



Key Spouse Newsletter

Airman & Family Readiness Center



Thank You for Your Service!

By Col Pat Miller, 88 ABW/CC

“We do not remember days, we remember moments.” – Cesare Pavese

You just moved to the area and don't know anyone yet. Your loved one is deployed, and the car broke down. You're looking for recommendations for a good orthodontist or pediatrician. The list goes on and on. You know the story, you've lived it. The frustration, disconnection, and anxiety – the life of a military family.

As the commander for the 88th Air Base Wing, Installation Commander for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and a husband of 22 years, I fully appreciate the service and sacrifice of our families. So much so, we've made “Family Oriented” one of the eight new values for our Wing and included “Caring” as one of the eight character traits we want the wing to be known for when others talk about us. So how do we get after that? The answer is simple – you!

The mission of the Key Spouse Program is to pro-

vide information and resources to military spouses, supporting families in successfully navigating throughout the military lifecycle. As a Key Spouse, you are the secret ingredient to forging resilient families and



strengthening the readiness of the team. In partnership with your unit commander, superintendent, and first sergeant, you link families to vital resources. As you get to know the families within your unit, you also become a trusted confidant and serve as an extra sensor for the commander to identify when someone needs a little extra help. The true reward comes from knowing

you are building connectedness across the team.

Last month, we had the opportunity to celebrate our children as part of Month of the Military Child. This month, we get to celebrate our spouses on Military Spouse Appreciation Day – always the Friday before Mother's Day. Know that I, as well as every commander, superintendent, first sergeant, and military member truly appreciate you for all your hard work and sacrifice. You're a vital member of our team. Thanks for all that you do to create moments for our Air Force family, moments of love, caring, comradery, and friendship. You are making a difference every day. I'm thrilled to serve on your team!

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- *Little Hero's Thank You*
- *Military Appreciation Ideas*
- *USA Job Opportunity Link*
- *Mother's Day Events*

Thank you so much for supporting our efforts to celebrate April Month of the Military Child!

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Military Spouse Appreciation Day 2021



"Together forever, never apart. Maybe in distance, but never at heart."



Wright Patterson AFB is hosting a FREE STOMP Virtual Workshop

This free workshop is designed to provide information and resources to EFMP military families and individuals with disabilities, to help them access and navigate the educational and medical services.

Registration is open to all Air Force Families! (active duty, retirees, reserve, & DoD personnel)

All Branches can register and attend on space available option.



You will...

- Get information on your educational rights as a parent of a child with a disability
- Learn what services are available to you through your TRICARE, ECHO, ABA benefits
- Learn about your local and community resources
- Have the opportunity to share solutions, ideas, and connect with other parents and professionals

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Workshop Dates and Times

All Times Eastern Standard Time Zone

Date	Time	Topic
Mon May 13, 2021	10am-11am EST	Topic: Financial Planning
Tue May 14, 2021	10am-11am EST	Topic: Financial Planning
Wed May 15, 2021	10am-11am EST	Topic: Financial Planning
Thu May 16, 2021	10am-11am EST	Topic: Financial Planning
Fri May 17, 2021	10am-11am EST	Topic: Financial Planning

Register for the topics you want to attend.

To register click the link:
<https://www.ifaforms.com/4889124>

Virtual platform used is Zoom.

Space is limited!

Questions about workshop or registration contact:
407-419-1559

KEEP
CALM
AND
CALL
YOUR
KEY SPOUSE



National Military Spouse Appreciation Day is a presidentially-approved holiday and is celebrated on the Friday before Mother's Day in May. This year it will be observed on Friday, May 7th, 2021.

On Military Spouse Appreciation Day we honor the contributions and sacrifices made by military spouses. Their commitment and support help to keep our country safe. America's military spouses are the backbone of the families who support our troops during mission, deployment, reintegration and reset. Military spouses are silent heroes who are essential to the strength of the nation, and they serve our country just like their loved ones.

In celebration of Military Spouse Appreciation Day, the armed forces have special events and programs to inform, honor, and recognize military spouses around the world. Events range from spouse appreciation luncheons to educational workshops, and spouse employment fairs that pay tribute to military spouses.

Read more: <https://militarybenefits.info/military-spouse-appreciation-day/#ixzz6tX30vCsU>

Key Spouses Connecting to Key Spouses!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2206440506070312>

Facebook Groups

Wright Patterson AFB Key Spouses and Mentors has 56 members. Wright Patterson AFB Key Spouses and Mentors was created to help support one another. It is designed to support all of our Air Force...

www.facebook.com

Upcoming KS/KSM Training Classes:
Initial Key Spouse/Mentor Training and must have a KS appointment letter from Commander or First Sergeant to attend training.

