

# Enlisted Benefits & Perks

171st Air Refueling Wing – As of 2 April 2020  
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## Education

- ❖ **CCAF** - Community College of the Air Force - Transfer your civilian college credits to CCAF and potentially receive your Associates Degree - Some civilian colleges accept these credits towards graduation – Saving you \$\$!
- ❖ **CLEP Testing** – College-Level Examination Program – If you score high enough on a test, the credits can go towards your CCAF rather than taking a college course – Tests are typically \$89, are offered at local colleges and are FREE while in a deployed status - More information and where to sign up at <https://www.clep.collegeboard.org> and <https://www.dantes.doded.mil>
- ❖ **PME – Professional Military Education** – Airman Leadership School, Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Senior Enlisted Joint PME (I&II) – Distance Learning and In-Residence courses offered to us - Talk to your Supervisor or Unit Training Manager to see what is available! (PME counts towards retirement points)
- ❖ **EAP** – Tuition benefit for PA State Colleges for Undergraduate and Graduate students - For details talk to MSgt Shayla Pollard in the Retention Office
- ❖ **MFEP – Military Family Education Program** – Tuition benefit that can be transferred to your dependents – PA Guardsmen are the first to be offered the program! For details talk to MSgt Shayla Pollard in Retention
- ❖ **GI Bill Benefits** – Financial assistance for members and eligible dependents enrolled in college – for details, visit <https://benefits.va.gov.gibill/> or talk to MSgt Pollard in the Retention to see which benefit you qualify for
- ❖ **Airlift/Tanker Association** – Enlisted Education Grant opportunity for members enrolled in college classes! \$40/yr (E1-E4 \$20 discount), \$100/3 yrs membership – receive an enlisted education grant \$400/yr for 1 year membership – two \$400/yr for 3 year membership, one per semester – must maintain a “C” grade or higher – for details, visit <https://www.atalink.org>
- ❖ **PA Guard Scholarship** – Scholarship opportunity for all PA Guardsmen – Details on this will be pushed out to your squadron soon! MSgt Pollard in Retention will have details
- ❖ **PHEAA National Guard Benefits** – Grants and savings available to you! For details, visit <https://www.pheaa.org/funding-opportunities/aid-for-military-national-guard>
- ❖ **K-12 and College Tutoring** – visit <https://military.tutor.com/home> for free tutoring around the clock!

## Financial

- ❖ **Financial Counseling** (Mr. Stephen Fineman) Free to members and their dependents as well as retirees - Will travel up to a 50 mile radius to meet with service members
  - **Review & repair credit reports, financial planning for deployments, budget planning, investment planning, life insurance planning, estate planning, retirement plans, Blended Retirement System** (See MPS about Continuation Pay bonus at 12 yrs of service), education on the Thrift Savings Plan
  - **TSP Calculator** - <https://www.tsp.gov/PlanningTools/Calculators/index.html>

## Employment

- ❖ **Temporary and Full Time Technician/AGR Tours** – Talk to you supervisor or visit the 171st Human Resources Office SharePoint site below for office hours, Job announcements, supervisor resources, resume writing guidance, and much more!  
[https://org2.eis.af.mil/sites/34158/MSG/HRO-Remote/\\_layouts/15/start.aspx#/SitePages/Home.aspx](https://org2.eis.af.mil/sites/34158/MSG/HRO-Remote/_layouts/15/start.aspx#/SitePages/Home.aspx)
- ❖ **STAT/ADOS Tours** – Opportunity for 1-3 years on Active Duty orders at various locations – listings available at <https://ang.af.mil/careers>
- ❖ **Veterans Preference** – When applying to Gov’t employment, you can qualify for different levels of Veterans Preference; making you a priority when it comes to getting hired!

