# FFSC Monterey Newsletter



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### SAPR Corner

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The SAPR program provides high-quality services and support to victims and survivors of sexual assault that strengthen their resilience and instill confidence and trust in the reporting process, whether they file a restricted or unrestricted report.

To speak to a Victim Advocate, call our 24/7 confidential hotline at 831-760-2329.

To become a SAPR Unit Victim Advocate, contact your command Admin UVA or NSAM SARC.

#### Domestic Violence Awareness

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) is a national campaign dedicated to raising awareness about domestic violence. Every October, organizations and individuals unite across the country for a national effort to uplift the needs, voices, and experiences of survivors. Congress declared the month of October to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month in 1989. If you or someone you know is experiencing Domestic Violence please contact The National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233 or Fleet & Family Support Center at 831-656-3060.



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### SIDS and Safe Sleep

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Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is a heartbreaking reality for many families, but awareness and education can make a significant difference. Some may not know that baby safe sleep practices are crucial in reducing the risk of SIDS, especially during the first six months of life when babies are most vulnerable. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends the following safe sleep guidelines:

- Always place babies on their backs to sleep.
- Use a firm, flat sleep surface covered by a fitted sheet.
- Keep soft bedding and toys out of the crib.
- Share a room, but not a bed, with your baby for at least the first six months.
- Avoid overheating and head covering during sleep.

By following these guidelines, parents and caregivers can create a safer sleep environment for their infants, significantly reducing the risk of SIDS. For more information and resources, visit AAP's website.



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### NSAM OPSEC Education & Awareness

### Unit Mission: What Not to Discuss

- Don't share specific information about the mission of assigned units
- Don't share specific dates and locations of deployments
- Don't list your service member's specific job on the internet
- Don't share your service member's exact location overseas
- Don't share anything about unit morale or equipment
- Don't share anything about deployment schedules or itineraries
- Don't share exact dates your service member is scheduled to return from deployment.

### **OPSEC** and Kids

Military families must take extra steps to ensure their child understands OPSEC. Kids have feelings of anger, sadness, and worry when their loved ones deploy. Kids want to express their heartache over another deployment or excitement of a parent's homecoming. While it might seem harmless, there could be consequences for sharing information. Sit down with your children and emphasize the importance of not sharing deployment details via social media or in public where potential criminals can overhear and use the data to target your family.



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### Why Operations Security (OPSEC) for the Family

Adversaries see military family members as soft targets and an easy source of useful information. Family members, whether they know it or not, know a significant amount of sensitive military information. Family members who recognize and understand "what to protect," "how to protect it," and "why it requires protection" become engaged and proactive in safeguarding military critical information and indicators.



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| Event   | Description  | Date & Time                                      | Location  |
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| Office Closures                                       | The FFSC Office will be closed.  | Mon, Oct 14                                      | 1280 Leahy Road,<br>Monterey, CA 93940                            |
| Mind, Body, Mental<br>Fitness: Connection<br>Workshop | Mind-Body Mental Fitness (MBMF) enhances resilien-<br>cy and mental toughness through the use of evidence<br>-based mindfulness skills. The primary goal of MBMF<br>is to enhance the mind, body, spirit and social do-<br>mains in one's life.  | Tue, Oct 1<br>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM                 | Teams Meeting<br>ID: 228 725 558 640<br>Passcode: zqWuM4          |
| Tiny Tot Troop  | Calling all explorers! Bring your little adventurers for a<br>joyful playtime experience with other military fami-<br>lies. Let's build early childhood friendships and dis-<br>cover together! For children 0-4 years old   | Wed, Oct 2<br>Wed, Oct 16<br>10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | 336B Leahy Road,<br>Monterey, CA 93940                            |
| Monterey County<br>Bookmobile                         | Monterey County Library and Pacific Grove Library's<br>Bookmobile is available for book pickup and dropoff.  | Wednesdays<br>12:30 PM - 3:30 PM                 | In front of HHG BLDG 55<br>1280 Leahy Road,<br>Monterey, CA 93940 |
| Festive Finances<br>Workshop                          | Talking about money shouldn't be spooky! Join us to<br>plan for the added expenses of special events and<br>develop strategies to avoid overspending and debt.   | Thu, Oct 3<br>10:00 AM - 11:30 AM                | 336B Leahy Road,<br>Monterey, CA 93940                            |
| Proclamation Signing                                  | Proclamation signing of Domestic Violence Aware-<br>ness and Prevention, coming together to reaffirm our<br>commitment to end domestic violence and sup-<br>porting survivors.   | Thu, Oct 3<br>3:00 PM - 3:30 PM                  | Command Cottage<br>271 Stone Road<br>Monterey, CA. 93940          |
| 5 Love Languages<br>Workshop                          | Everyone expresses and receives love in 5 different<br>ways called Love Languages: quality time, words of<br>affirmation, gifts, acts of service, and physical touch.<br>Take your relationship and understanding of your<br>partner to new heights with our 5 Love Languages<br>Workshop. | Fri, Oct 4<br>1:00 PM - 3:00 PM                  | 336B Leahy Road,<br>Monterey, CA 93940                            |
| Couple's<br>Communication<br>Workshop                 | Master the skills of understanding non-verbal cues,<br>constructive criticism, and active listening. Explore<br>differences that affect communication as a couple, as<br>well as how you can deepen your relationship.   | Mon, Oct 7<br>10:30 AM - 12:30 PM                | 336B Leahy Road,<br>Monterey, CA 93940                            |
| Babygarten  | For our tiniest tots aged 0-18 months. Enjoy a struc-<br>tured playtime with engaging activities designed to<br>nurture early development and create lasting memo-<br>ries. Save the dates and connect with fellow families<br>in your community. Don't miss out on the fun!               | Wed, Oct 9<br>Wed, Oct 23<br>10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | 336B Leahy Road,<br>Monterey, CA 93940                            |

