

**Information for our Veterans.**

It is time to start collecting hats, coats, gloves, underwear, socks and more for the upcoming 2009 Central Ohio Veterans Homeless Stand Down. This year it takes place October 20th, 09.

The Marine Corps Family Support Community (MCFSC) - a 501(c)3, non-profit organization - is one of our collection points. Which leads me to this: The MCFSC provides Support through multiple activities and opportunities -- chat nights, informative meetings, care packages, letters, one-on-one relationships, scrapbooking, special gatherings, social opportunities, answering questions, networking and much more.

<http://www.mcfsc.com/index.html>

They will be having a MCFSC RUMMAGE SALE very soon to support this great group.

Please contact Carol Michel at [cmichel@mcfscoh.org](mailto:cmichel@mcfscoh.org) for more information or if you would like to help/join the MCFSC

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Subject: Free Software

Thanks to Nolan Crabb, Director of Assistive Technology at OSU, for this information that may be able to help out veterans who have been blinded by allowing them to participate on the web!

There is a site that allows people who have lost their sight to read web sites:

[www.satogo.com](http://www.satogo.com)

This screen reader will allow the individual to participate on your site and do a variety of other things while connected to the net. And yes, indeed, it's free!

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Thank you to Chris Gibson and AFA (Air Force Association Update) for the following information.

AFA & FCEF Air Force Excellence Scholarship  
AFA is currently accepting applications for the Air Force Excellence Scholarship. Applications must be received by April 30, 2009. U.S. Air Force service members (active duty, Guard and Reserve), their spouses and dependent children (under the age of 23) may apply for the Air Force Association-First Command Educational Foundation Air Force Excellence Scholarship. Applicants must be enrolled (or planning to enroll) full time or part time in the Fall of 2009 in an undergraduate or graduate program of studies leading to an Associates, Bachelors or Masters Degree at an accredited college or university. Click

here<<http://www.memberconnections.com/links/link.cgi?!=596161&h=854526&r=AFC-20090407155106>> (<http://www.afa.org/aef/aid/afexcel.pdf>) to download the 2009 Scholarship application.

#### Grantham Education Technology Grant

Research shows that service members need portable, up-to-date technology to successfully continue off-duty voluntary education. Many service members find that with a laptop, they can continue their classes while on deployment, during training exercises, or when on temporary duty. AFA's online degree program partner, Grantham University has a Technology Grant available which is intended to facilitate student success and persistence, supporting President Obama's recent call for Americans to complete at least one year of post-secondary education -- and for the U.S. to have the highest proportion of college graduates in order to secure America's long-term prosperity. According to statistics cited by President Obama, half of the 30 fastest growing occupations in America require at least a bachelor's degree, and by 2016, four out of ten jobs will require at least some advanced education or training. Click

here<<http://www.memberconnections.com/links/link.cgi?!=596162&h=854526&r=AFC-20090407155106>>

([http://www.grantham.edu/tidings/grants/Ed\\_Tech\\_Grant/etgggu.php](http://www.grantham.edu/tidings/grants/Ed_Tech_Grant/etgggu.php)) for more information on the Grantham Education Technology Grant.

#### Sesame Street Special Tells Stories of Returning Servicemembers

"Coming Home - Military Families Cope with Change" is a new primetime special, presented by Sesame Workshop and featuring Queen Latifah and John Mayer, which tells the stories of service members returning home with injuries - both visible and invisible. The program explores the heroic struggles their families face on the path to finding a "new normal." Click

here<<http://www.memberconnections.com/links/link.cgi?!=596166&h=854526&r=AFC-20090407155106>> (<http://www.pbs.org/parents/cominghome/about.html>) for more information