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Department of the Air Force Gaming League (DAFGL)

DAFGL Season 2 kicked off Sept. 12 with 486 teams competing in Call of Duty: War Zone, Smash Ultimate, and Apex Legends. Teams will battle until the end of November and have a chance to meet at the DAFGL Worlds in December. For more information on what AFG provides, please visit airforcegaming.com.

2021 Scholarship Listings Available from School Liaison Program Managers

For some military families with college-bound children, beginning of the school year brings heavy financial obligations. The DAF School Liaison Program has compiled an expansive collection of various local and national scholarship opportunities to ease the burden. The focus of the list is military-dependent high school seniors and undergraduate students; however, there are many other options for military members and their spouses. The listing includes hyperlinks along with several reputable scholarship search engines for identifying other non-military opportunities. Please contact your local school liaison for a copy of the listing and more information on other local options. Joint Service School Liaison Program Manager Listing can be found at https://installations.militaryonesource.mil/search?program-service=12/view-by=ALL.

2021 Support of Military Families Program Assessment Release

DAF collaborated with policy experts and key stakeholders to develop measures to provide a holistic analysis of occupational licensure portability and public education. The assessment measures ease of licensure portability and support for PreK-12 Public Education surrounding installations. The results inform military and civilian leadership of local family readiness factors regarding PreK-12 Education and spouse licensure. For PreK-12 Education the review includes the tracking criteria in Academic Performance (graduation rates, student average annual learning rate), School Climate (chronic absenteeism rate, suspension rate), and Service Offering (pre-k availability, student to counselor ratio, student to mental health support ratio, student to nurse ratio, student to teacher ratio). The results are used to establish working partnerships and are an additional factor in the strategic basing process. You can find more details on the Air Force Support of Military Families program at https://www.af.mil/ in the Support to Families tab on the right-hand side of the page.

<u>A+ Toolkit for Installation Commanders - Focusing on K-12 Education Release</u>

The new A+ Toolkit was developed to help improve readiness and quality of life by enhancing K-12 Education in the community. Designed by Air University to support Command Teams and Spouses to enhance public education options with input provided by the DAF School Liaison team. It provides a flexible approach, resources, and examples that command teams can tailor to address most common K-12 challenges affecting military personnel. Cultivating healthy, sustainable, Education -Community Partnerships are the cornerstone of the School Liaison Program to accelerate change at the local level. The toolkit and other success stories are located on the A+ Toolkit website <u>https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/aplustoolkit/</u>

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OverDrive recently announced plans to phase out the OverDrive app from the Apple App Store, Google Play, and Microsoft Store. OverDrive app phase out is expected to conclude by late 2022, with most former OverDrive app users migrated to Libby for the best reading experience.

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Air Force Entertainment

It is said that laughter can be the best medicine. Laughter was the order of the day when well-known television actor, voice-over artist, and comedian Dave Coulier, of "Full House" fame, as well as "America's Got Talent" superstar alum Preacher Lawson began their respective comic tours for Air Force Entertainment LIVE STAGE! Tours for both comedians run throughout the fall touring season and into FY22. Their brand of clean comedy will be on full display for audiences throughout the country

During September, two highly successful Grammy Award winners headlined the Air Force Entertainment LIVE STAGE! End of Summer Bash Music Festival. Known for her melismatic Pop, R&B and Gospel infused songs, vocal powerhouse Tori Kelly, along with Christian Hip-Hop artist Lecrae, performed to thousands of enthusiastic audience members at four installations. This multi-genre tour, which stopped at Dover AFB, JB Andrews, Seymour-Johnson AFB and JB Charleston, gave Airmen and their families a much needed break from the recent stresses of life.

AFSVC Rolls Out Centralized Background Investigation Tool

The Air Force Services Center launched the Centralized Background Investigation Cell (CBIC) in response to the ongoing challenges with efficiently and consistently getting vetted childcare providers into the Child and Youth programs across the Department of the Air Force. CBIC streamlines non-appropriated fund childcare providers, Family Child Care providers and volunteer background check processes to ensure consistency and accuracy. AFSVC also acquired a centralized tool for tracking both initial background investigation checks and the required 5-year re-verification background investigation checks. The Central Suitability Office (CSO) Information Technology tool transitions the manual process of tracking background investigations through paper documents to an electronic format to house all investigation and suitability information for the NAF childcare workforce. The CBIC team is working with installation NAF human resources offices on training and began data inputs on Aug. 2 by MAJCOM and USSF. AFSVC expects complete data entry into the CSO IT tool for all installations by Dec. 31. Beginning in January 2022, the CSO IT tool will become the official system of record for background check information for NAF childcare providers, FCC providers and family members, specified volunteers and contractors.

AF Services Financial Management System (AFSFMS)

The Air Force Services Center is releasing three new AFSFMS capabilities. The first, "AFSFMS MAJCOM - Managed Password Resets," is available to authorized users enabling them to add AFSFMS responsibilities to its individual base users. AFSVC is creating a training aid for installation use. The second capability allows users with an email address on record in AFSFMS to reset their own passwords with the "Login Assistance" link on the main logon page. These two capabilities bring installation users one step closer to exercising self-service. The third capability provides a button on the "My Money: My LES" page. This "Printable Page" button configures the output product automatically, in an easy to read font and 8.5x11 format. This new enhancement is currently available to all non-appropriated fund employees and retirees with access to "My Money" in AFSFMS.