bldg 1004) on Thursday, January 25th, from 1000-1200, learn ways to take care of yourself, so you can support the ones you love. While you're there, top it off by getting a massage with essential oils. Early registration is recommended for this awesome & FREE workshop, so call 830-3110 to save your spot today!



"WIZARD OF OZ" AUDITIONS ON MONDAY

Interested in performing at our local Theatre 29? Audition for the "Wizard of Oz"! Auditions are next Monday, January 15th, at 1800 at Theatre 29 (73637 Sullivan Rd). No appointment necessary. Questions? Contact the director, Gary, at z1077fm@gmail.com. More info is on [Facebook](#).



CAREGIVER PEER TO PEER SUPPORT FORUM ON TUESDAY

The Caregiver Peer-to-Peer Support Forum is on Tuesday, January 16th, 0900-1030 in Bldg 1433. The forum is open to **anyone** who provides support & care to wounded, ill, or injured service members. This provides caretakers an opportunity to meet new people & broaden their support network. If you can't make the meeting on the 16th, meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month. For more info, please contact Darcy at 760-218-9946.

L.I.N.K.S. FOR SPOUSES NEXT WEEK!

L.I.N.K.S. (Lifestyle, Insights, Networking, Knowledge, Skills) is an official Marine Corps program which helps families connect to the Corps. This full day session for spouses will help guide participants through "the maze" of military benefits & services, teach participants how to read a LES, discuss strategies and the challenges of separations, deployments, moving on military orders, and more. This course will help anyone increase their knowledge & skills as a military spouse. The next class takes place in two sessions: Part One is on Tuesday, January 16th & Part Two takes place on Thursday, January 17th. Both sessions are from 0900-1200. Reserve your seat today by calling 830-3110.



Can't make it to this session? No problem! There is another classroom session offered on February 8th, 0900-1600 or an ITX session offered on February 22nd.

SURVEY OPPORTUNITY FOR SPOUSES

Have you utilized the Family Member Employment Assistance Program (FMEAP) in the past 12 months? If so, Headquarters Marine Corps invites you to participate in an anonymous survey! Your feedback is instrumental in helping leadership gauge expectations & perceptions of the quality of service you receive from these programs. Information you provide will remain confidential and your participation is voluntary. The survey can be found [HERE](#). Survey link is available through January 28th.



Family Member Employment Assistance Program

REGISTER ASAP TO ATTEND THE ITX VERSION OF L.I.N.K.S. ON FEBRUARY 22nd

The L.I.N.K.S. ITX is an introduction to the Marine Corps in a field type setting. Spouses will learn Marine Corps history, tradition, rank structure, pay, moving, deployment coping, benefits and services and MUCH more! This session starts at 0645 on Thursday, February 22nd & is expected to end at 1530. To register or for more information, call 830-3110.

"HOW TO" WORKSHOP AT AUTO SKILLS CENTER ON JAN. 20

Come learn the basics of what you need to look for when buying a car and how to inspect the underside of a vehicle. Don't accidentally buy a bad car and learn everything you need to know for getting the most car for your money. Next class is Saturday, January 20th, at 1000 at the Auto Skills Center (Bldg 1083 behind Carl's Jr). This workshop is FREE!

For more info, call 830-7257.



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"YEAR OF THE BULLDOG" BINGO ON JANUARY 26th

Join the OSC for their all-hands "Year of the Bulldog Bingo"! Try your luck to win fun prizes, share laughs with friends, and enjoy delicious appetizers. Bingo is on Friday, January 26th, starting



at 1900 in Frontline Restaurant. Tickets are \$20 and include the bingo, appetizers, and fun! Be sure to purchase your tickets in advance to receive an additional three FREE bingo cards! Tickets can be purchased online [HERE](#).