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| Job Search Strategies<br>Workshop                            | Are you a military spouse looking for work? Join us for<br>our Job Search Strategies class to learn essential ele-<br>ments you will need to conduct a thorough, produc-<br>tive, and competitive job search.   | Thu, Oct 10<br>10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | 336B Leahy Road,<br>Monterey, CA 93940                      |
| Floating Pumpkin<br>Patch and Decorating<br>Party            | Select a pumpkin from the Roman Plunge Pool to decorate.  | Sun, Oct 13<br>2:00 PM - 4:00 PM   | 300 Tisdale Rd<br>Monterey, CA. 93940                       |
| Mind, Body, Mental<br>Fitness: Stress<br>Resiliency Workshop | Mind-Body Mental Fitness (MBMF) enhances resilien-<br>cy and mental toughness through the use of<br>evidence-based mindfulness skills. The primary goal<br>of MBMF is to enhance the mind, body, spirit and<br>social domains in one's life.  | Tue, Oct 15<br>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  | Teams Meeting<br>ID: 296 423 160 424<br>Passcode: kN6d9m    |
| Power Up Your<br>Resume for Remote<br>Jobs Workshop          | Wondering how to write your resume to land a re-<br>mote job? This webinar will guide you through action-<br>able tips and tricks for creating a resume specifically<br>for remote jobs. With the right remote resume, you<br>will be working from home in no time.   | Wed, Oct 16<br>10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Virtual Workshop<br>Register at:<br><u>MyNavyFamily.com</u> |
| Motivating by<br>Appreciation<br>Workshop                    | Based on the book "5 Languages of Appreciation in<br>the Workplace" by Gary Chapman and Paul White,<br>this workshop will walk you through the fundamen-<br>tals of using appreciation as a motivator in the work-<br>place. Made for command leaders and peers alike,<br>appreciation can be felt from the bottom up or the<br>top down. | Thu, Oct 17<br>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  | Virtual Workshop<br>Register at:<br><u>MyNavyFamily.com</u> |
| Domestic Violence<br>Awareness Family<br>Glow Run and Party  | A family Glow Run to promote Domestic Violence<br>Awareness.  | Fri, Oct 18<br>6:30 PM - 8:30 PM   | 1280 Leahy road,<br>Monterey, CA 93940                      |
| Accessing Higher<br>Education Workshop                       | This course is for service members who wish to pur-<br>sue college education after military service. It ex-<br>plores using higher education to meet career goals by<br>identifying degree plans, comparing different educa-<br>tional institutions understanding funding options and<br>learning about grants and scholarships.          | Mon, Oct 21 &<br>Tue, Oct 22       | 336B Leahy Road,<br>Monterey, CA 93940                      |
| Emotional<br>Intelligence<br>Workshop                        | This class illustrates the differences between anger,<br>assertiveness, stress, and aggression. You will learn<br>how to evaluate and understand your anger, develop<br>different skills to manage your anger, and learn how<br>to stay calm in stressful situations.   | Mon, Oct 21<br>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | 1280 Leahy Road,<br>Monterey, CA 93940                      |

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| CFS Awareness Forum  | Command Financial Specialist ONLY! Learn about new<br>updates and join in a financial management issues<br>support discussion in accordance with current DoD<br>and Navy policy requirements. | Thu, Oct 24<br>10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Virtual Workshop<br><u>https://connect.apan.org/</u><br><u>ffscmontereywfl</u> |
| Mind, Body, Mental<br>Fitness: Mindfulness<br>and Meditation<br>Workshop | Mind-Body Mental Fitness (MBMF) enhances resilien-<br>cy and mental toughness through the use of<br>evidence-based mindfulness skills.  | Tue, Oct 29<br>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  | Teams Meeting<br>ID: 269 346 891 871<br>Passcode: LJAqAH                       |

### Policy Spotlight: No Wrong Door

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The department of the Navy is committed to supporting victims and survivors, including those who suffered sexual assault, sexual harassment, or domestic abuse. When these situations happen, the responsibility of finding the appropriate support services should not be placed on victims and survivors. For this reason, we embrace and enforce the No Wrong Door policy, which ensures that a victim who contacts a helping professional from any DON victim care and support office will either receive services from that office, or, with the victim's permission, get a "warm hand-off" to the appropriate service provider. At FFSC, we are committed to ensuring that anyone who walks through our doors, or calls our offices or hotline, will get connected with the appropriate service provider to best meet their needs. For our community members who have suffered sexual assault, sexual harassment, or domestic abuse, we do more than just provide a name or phone number. The No Wrong Door policy means FFSC will stay by a victim's side while we make a direct connection, introduce clients to the providers they are seeking in-person, and follow through/follow up to ensure the needs of our community members have been met while upholding confidentiality. The NSA Monterey Fleet & Family Support Center prides itself on being a hub of help to our military members and their families. FFSC is never the wrong door, and always a safe choice.

For more information on the DON No Wrong Door Policy, please visit mynavyhr.navy.mil/Support-Services-Culture-Resilience/Sexual-Assault or stop by our office to pick up a brochure.

To reach our front desk during normal business hours, please call: 831-656-3060 To reach 24/7 SAPR support, please call: 831-760-2329