



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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Don't Drink and Drive!

Many holiday parties will begin soon, please be careful while driving, especially at night, not everyone is responsible. Please don't drink and drive, get a designated driver.



Winter Car Essentials-

As many of us prepare to travel over the Holidays here are some ESSENTIALS to have along in your car :

If you already have an emergency kit, well done, Item such as first-aid supplies, jumper cables, gloves, a flashlight, duct tape, a tow strap, and some simple tools should already be in your trunk—if not for daily driving, then at least when you set out on a road trip.

Spare Phone Charger: The cell phone is your primary means of rescue in today's interconnected world, but to reach help you need juice: A charging cord is a good idea, but a hand-crank charger that works away from the car or when the car battery is dead is an even better one.

Hand Warmers and Space or Wool Blanket: Your car provides shelter, but you don't want to run the engine—you have a limited amount of fuel and deadly exhaust may find its way inside the car. To keep warm, use a blanket, supplemented by hand warmers when it gets really cold.

LED Flashers/Flares: Battery-powered lights work for hours and are great for alerting other drivers, if your car is on the side of the road. Flares may seem antiquated, but the heat they put out prevents them from being obscured and buried by driving snow. Plus, in an extreme emergency they can be used to start a warming or signaling fire. Flares are usually sold in packs; make sure you have at least three sticks.

Food and Drink: It's exceptionally rare for anyone to be stranded during a winter blizzard for more than a day. Long-term rations aren't really necessary, but keeping a few energy bars and a plastic bottle or two of sugary energy drink wouldn't hurt.

Shovel: While it might not look like much, a compact folding shovel is plenty big enough to use when digging your car out of the snow.

Windshield De-Icer: An extra bottle of this could mean the difference between seeing the road and seeing yourself parked in a snow bank Plus in emergencies you can



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 6	42 nd JTF, Pre-Mob- Albany
24-25 Jan 2015	1569 TC, 30/60 Day Post-Deployment- Westchester County
Feb 7 2015	102 nd MP Bn, During Deployment- Auburn
Feb 21- 22, 2015	133 rd QM, 4 th Fin Det. 53 rd DLD- 30/60 Day Post Deployment- Tarrytown
May 16- 17, 2015	37 th Fin Det, 30/60 Day Post-Deployment - NYC
June 27- 28, 2015	102 nd MP Bn, 30/60 Day Post-Deployment- Auburn



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Free Credit Score and Analysis Tool

The FINRA Investor Education Foundation is pleased to make FICO® credit scores—and the educational information and tools in the FICO Standard product—available free of charge to active duty servicemembers and their spouses who could benefit from its use.

Your interest in maintaining good credit is commendable, and we recommend that you use the other resources in the [Credit Score](#) section of our website.

Military Financial Educator Assistance is Required to Access Your Free Credit Score:

We are distributing access through installation military financial educators and counselors in the military Personal Financial Management Program (PFMP). To use the tool, your first step is to contact a military financial educator (sometimes called a "PFM") at your nearest Personal Financial Management Program (PFMP) Office (which is usually part of the Airman & Family Readiness Center, Army Community Service, Fleet and Family Support Center, Marine Corps Community Services or their equivalents). Your Financial Educator or PFM can assist you in obtaining your free credit score. If you do not have a local Financial Educator or PFM, please contact us.

Where can you find your FRG Scorecard details?

<http://dmna.ny.gov/family/frg.php>

Where can you take online trainings, learn about what is new in Family Programs, Financial Resources, Wellness information and TRACK all of your volunteer hours?

<https://www.jointservicesupport.org/>



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2014/2015 Discount Ski Packages

Jiminy Peak

Discount valid only for: U.S. Armed Forces personnel on active duty or active reserve status (must present military ID to cashier at time of purchase); Departments of U.S. Armed Forces personnel on active duty or active reserve status (Discount good for the individual dependent only with that dependent's military dependent ID. Service member must present military ID to cashier at time of purchase for those dependents without military ID. Dependent spouse of deployed service member may use military discount for the service member's dependents with presentation of dependent spouse's dependent ID);

Military retirees (individual only - no dependents)(must present military ID to cashier at time of purchase)

The military discount is not valid for online purchases, multi day tickets or KidsRules program and cannot be combined with other offers. The first offer runs through the end of February, with \$15 off an 8 hour or 4 hour lift ticket; \$10 off rentals; \$10 off adult group lessons; \$35 off lift/lesson/rental package; \$25 off lift/lesson package; and \$35 off beginner packages. The second tier will be for the month of March, the savings increase to 50% off 8 or 4 hour lift tickets, rentals, group lessons and the GET program (not valid on KidsRule or private lessons).