## Local

- ❖ **Legal Services** – Power of Attorney and Will for service members, retirees, and spouses – To get started on an application, visit [https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil/apps/aflass\\_public/bin/main.php](https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil/apps/aflass_public/bin/main.php) For questions, call 171st Legal office 412-776-7404
- ❖ **911th MWR – Moral, Welfare and Recreation** – Fitness classes, basketball court, cardio room, weight room, multi-purpose room, Club Cargo Bay (limited hours), Catering, Pittsburgh Hospitality Inn, Rental items (home party and picnic, sports items, camping and recreation items, winter items, electronic items), Disney World tickets, Disneyland tickets, Universal Studios tickets
  - Full listing of details found at Y:\Support Group\Command Staff\SharePoint Items\911th MWR
- ❖ **Space A Travel** – Service members and eligible dependents can travel on our aircraft, saving you \$\$ on commercial airfare! For a trip listing, please visit the 171st SharePoint link below, or call 412-776-7608/7389 [https://org2.eis.af.mil/sites/34158/OG/currentops/\\_layouts/15/start.aspx#/Lists/Trip%20Dashboard/AllItems.aspx](https://org2.eis.af.mil/sites/34158/OG/currentops/_layouts/15/start.aspx#/Lists/Trip%20Dashboard/AllItems.aspx)
- ❖ **Commissary & BX in Coraopolis** – Available to all service members and dependents with valid ID cards – various events offered throughout the year and newsletters are available – For details, visit <https://www.commissaries.com/shopping/store-locations/pittsburgh-area>
- ❖ **Mommy to Be** – Offered to pregnant service members or dependents in the grades of E-6 and below – luncheon that offers MANY free items for your newborn! – For details, contact Deb Krall 412-776-7365
- ❖ **Holiday Meals** – Operation Homefront gives 400 meals in Nov-Dec time frame! POC: Deb Krall 412-776-7365
- ❖ **Back Pack Give Away** – Held a Moon Twp Commissary annually, typically in August. Sponsored by Operation Homefront and DollarTree; Open to DEERS enrolled dependents! POC: Deb Krall 412-776-7365
- ❖ **Operation Santa Military Carnival** – Sponsored by Rivers Wealth Management and Heroes Supporting Heroes; all eligible DEERS enrolled dependents may participate! POC: Deb Krall 412-776-7365

## Miscellaneous

- ❖ **VA Home Loan** – Low interest rates and possibly \$0 down when buying a home – For details and eligibility, visit <https://www.eligibility.org/top-va-lender/>
- ❖ **SGLI/FSGLI – Service Member's/Family Group Life Insurance** – Low cost life insurance for you and your dependents – Details at <https://www.va.gov/life-insurance> and application can be completed at <https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/> - contact your CSS or MPS for instructions on updating if needed
- ❖ **SSLI – State Sponsored Life Insurance** – Low cost life insurance for you and your dependents – see [www.5starlifeinsurance.com](http://www.5starlifeinsurance.com) or call 800-776-2322 for information
- ❖ **TriCare – Health Insurance – Tricare Reserve Select (TRS)** for Traditional Guardsman, East Region Humana Military 1-800-444-5445 Member only \$44.17/month, TRS Member & Family \$228.27/month – Other TriCare Healthcare plans are available for Service Members and their eligible dependents for Active, Deployed and retired status – for eligibility and enrollment details, visit <https://tricare.mil>
- ❖ **Dental Insurance** – United Concordia Dental TriCare – for details and enrollment, visit <https://www.udditdp.com>
- ❖ **Military One Source** – assistance with Confidential Help, Military Life Cycle, Family & Relationships, Moving & Housing, Financial, Legal, Education & Employment, Health & Wellness, Recreation, Travel, and Shopping – for more information and details on all of these services, visit <https://www.militaryonesource.mil>
- ❖ **Free Life Coaching** – Professional coaching specialties include Career Development, Executive/Leadership, Life & Relationships, Health & Wellness, and Small Business Development – <https://www.standbesidethem.org>
- ❖ **Armed Forces Vacation Club** – GREAT vacation deals available on <https://www.afvclub.com>
- ❖ **Military Discounts** – Great list of offers at <https://shop.id.me>, [www.vettix.org](http://www.vettix.org) (discounted tickets), [www.govx.com](http://www.govx.com), and <https://www.veteransunited.com/money/military-veteran-discounts/>
  - Free YMCA membership (varies on location), Free access to National Parks, Turbo Tax, etc.

Have something you think should be added to this list? Contact TSgt Jane Williams at [jane.l.williams32.mil@mail.mil](mailto:jane.l.williams32.mil@mail.mil) !