



Armed Services YMCA of the USA *Twentynine Palms Branch*

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February 2012 Newsletter

Mission Statement:

To put Christian principles into practice through programs that develop a healthy mind, body and spirit for military personnel and their families stationed in 29 palms. With a focus on Junior Enlisted Marines, Sailors and their families.

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Notice of Closure:

The Armed Services YMCA will be closed on Monday February 20, 2012; in observance of President's Day. This also includes the Thrift Store, parent/Child Interactive Programs and our After School Enrichment Programs.

Happy Valentine's Day!!

Heart to Heart Luncheon

Registration for the Heart to Heart Luncheon is now in progress and the last day to sign-up is March 2, 2012. The Heart to Heart Luncheon is for the Spouses of the Active Duty and Active Duty Females. It is a day to relax and enjoy camaraderie with other ladies, enjoy a beautiful lunch, have the pleasure in sitting-in on a Fashion Show presented by Kohl's, be entered to win great door prizes, and so much more!! It will be held at the Doral Desert Princess Resort in Cathedral City and is from 11:30-3:00.



Kohl's Fashion Show



Being escorted into the Ball Room



Event Fees



There is a \$5.00 fee, that must be paid upon registering for the event. Child Care is available for those in need. There is a \$15.00 deposit fee per child and if you wish to cancel, please do so before March 8, 2012 in order to receive your refund in full. You must register at our Administration Office, Bldg. 192, Monday thru Friday; 8:30-4:00. Please make sure that you have your Valid Military I.D. Card.

AT&T Calling Cards

The California Bowling Writers Association, will once again provide Pre-Paid AT&T Calling Cards to the Spouses whose husband or wife are serving over seas and which in turn will make great Valentine's Day gifts. The Calling Cards can be picked up in our Administration Office, Bldg. 192, from Thursday February 2nd thru Thursday February 23rd. You must have your Valid Military I.D. Card with you.



HM1 Steven Delsie, one of our long time volunteers, retired from the U.S. Navy, after 20 years of faithful and dedicated service. Steven Delsie had become a valuable asset to the Armed Services YMCA. He helped in picking up bread every Thursday, when we had Free Bread Friday; he and his son volunteered at almost every special event we hosted. He also started a Dental Program with our Parent/Child Interactive Programs. Sailors assigned with 23rd Dental would come and give minor check-ups to the children and show the proper way to brush their teeth and the importance of good oral hygiene. On behalf of ASYMCA we would like to wish Steven and his family the very best in the next chapter in their lives and to say "Thank you" for all that you have done to support the ASYMCA and the families we serve.



Volunteer Opportunities

Salute to Heroes

We are looking for 30 Active Duty Marines and Sailors to display the National 9/11 Flag, during a Tennis Exhibition Match at the Indian Wells Tennis Gardens, in Indian Wells. This will take place on Friday, March 9th. Lin Lines Buses has provided transportation for volunteers to and from the MCAGCC. Required Uniform for the event is Bravos.



BNP Paribas Tennis Open and Tennis Clinic

On Sunday March 18th, the BNP Paribas will be hosting a Tennis Clinic for Active Duty members who are interested in playing tennis or who would like to learn about the game. Professional Instructors from the Indian Wells Tennis Gardens will be available on-site to offer lessons to those who are interested. There are currently 20 Spots available.

For the families that would like to watch the BNP Paribas Open on Friday March 9th, or watch the final Tennis Match, during the BNP Paribas Tennis Open on Sunday March 18th you can do so by registering at the ASYMCA Administration Office, with your Military I.D. Card. There are 200 tickets available for both March 9th and March 18th.

Should you have any questions, please contact Kelly Roybal at 760-860-7481, or at ymca1@roadrunner.com.

REMINDERS

Military Family Month

During the month of November, we honor the Military and their families. The Armed Services YMCA holds their annual Art and Essay Contest in November, and the winners will be announced in 2012. Dependents of Active Duty Military or retired (with 20+ years of service) who serve(d) the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard or National Guard/Reserves, in Kindergarten through sixth grade are eligible to enter. The deadline for the Essay Contest is March 16, 2012. You can pick up the entry forms at our Administration Office, Bldg. 192, Monday thru Friday; 0830-1600. Please note that all Essays and Art Contest Entries will become property of the ASYMCA and will not be returned.