SMOOTH MOVE CLASS ON JANUARY 24th

This is a MANDATORY Permanent Change of Station (PCS) workshop for anyone with orders or in the process of receiving orders to any military station in the world. The Smooth Move Workshop focuses on moving in and outside of the Continental United States. In this workshop we will discuss all aspects of a PCS move to include: housing, DMO and IPAC entitlements. Please call 830-6344 in advance for brief location and to reserve a seat. Per MCO 1310.11G transferring Service members are to attend a mandatory PCS departure workshop at least 60- 90 days prior to transfer.

"THE ODD COUPLE" STARTS NEXT WEEKEND AT THEATRE 29

One of the most iconic comedies of modern American theater - Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple* - is coming to Theatre 29!



It's a match made in mayhem as two men Oscar (the divorced slob) and Felix (the neurotic neat-freak) decide to room together after Felix's wife kicks him out of the house. Hilarity ensues as the two men test each other's sanity, but despite their difficulty living together, ultimately, they both learn the value of their friendship. "The Odd Couple" runs weekends January 19th through February 4th. Showtimes are 1900 on Fridays & Saturdays with a 1430 matinee on Sunday afternoons. This show is recommended for all audiences (some mild language). Tickets for are \$15/ Adults, \$12/seniors & military, & \$8/students with ID & kids under 12. To purchase tickets call the Theatre 29 Box Office at 760-361-4151 or at www.theater29.org. Theatre 29 is located at 73637 Sullivan Road in 29 Palms.

MCAGCC TAX CENTER OPENS JANUARY 29th

The MCAGCC Twentynine Palms Tax Center opens on January 29th & looks forward to serving Service members, retirees, and their families with **FREE** tax preparation. The tax preparers were taught by the IRS, the California Franchise Tax Board, and the OIC to spot tax issues unique to members of the military. They are equipped to deal with complex tax returns dealing with income from different states, rental properties, and retirement accounts.

The MCAGCC Twentynine Palms Tax Center is located on Brown Road in Building 1525. Walk-ins are available Monday-Friday from 0800-1530, but appointments have priority and can be scheduled both daytime and after hours. The Tax Center can be reached by calling 830-4829 & more information can be found [HERE](#).



FAMILY READINESS VOLUNTEER CLASS ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Want to be more involved with your spouse's unit? Become a family readiness volunteer!

Volunteers are needed in every unit to assist with making the family readiness program successful. Volunteer opportunities can include helping with administrative work in the office, planning & helping out at events, and more. Contact your FRO to find out specifics on what your unit may need. Don't miss the next training scheduled for on Tuesday, January 23rd, 0900-1100. Register for this class by calling 830-3110.

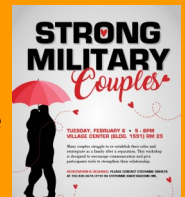
PASSPORT TO VOLUNTEERING WORKSHOP ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6th

This training provides volunteers the necessary tools to have a successful volunteer career. Volunteers will be exposed to the fulfilling part of volunteering & the necessary skills needed to ensure their volunteer experience is positive & rewarding. The next Passport to Volunteering class takes place next Tuesday, February 6th, 0900-1100 in Room 25 of the Village Center (Bldg 1551). Register by calling 830-3110.



STRONG MILITARY COUPLES WORKSHOP ON FEBRUARY 6th

Many couples struggle to re-establish their roles and reintegrate as a family after a separation. This workshop is designed to encourage communication and give participants tools to strengthen their relationship. "Strong Military Couples" workshop takes place on Tuesday, February 6th, 1700-2000. Be sure to register by calling 830-3110 (registration is required).



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26TH ANNUAL HEALTHY HEARTS RUN AND 2K HEALTH WALK ON FEBRUARY 17th

It's time to put that New Year's resolution to work! The Healthy Hearts 5K Run and 2K Community Health Walk (held in conjunction with National Heart Month) is open to all ages and takes place on Saturday, February 17th with a start time of 0900. Route starts and ends at Essig Park in Yucca Valley. Early bird registration (by Feb. 7th) is \$20 and includes race entry and a t-shirt. Cost after February 7th is \$25. Save time and register online [HERE](#).