Hunter Mountain

Special Big Lift Card

Hunter Mountain is happy to offer the Big Lift Card at no cost to **current Public Service Employees, including Police, Firemen, and Military. With the Public Service Employee Big Lift Card, enjoy 50% off midweek lift tickets, 25% off weekend lift tickets, and 15% off holiday lift tickets.**

To get your special big lift card go to www.huntermtn.com/specialbiglift

See log-in information below:

For Police: Username: Police For Fire: Username: Fire

Password: Police Password: Fire

For Military:

Username: Military

Password: Military

****Please note, you MUST present your service member credentials when you pick up your Big Lift Card at Snowsports Services****



Windham Mountain

Active members are able to receive \$25 off midweek non-holiday day tickets and \$15 off weekend/holiday day tickets.*

To register for these discounts go www.windhamwebstore.com and click on the Stripes and Badges Card. Upon pick-up of pass a photo ID, badge/military ID and pay stub must be presented. The pass will be validated at the Group Sales window upon arrival. Card may only be used by military, police, or firefighter members and cannot be used for family members. For more information contact Group Sales **518-734-4300 ext.1133.**

West Mountain

West Mountain provides discounted lift tickets :

Mid Week

Weekends and Holidays

2 hours - \$17

4 hours - \$30

4 hours - \$30

8 hours - \$ 37

8 hours - \$37

Season anytime passes \$299



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JOB ZONE **DMNA.NY.GOV/JOBS**

To view new job postings and Career Fair info visit

<https://dmna.ny.gov/jobs/?id=nyng>



History of the Christmas Tree: The modern **Christmas tree** tradition dates back to Western Germany in the 16th century. They were called "Paradeisbaum" (paradise **trees**) and were brought into homes to celebrate the annual Feast of Adam and Eve on DEC-24.

Military Community and Family Policy eMagazine!

<http://apps.militaryonesource.mil/mcfp/emag>

Military OneSource's online Holiday Stress Survival kit focusing on enjoying the holiday season with friends and family. Offering holiday card ideas, tips on staying stress-free during the holidays.

http://www.militaryonesource.mil/crisis-prevention?content_id=273742



The **dreidel** is a Jewish variant on the teetotum, a gambling toy found in many European cultures. Each side of the **dreidel** bears a letter of the Hebrew alphabet: נ (Nun), ג (Gimel), ה (Hei), ש (Shin), which together form the acronym נס גדול היה " (Nes Gadol Hayah Sham – "a great miracle happened there").





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LearningCounts™ for SECO



Earn college credit for what you know!

Not all learning takes place in the classroom. The knowledge you acquire through life and work experience is extremely valuable, and may be worth college credit.

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LearningCounts for the Department of Defense Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program or SECO is a new initiative to help military spouses earn college-credit for knowledge and expertise gained through life and work experience.

How does it work?

LearningCounts is an easy to use online service that helps you identify college-level learning gained from:

- > Volunteer and community service
- > Work experience
- > Training programs
- > Military service
- > Independent study



LearningCounts online courses guide you in building an online Learning Portfolio that aligns your knowledge and expertise with college courses. Your Learning Portfolio is then evaluated for college credit.

Is LearningCounts™ right for me?

LearningCounts is a great opportunity if you:

- > Are a strong writer or have taken a basic college-level writing course
- > Have completed at least one other online course, or have good computer skills and will feel comfortable completing an online course
- > Have several years of work, volunteer and/or other life experience in an area that aligns with college coursework – for example: communications, management, information technology, marketing, healthcare, or merchandising.

Why use LearningCounts™?

- > **It saves time and money! Why spend time and money taking a college course when you could build a Learning Portfolio to earn credit for what you know??**
- > **It's convenient and fits your busy schedule! LearningCounts online courses can be taken any time and anywhere.**

How can I get more information about LearningCounts™?

We're glad you want to know more about the LearningCounts for SECO program. Please contact a SECO career counselor at 800-342-9647.

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