Date	Day	Time	Room
5 May 21	Wed	8:30-2:30	237

*Initial Training 6 Hours

1 hour Refresher Training

Date	Day	Time	Room
15 Jun 21	Tues	0930-1100	237

(Note: 1 hour refresher training Key Spouses/Mentor Spouses relocating to Wright-Patterson AFB OH)

Key Spouse Continuing Education

Date	Day	Time	Rm
25 May 21	Tues	1300-1400	237

Guest Speakers: Trina Pauley, School Liaison and Tavonne Bridges and Stephanie Wilson, EFMP Coordinators. Please contact the Airman & Family Readiness Center to register at (937) 257-3592.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day Ideas

Here are a few ways that you can show your appreciation to your military spouse.

- Give your military spouse a day off
- Do something he or she loves doing
- Give a token of appreciation e.g. care package, gift card, flowers or anything they love
- Say “Thank You” but be creative in expressing thanks
- Have a day of pampering together
- Make dinner or surprise your spouse with breakfast
- Watch a movie or show you’d rather not watch but that they love
- Do something to solve one of their problems
- Create a coupon book for them
- Give your military spouse a list of reasons why you appreciate them
- For deployed troops, send a video message or ecard showing your appreciation



“You are my love, my protector, my hero, and no matter the distance, I will always wait for you.”



Heart Link
Spouse Orientation Program

Friday, May 21st from 8:00am – 2:30pm
WPAFB Airman & Family Readiness Center
Building 2, Room 244 or streaming live on Zoom Gov

Whether new to the Air Force or new to Wright-Patterson AFB, Heart Link Orientation will provide opportunities to make new friends, learn about services and resources available at WPAFB, and empower you through your military spouse journey.

Food, fun and even door prizes!

Call the A&FRC or email 88FSFSFRWorkflow@us.af.mil with questions or to sign up!

Don't forget to ask about free Childcare!

Logos: Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, 88th Force Support Squadron, Air Force & Society, and a circular seal.

RSVP BY 17 MAY 2021 | LUNCH PROVIDED | RSVP: 937-257-3592



Team,

What an awesome event it was!!!
The kids and families were so excited and thankful in receiving their recognition (medals, certificates, gift bags)!

Very Respectfully,

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DON'T KNOW WHO YOUR KEY SPOUSE IS? PLEASE CONTACT THE AIRMAN & FAMILY READINESS CENTER FOR ASSISTANCE AT (937) 257-3592. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7:30 A.M TO 4:30 P.M. CLOSED ON FEDERAL HOLIDAYS.

We're on Facebook

www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Wright-Patterson-AFB-Airman-Family-Readiness-Center



www.usocso.org

USO current hours are 9:00 a.m.-5:00 pm, Monday-Friday. They are also open Saturday afternoons from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. during Guard and Reserve drill weekends (typically the first two Saturdays of the month.)



Employment Opportunities on Wright Patterson AFB

Go to <https://www.usajobs.gov>
for Civilian Employment and
Non-Appropriated Funds

Personal Financial Counselors are here to support you virtually.

- ✓ Are you off a military installation, but still desire financial support?
- ✓ Would speaking to a professional, virtually, give you peace of mind?
- ✓ Are you ready to boost your monetary might?



Did you know Personal Financial Counselors (PFCs) can provide no-cost support services virtually?

PFCs offer a wide range of training and workshops on topics such as money management, budgeting and developing spending plans, debt and credit card management, consumer rights and obligations, homebuying, retirement and estate planning, taxes and more.

PFCs can provide face to face counseling and/or deliver presentation to service members and their families using telephonic or electronic modes like the Zoom platform.

PFCs are:

- Professionals with experience and specialized training
- They hold a minimum of a bachelor degree
- They hold National certifications for financial counseling and education



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- www.FINRED.USAEARNING.GOV
- <https://www.medium.com/@DoDFINRED>

Local Contact Information

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What's Happening Wright-Patt

Follow on social media to stay up-to-date on activities and events: Facebook: @88fss | Twitter: @WrightPattFSS | Instagram @WrightPattFSS | E-Newsletter: text WPAFBFUN to 22828 | www.wrightpattfss.com

Mother's Day Events & Specials

Mother's Day Archery – Saturday, May 8 at the Rod & Gun Club, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. – Celebrate Mother's Day with Outdoor Rec by learning the basics of archery and practice shooting targets. Learn two different types of bows as well as proper shooting techniques. Cost is \$20 per person. Must be 10 year of age or older. Sign up at Outdoor Rec (Building 95, Area A) by May 3. Call 937-257-9889 for more information.

Free Round of Golf – Sunday, May 9 - Twin Base & Prairie Trace Golf Courses – To celebrate Mother's Day, all mothers can come in and receive a free round of golf. Cart not included. Some restrictions may apply. Call 937-257-4130 or 937-257-7961 for details.

Mother's Day Parking Lot Bingo – Sunday, May 9 – Wright-Patt Club Parking Lot – 2-5 pm – A special Parking Lot Bingo to celebrate Mom! Over \$1,000 in door & cash prizes! Food available at the food truck Plus a special Mother's Day Sundae Bar including desserts, cookies and ice cream! Reserve your spot until May 7. Members \$25, Non-Members \$30. Packet pickup begins at 2, games begin at 3. Call 937-522-2160 for more info.