Race day registration is available from 0800-0845.



MARDI GRAS DATE NIGHT ON FEBRUARY 24th - GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Join in the Mardi Gras fun at Couples Date Night at Frontline! Couples will enjoy a night of dancing after a delicious Cajun-style buffet dinner. Everyone there will also receive a Mardi

Gras mask! Date night is Saturday, February 24th, 1800-2200. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased at REC ITT inside the Main Exchange (next to GNC). Call 830-5086 with questions or for more info.

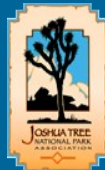


HEALTHY BLENDED FAMILIES WORKSHOP, FEB. 13

This workshop is designed to help service members and their families gain a better understanding of the common and practical issues they face daily. Participants in this workshop will also receive helpful tips on how to nurture and enrich their blended family at this workshop on Tuesday, February 13th, 1800-2000. Save your seat by calling 830-3110.

FREE CLASSES FOR MILITARY & FAMILIES NEW 2018 COURSE CATALOG AVAILABLE

The Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park has an amazing opportunity for you! Through grants provided by the MCAGCC Officers' Spouses' Club & other organizations, the Desert Institute offers a LIMITED number of scholarships for their educational programs to active & retired Marines and their family members. The scholarship is limited to one **FREE** class per person per season. You can select from a variety of classes. View the latest catalog [HERE](#) or stop at the local Chamber of Commerce (73484 Hwy 62) to pick up your free copy! For more information and qualifications for this scholarship, please call 760-367-5535.



DID YOU KNOW...

THE NAVAL HOSPITAL NOW HAS EXTENDED CLINIC HOURS FIVE DAYS A WEEK

Clinic hours have been extended and Medical Home Port Blue and Gold Teams are now open Monday through Friday until 1800! Making an appointment is easy! Call the hospital appointment line (830-2752), book on TRICARE online; or request an appointment via Relay Health.



SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

The Scholarships for Military Children Program is accepting applications from eligible students at the commissary. A total of 700 scholarship grants (worth \$2,000 each) will be awarded for the 2018-2019 school year. A minimum of one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location where qualified applications are received.

To qualify for consideration, applicants must be a dependent, unmarried child, younger than 21 (or 23 if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university) of a service member on active duty, a Reserve or Guard member, retiree or survivor of a military member who died while on active duty, or survivor of a retiree.

Applications must be hand-delivered or mailed to the commissary where the applicant's family normally shops by close of business Friday, Feb. 16th (individuals may only apply at one commissary). The application form may be found [HERE](#).

OFFICERS' SPOUSES CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

ATTENTION ALL MILITARY DEPENDENTS! Graduating seniors and spouses pursuing AA, BA/BS or vocational certification are eligible to apply for scholarships for the 2018-2019 academic year. In order to be eligible applicants must be the dependent of an active duty service member stationed aboard MCAGCC or MWTC Bridgeport –OR– a dependent of a retired or deceased service member & living in the Morongo Basin, Greater Palm Springs area or Bridgeport area whose last duty station was MCAGCC. Application & info may be found on www.osc29palms.com. All applications MUST be postmarked by March 2nd, 2018!

GLADYS CAROL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Gladys Carol Foundation is currently accepting applications for scholarship awards up to \$5,000! Both high school seniors and high school graduates who are pursuing a STEM (science, technology, engineering or math) degree are eligible to apply. For more information and an application, visit their website at <http://www.gcsp.vpweb.com>. Be sure to get your application in by the March 31st deadline!

