

Help, info provided for voter registration

Did you know in 2009, Congress passed the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act to improve the process by which uniformed service members, their families and overseas voters are able to register and cast their ballots?



Did you know?

By Col. Paul Hossenlopp
Fort Sill Garrison commander

voter assistance officer is responsible for providing voter registration help to

uniformed services voters, their family members and all other civilian voters

working on or visiting the installation.

The voting assistance office is available to assist units and other organizations with voter registration drives, election information and materials and training.

As we move into the federal election cycle, it's important for everyone to ensure

they are registered to vote. Most states require voters to register no later than early October.

People who have questions concerning voting can go online to www.fvap.gov or call 800-438-VOTE.

The voter assistance office is in the Directorate of Human Resources, Building

4700, Basement Room G35, or contact them by phone at 442-0147.

It's important for all citizens to exercise their right to vote and this includes those who serve in uniform and are often impacted the most by the decisions our nation's top leaders make.

Women

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as Gen. Ann Dunwoody, the first woman four-star in the military; Dorothy Height, social activist; Frances Hesselbein, former CEO of the Girl Scouts, who was instrumental in improving its minority membership;

and Eleanor Roosevelt, former first lady.

All these women had similar traits, said Pinckney.

"They never viewed themselves as women with limitations," she said. "They saw themselves as citizens contributing to a society that needed their support."

They had the personal courage to educate others to

the many roles women could play, and they demonstrated themselves as role models daily, she said.

They were persistent, passionate and persevered over time because they knew those traits would lead to possibilities, Pinckney said. "The possibility of empowerment."

"Those women knew the power of collaboration, con-

sensus building and establishing relations with no boundaries," she said.

Today, education and empowerment are still important because there is still work to do, Pinckney said.

Kirby Brown, FCoE deputy to the commanding general, thanked Pinckney and presented her with a plaque.

He said the diverse and large audience in attendance was typical of EO luncheons, which is a commander's-based program here.

But more than that it is commanders who enable and lead Fires Soldiers and civilians throughout the world in a values-based organization that does not just check off quota blocks, Brown said.

Spc. Tiffany English, RACH biomedical equipment technician, was one of the hundreds of Soldiers who attended the luncheon.

"I liked her (Pinckney's) presentation," said English. "I thought it was very thorough, and it did help walk people through the advancements that women have made."

Briefs

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Tax center

The Income Tax Assistance Center offers

free preparation and e-filing to members of the military community. The center is open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through April 17. For appointments or more information, call 442-6445/3526.

Comptroller development

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Great Plains and Red River Chapters are hosting a

Joint Mini Professional Development Institute March 27 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. The event is at Reimer Conference Center in Snow Hall and is open to all DoD civilians, military, and

retirees. It is a session to promote education, training, and professional development. It includes guest speakers, a Fort Sill range tour, information booths and more. Lunch is provided.

Registration is \$45 for members, \$55 for non-members and \$25 for retirees. For more information, call 442-3134.

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Grants for spouses available

Picerne Military Housing news release

Applications for the 2012 educational grant for spouses of active-duty service members are now available through the Our Family for Families First Foundation.

The foundation is committed to supporting military families in the pursuit of

higher education and has awarded more than \$3 million since 2006. Applications must be submitted by May 17, 2012.

Each year, 20 educational grants are given in amounts up to \$5,000 for the spouses of active-duty service members at Fort Sill; Fort Meade, Md.; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Polk, La.;

Fort Rucker, Ala.; Fort Riley, Kan.; and Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Applicants may be in any stage of the educational process and awards are to be used for the 2012-13 academic year.

Recipients of a grant will be notified by July 2, 2012.

"We are honored to help military families reach their

educational goals, and we hope these grants help the spouses of active-duty service members to reach higher," said Maria Montalvo, foundation executive director.

Check out www.ourfamilyfoundation.org for an application and more information.

Interested individuals may also call 401-228-2836

REConnect 'serves' look at Last Supper

By Calvin Eastham
Religious Education Director

A demonstration of Jesus' last supper will be presented by Chaplain (Capt.) Andrew Dressler, April 4 at 6:15 p.m. in the Graham Resiliency Training Center auditorium.

Titled "A Place at the Table," this discussion will look at the order of the Passover supper, the usual

arrangement of the room, and the items used in the ceremony. The event is open to the community.

Dressler stresses this will not be a worship service; but it will demonstrate the events of Jesus' last supper, and it will illuminate the spiritual implications of the Christian communion or the Eucharist.

Some participants will be asked to sit at the table to

feel what it was like to recline while eating a special meal. Items common to the Seder meal will be available for tasting.

There is no charge and registration is not necessary. Free child care is available for those registered with Child, Youth, and School Services. Bible classes are also available for children in pre-kindergarten through

sixth grade. Participants may call the religious education office at 442-2637 to sign up for child care.

This is a special presentation in the New Testament Survey series in the REconnect program. More information is on the Fort Sill Religious Support Office web site at sill-www.army.mil/chapel/index.html.

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