

Spouse Symposium Surveys

Tuesday, 28 March 2017

Ice Breaker (John Shoupe)

1. Good information, nice flow
2. Excellent facilitator – certainly made everything easy to understand and relate to
3. Super friendly and easy to talk to as well as knowledgeable
4. Very positive
5. Great speaker, very welcoming.
6. Great energy!
7. Great job, thank you for the introductions.
8. Nice icebreaker
9. Nice way to keep control and communication flowing.
10. Warm, clear, concise and friendly moderator. Professional yet still Bob Barker-esque host. Managed the symposium framework with humor and confidence which started the seminar putting attendees at ease.
11. Great at keeping everyone on task!
12. Good way to set people at ease
13. Friendly, puts you at ease

Spouse Employment (Joe Pagan)

1. Liked hearing him
2. Great presentation very knowledgeable in his area of specialty
3. Enthusiastic and full of information
4. Gave a very powerful presentation
5. Love the passion he has, always does a great job.
6. Fantastic information
7. Very passionate – hope you come down to Homestead.
8. Very good points but speaks too high with too much emotion – slow it down, thank you.
9. In my opinion is the orientation that need to be known for everyone. More time or longer orientation about employment will be a good idea.
10. Enthusiastic – drawn in with his delivery of information and resources. Very happy to refer AD & Spouses to him for guidance and assistance.
11. Very passionate, motivational – reminds me of my go getter Italian family from NY (specifically my Uncle who works for IBM)
12. Fabulous energy. Maybe a bit loud & overwhelming.
13. Energetic, inspirational

Military OneSource (Desiree Odom)

1. Should be extended to the retired military
2. Great explanation of resources. I know about the resource, but never explored it. This presentation encouraged me to seek out available help.
3. Wow! I learned so much I am amazed at how much I never knew being a spouse (military) for twelve (12) years.
4. Provided so much information
5. Learned about many new resources. Great speaker.
6. Wealth of knowledge
7. Great job did not know about online book/seminar resources. Great information. Hope you come down to speak to spouses in Homestead.
8. Good info – sad retirees are not included, please include
9. Great information!
10. Reminded all the many programs available for no cost. Speaking one on one with Ms. Odom gave an excellent example (actual) of how M1S was a huge benefit – perhaps bringing more of those examples in the seminar will be more relatable to attendees. (I know I was impressed)
11. Very informative on services I was unaware of for military families.
12. Great info. Perfect personality.
13. Very informative – great advice and info to have.

TRICARE (Rose Ortiz-Sustache)

1. Could be more info given
2. Great presentation – reaffirmed what I knew, but was available to answer questions
3. Great info provided
4. Lots of information given
5. Wish there was more information regarding all the current issues with TRICARE South.
6. Very informative
7. Good job informative but would of liked to include TRICARE's PHR its essential for spouses to take advantage of this tool to help be "proactive" in managing their own care. I am a PHR blogger for AHIMA – let me know if you would like some slides. Also DoD-Medical has tools and slides.
8. Good information
Too much information for short time but she managed to be very informative and simple.
9. So much to address. TRICARE has an understandable delivery but it's difficult to self-manage the constantly changing medical accessibility in South Florida.
10. Well versed on the in's and out's of TRIARE. Bravo!
11. Good. Spurred a lot of questions.
12. Great but needed more time

Managing Stress (Alina Johnson)

1. Enjoyed it
2. Nice relaxing ending. Enjoyed it.
3. Good, but the guided meditation did nothing for me
4. Wonderful
5. Imagery Meditation was awesome.
6. I'd love to use the techniques
7. Great job, truly enjoyed your presentation. Fun – or should I say relaxing!
8. Excellent presentation, do it again! Thank you!!!!
9. Very well presented information (maybe too long)
10. Great motivational delivery. Would love to take the full seminar.
11. What a warm soul! Very endearing
12. Enjoyed it! Loved her energy & care for others
13. Wonderful

Blended Retirement System (Sam Coston)

1. Nice, easy flow, fun presentation
2. Most interesting presentation. Made me think about my family's financial position. Will be making an appointment.
3. Love! Humorous and knowledgeable
4. Awesome. Powerful.
5. The best presenter in the history of symposium, very engaging and informative
6. Great Presentation!
7. Passionate, entertaining just awesome! Please come to speak to our spouses in Homestead.
8. Good information
9. Excellent and simple presentation (awesome)
10. We will be visiting Mr. Coston to help our family evaluate our finances – definitely an approachable resource.
11. Very informative for the future
12. Awesome – nuf said!!!
13. Awesome! Need an appointment.

Best day/time for similar events

1. Any Wednesday is good
2. Any day, early afternoon
3. Any day - Mornings
4. During the week
5. Wednesday/Thursday
6. Tuesdays or Wednesdays
7. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
8. Wednesdays
9. Perfect for daytime delivery within 25 mile radius; evening events ever considered
10. Any work day while kids are at school
11. Same
12. Same time

Place to hold similar events

1. Southcom is okay
2. Broward County
3. I will go anywhere
4. USSOUTHCOM
5. Southcom is fine
6. SOCSOUTH
7. Homestead Air Reserve Base
8. COA
9. Southcom
10. Definitely – here & SOCSOUTH
11. South Miami is fine
12. Same
13. Southcomm is fine.

What went well?

1. Entire presentation
2. All
3. The whole event was great. Greater speakers.
4. All presenters
5. All your speakers were very passionate, well prepared and informative. I hope many of these individuals can come to Homestead, FL.
6. Very organized event. A lot of good information and well prepared.
7. Speakers were so great. Timeframe was excellent.
8. Great presenters & information

What could we improve?

1. Starting a little later like 10 or 11 to avoid the traffic
2. More bottles of water
3. Figure a way to reach additional spouses. Information is so great.
4. More resource tables
5. Could have incorporated ACS other classes available. Also would recommend FRG or spouse leaders talk about area and military friendly places. TRICARE – please included PHR component
6. Maybe two days instead of one day of presentations
7. TRICARE should do a pre-questions
8. All specific topics were very informative.
9. More networking time

Additional comments

1. Thank you!!
2. I did not see much support or representation for civilian workers, specifically inter-agencies. Please provide representation for this group! Thanks!
3. Answered for A.D. and Dependent interest.
4. Thank you for such great information!
5. Fantastic event. Possible events by location? i.e., coffee for spouses in Pembroke Pines or Homestead, etc.

What trainings would you like to attend in September 2017?

Based on ranking from survey

1. Blended Retirement System
2. How to Prepare for Jobs in Available Industries
3. Job Market Availability
4. Time Management
5. Stress Management
6. Relationship Issues
7. Civilian versus Federal Government Resume
8. Interview/Mock Interview Techniques
9. Resiliency
10. Our Youth and Drug Trends
11. Benefits
12. Job Fair
13. College Fair
14. How to break into a new field or create a niche