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MONDAY, JANUARY 15	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY...FIND THE MCCS FACILITY HOLIDAY HOURS HERE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16	L.I.N.K.S. FOR SPOUSES STARTS TODAY! CALL 830-3110 TO REGISTER.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17	TAKE A BUDGET OR DEBT MANAGEMENT CLASS TO START OFF YOUR FINANCIAL NEW YEAR RIGHT! CLASSES ARE TODAY AT 1000 OR 1300...REGISTER OR GET MORE INFO BY CALLING 830-7342.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18	GET YOUR ADVANCE TICKET TO "BULLDOG BINGO" TAKING PLACE JAN. 26TH...BUY ONLINE HERE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19	DO YOU HAVE YOUR TICKETS TO MARDI GRAS DATE NIGHT YET? PICK THEM UP AT ITT TODAY!
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20	FREE "HOW TO" WORKSHOP AT AUTO SKILLS THIS MORNING AT 1000 (BLDG 1083)
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21	CATCH A MATINEE OF "THE ODD COUPLE" TODAY AT THEATRE 29 , SHOW STARTS AT 1430
MONDAY, JANUARY 22	GOT A CASE OF THE MONDAYS & DON'T WANT TO COOK DINNER? ENJOY ALL-HANDS STEAK NIGHT AT HASHMARKS TONIGHT
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23	FAMILY READINESS VOLUNTEER TRAINING, 0900-1200...SAVE YOUR SEAT BY CALLING 830-3110
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24	SMOOTH MOVE WORKSHOP AT 0900—CALL 830-6344 TO REGISTER

GET THE LATEST INFO ON EVENTS & PROGRAMS!

****City of 29 Palms Chamber****

Text 29PALMS to 22828 to receive newsletters

****MCCS****

Text MARINE29 to 71441



NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is here to help!
Call 830-6323 for more information or to set up an appointment.

NMCRS is located in the Village Center (Bldg 1551).

FREE WEEKLY FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CLASSES



Do you have a financial resolution this new year? Learn how to save and budget by attending any of the FREE classes below inside in the Education Center (Bldg 1530), Room 101. Please register for your class in advance by contacting [Ms. Sandra Little](#), 830-7342.

****BUDGET WORKSHOP, WEDNESDAYS, 1000-1130**

****CREDIT & DEBT MANAGEMENT, WEDNESDAYS, 1300-1430**

[71ST ANNUAL RIVERSIDE COUNTY FAIR & DATE FESTIVAL](#)

FEBRUARY 16-25th—FREE ENTRY FOR MILITARY + 3 GUESTS!

The Annual Fair is great fun for everyone with lots of live entertainment, food and activities for the whole family. This year's event runs from February 16 -25 from 1000-2200 daily. **Best of all, entry is free for all veterans with valid military or veteran's ID who may then also include up to three guests!** Don't miss the camel and ostrich races, monster truck competition, bull-riding, see the date queen and her court, or the opportunity to sample all kinds of great food (definitely don't miss the chance to get a date shake!). More than 7,000 exhibits and competitions related to the fruit are a part of the event.



Parking is \$10/day (\$15 for preferred). The Riverside County Fairgrounds are located at 82-503 Hwy 111 in Indio. See you at the Fair!

14TH ANNUAL PARADE OF HOMES ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18th

The Parade of Homes is the must attend event for many who get to explore some of the unique, historic and inspiring homes of the Morongo Basin on a self-guided tour. Reach Out Morongo Basin's 14th Annual Parade of Homes tour takes place on Sunday, Feb. 18th, 1100-1700.

This year's tour features six homes that range from Twentynine Palms to Yucca Valley. The Park Rock Café in beautiful downtown Joshua Tree will be hosting the lunch for tour goers (included in the ticket price). With their wonderful and dedicated staff & awesome culinary talents tour goers will enjoy a leisurely lunch stop and live music. Tickets are \$25 each & are available at Cowboy Attic or 29

Palms Chamber of Commerce. Tickets will also be available the day of the tour at the Park Rock Café. For more info or questions, visit their [Facebook page](#) or call 760-361-1410.