For further information, please contact Kelly Roybal at 760-830-7481,

Thank You for Your Service Program

Our Thank You for Your Service Program is in full swing and is growing week by week. Every Wednesday we receive 500-600 pounds of various bread from the Coachella Valley. We start distribution on Thursday's at 9:00am, in our Administration Office. This program is open to all Active Duty and their families. Please have your Valid Military I.D. Card with you.

We are looking for volunteers to help us on Wednesday's, to unload the bread and to prepare for Thursday's.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kelly Roybal, at 760-830-7481, or ymca1@roadrunner.com.

Parent Child Interactive Programs

Kinder Ready and Kinder Time

Field Trip

Ms. Lisa's Class took a field trip to the Bounce House in Indio, CA for a day of play and give the children the chance to make new friends, experience new adventures and enjoy an amazing bounce house. It was marked as a day to remember!



Pajama Day

How awesome would it be to come to school in your pajamas!?! Our Kinder Ready and Kinder Time children had the chance to go to school and show-off their Spiderman, Hello Kitty, and Sponge Bob pajamas. It was a day of fun and originality for all the kids, as well as teachers and parents.



Playtime With Baby and Tiny Tots

Dental Visit from 23rd Dental



We would like to thank Dr. Linn and her Sailors, from 23rd Dental for coming to our facilities and providing dental check-ups for the children in our Playtime with Baby and Tiny Tots class. The children learned the importance of good hygiene, but also how to prevent cavities and how to brush their teeth correctly.



Operation Hero, Operation Hero II and Kids Care Club



Children enrolled in Operation Hero, at Condor Elementary take part in Ice Cream eating contest, during Nickelodeon Day.



Children enrolled in Operation 2, at Condor Elementary having fun, while playing a traditional Afghani game.



Children, from 29 Elementary learn about the Japanese and Afghani Language, have written their name in Japanese.



These are children are from Condor Elementary, in Operation 2, with their names written in Japanese.



The children from Kids Care Club, at Condor Elementary, stand proudly next to the boxes that they packed and will be sent to our Marines and Sailors serving overseas.



Children enrolled in Kids Care Club, from 29 Elementary, came to the ASYMCA and cleaned our playground. This is just another way that the children are learning to give back to their community.

Operation Hero and Kids Care Club Registration

Our After School Enrichment Programs, Operation Hero and Kids Care Club, is now holding registration for Operation Hero Session 3 is now open.

Condor Elementary, registration will end on Monday March 19th.

29 Palms Elementary, registration will end on Friday March 2nd.

Kids Care Club registration will end on Friday March 9th.

Operation Hero and Kids Care Club, are for the children of the Active Duty, and in grades 2nd thru 6th.

Operation Hero is a 10 week session, they meet twice per week, for 2 hours per day. The children learn how to cope with their feelings, emotions, conflict and resolution. The children learn responsibility with pet rocks, participate in a Nickelodeon Day and at the end of the session, they bring in a dish and recipe from their ethnic backgrounds and make a cook book.

Kids Care Club is a follow up to Operation Hero, also for children of the Active Duty and in grades 2nd thru 6th. In this program they take everything that they learned in Operation Hero, and start to give back to the Community. They make pillows for the Children's Cancer Center at Loma Linda Hospital, Easter Baskets for children in Child Protective Services (CPS) and in the May/June time, the children host the Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction. The children are the waiters/waitresses for the evening and all the monies raised during the Silent Suction portion will go back to support and fund the program for the following year.

All applications for Operation hero and Kids Care Club can be found at the Armed Services YMCA Administration Office. We are open Monday thru Friday; from 8:30am to 4:00pm.

Birthday Wishes

We would like to wish Kelly Roybal a very Happy Birthday. Kelly is our Special Event/Volunteer Coordinator.

We would like to wish Valerie Thompson a very Happy Birthday. Valerie is our Parent/Child Facilitator for children ages 6 months to 3 years old.

Thank you both for all that you do on a daily basis for Active Duty members and their families.

ASYMCA News



Thrift Store

The Thrift Store will be holding their Bag Sale. It will be held on Saturday February 18th, from 10:00-2:00.

Look for ½ off sales in various departments throughout the week.

Active Duty members can receive up to **5 FREE** Uniform items per month.

The Thrift Store is open Tuesday thru Friday; from 9:00am-5:00pm. Monday's; from 9:00-12:00, donations are accepted.