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GOOD INFO FOR PARENTS...

STAR PARTY ON JANUARY 29th

All ages are invited to stop by the Shadow Mountain Branch Library on Monday, January 29th, 1800-2000 to look through telescopes to view the moon & stars. No pre-registration is required. For more info, please call 830-6875.



MAKE A VALENTINE BEAN BAG TOSS ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Join in this *FREE* hands-on workshop where children & parents work on a project the first Saturday of every month! Stop by the Home Depot this Saturday, January 6th, 0900-1200, where your child will build & decorate a Valentine's Day-themed mini bag toss game! All kids get to keep their craft, receive a *FREE* certificate of achievement, Workshop Apron, and a pin while supplies last.

CHILD & TEEN PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE SHADOW MOUNTAIN BRANCH LIBRARY (BLDG 692)

All of the below programs are *FREE* & registration is only required for the Makerspace classes, so just show up if your schedule allows for Read & Play or Storytime. For additional information contact the Library at 830-4265.

**READ & PLAY
TUESDAYS, 1400-1430**

**AGES 0-1 YEARS
STORYTIME**

**MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, 1030-1100
AGES 2-5 YEARS**

**MAKERSPACE FOR CHILDREN (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)
LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 1530-1630
GRADES 4-6**

**MAKERSPACE FOR TEENS (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)
LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, 1530-1630
GRADES 7-12**

YOUTH BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU CLASSES

Get fit while learning powerful techniques in a Youth Brazilian Jiu-jitsu class! Classes are held Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at the East Gym from 1800-1900. Professor Mike Wimmer is a Caveirinha Jiu-jitsu blackbelt, a Yudansha MMA black belt, and a Brazilian Jiu-jitsu & MMA Champion.

Registration is required. Cost is \$65/month (\$40/additional child). Anyone interested can register at the MCCS Community Center (Bldg 1004). For more info, call 612-730-8632.



GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

**FATHER DAUGHTER WONDERLAND DANCE
ON FEBRUARY 10th**



Don't be late for this very important date! The Father Daughter Wonderland Dance on Saturday, February 10th, 1800-2100 is a magical tea party featuring a candy buffet, complimentary photo and lots of curious fun. This night is sure to create a special family memory. Be sure to get your tickets ASAP for this popular event before they sell out! Tickets are \$25 per father (all accompanying daughters are free) and can be purchased at REC ITT inside the Main Exchange (next to GNC).

MCAGCC YOUTH SPORTS 2018 CALENDAR

Interested in what MCAGCC Youth Sports is offering next? Check out their 2018 calendar complete with registration dates and costs [HERE](#).



DO YOU HAVE A CHILD 6 OR UNDER?

IF SO, PARENTING ESSENTIALS WORKSHOP IS FOR YOU!

In this class, parents will learn new information & parenting techniques on topics such as critical development windows, child nutrition, & how to empower children to problem solve and compromise. The next workshop takes place on Wednesday, February 7th, 0800-1130. To register for this *FREE* workshop, call 830-7622.

BABY BASICS EXPRESS ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1st

Expecting a new baby? Baby Basics is for you! This fast-paced 4 hour class designed to provide parents with an understanding of their infant's world, along with basic skills necessary in making the transition to parenthood. The next class is being held on Thursday, February 1st, 0800-1200. Register by calling 830-7622.



BUDGET FOR BABY CLASSES

Welcoming a new family member is exciting. This free workshop helps you make sure you're financially prepared and know how to budget and spend wisely on baby's expenses.

Navy Marine Corps Relief Society is offering several opportunities to take their popular "Budget for Baby" class! Register by calling 830-6323.

- **Tuesday, January 16th, 1700-1900**
- **Thursday, January 25th, 1730-1930**
- **Wednesday, February 7th, 0930-1130**
- **Tuesday, February 13th, 1700-1900**
- **Thursday, February 22nd, 1730-1930**



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