



# December 2025



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Date	Time	Event Title	Location	Description/Purpose	Target Audience	MCCS Program POC
12/02	1630-1730	Bee Creative	Exceptional Family Member Program Bldg. 1447N	BEE Creative—a space where imagination thrives, connections grow, and creativity transforms into beautiful works of art! This engaging event provided EFMP families and military service members with a safe and welcoming environment to express themselves artistically while building valuable support networks and fostering relationships with other parents. Register by calling EFMP at 760-830-7740.	Active Duty / Families	Alysia Mayberry-Harris <a href="mailto:alysia.mayberryharri@usmc.mil">alysia.mayberryharri@usmc.mil</a> 830-7740
12/03	0900-1000	Successful PCS Transition Training	Exceptional Family Member Program Bldg. 1447N	This workshop will guide families through the EFMP-specific PCS process, offering tools to ensure a smooth and informed transition. Families will learn how to prepare for a move, coordinate medical and educational services at the gaining installation, and advocate for their needs every step of the way. Step-by-step PCS preparation tips, Guidance on medical and educational transfers, Tools to stay organized and connected throughout the move. Register by December 3, 2025 by calling 760-830-7740	Active Duty / Families	Alysia Mayberry-Harris <a href="mailto:alysia.mayberryharri@usmc.mil">alysia.mayberryharri@usmc.mil</a> 830-7740
12/03	1700-1830	Family Care Training	Education Center, Bldg. 1530	Family Care is peace of mind. Join our Family Care Training to learn how to build a strong plan for deployments and emergencies. Get expert tips. Connect with other Marine families. Leave prepared and confident. Your family's readiness is vital. Sign up now and take the first step! Registration request by December 2, 2025 via <a href="https://29palms.usmc-mccs.org/calendar-of-events">https://29palms.usmc-mccs.org/calendar-of-events</a>	Active Duty / Spouses	Jeremy Young <a href="mailto:jeremy.l.young@usmc.mil">jeremy.l.young@usmc.mil</a> 830-3674
12/04	1100-1200	Service Animals Training	Exceptional Family Member Program Bldg. 1447N	The Service Animal Workshop will help families understand the role and rights of service animals by introducing the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, explaining key differences between service animals and pets, and reviewing installation-specific regulations. Families will also receive practical tips for PCSing with service animals and important reminders for daily life and travel. Register by December 4, 2025 at <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1312001986259?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1312001986259?aff=oddtcreator</a> .	Active Duty / Families	Alysia Mayberry-Harris <a href="mailto:alysia.mayberryharri@usmc.mil">alysia.mayberryharri@usmc.mil</a> 830-7740
12/04	1700-1900	Shoot Aim Call Pool Tournament	Spike's Place, Bldg. 1532	This event will provide outreach in collaboration with Single Marine Program (SMP) through interactive billiards activity while also learning the importance of substance abuse awareness and the dangers that come with high-risk substance abuse through literature and interaction. Dinner and non-alcoholic refreshments will be provided. Plaque and gift will be awarded to first and second place. Register by emailing <a href="mailto:plmssap@usmc.mil">plmssap@usmc.mil</a> .	Active Duty	Abel Castro <a href="mailto:abel.castro@usmc.mil">abel.castro@usmc.mil</a> 830-8145
12/05-12/20	CCL: 0800-1930 SMBL: 1000-1730	Happy Holidays at the Library	Combat Center Library, Bldg. 1524 Shadow Mountain Branch Library Bldg. 692	Celebrate the season with cheerful holiday crafts, festive music and explore a collection of holiday-inspired books. No registration is required.	MCAGCC Patrons	Julie Bramman <a href="mailto:plmssppd@usmc.mil">plmssppd@usmc.mil</a> 830-4265
12/05	1530-1730	Teen-Scape	Shadow Mountain Branch Library Bldg. 692	The event is designed for teens to explore their creativity in a space just for them. Enjoy unique art and craft events while socializing with friends. The craft for this month will be upcycled sweater stockings -turn old sweaters into cozy custom stockings. No registration required.	Teens (12-17)	Ashley Harrell <a href="mailto:Ashley.Harrell@usmc-mccs.org">Ashley.Harrell@usmc-mccs.org</a> 830-6875
12/05	1700-2000		MCX	Join us for Christmas Magic in the Desert! A German Market themed village with 12 stations with activities and crafts for all ages! Test your strength at our Stein Holding Contest! Walk through our Unit Village Competition to see the creativity in our units amongst MCAGCC. Take a photo with Santa and in our Trail of Lights! We look forward to seeing everyone celebrate Christmas Magic with us!	MCAGCC Patrons	Katarina Romero <a href="mailto:Katarina.Romero@usmc-mccs.org">Katarina.Romero@usmc-mccs.org</a> 830-8429



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12/05	1800-2000	Active-Duty Event: Christmas Crime Mystery Dinner	Spike's Place (Bldg. 1532)	It's nearly Christmas, and Santa is hosting an unveiling party where the design plans for the hottest new toy will be revealed, ready for this year's production and distribution. The Christmas Board of Directors will be present as well as Elves from all departments all over the workshop have been invited to celebrate what we know will be a huge success. Dinner will be provided. Pre-registration starts November 21 at Spike's Place (Bldg. 1532) until filled. Free.	Active-Duty	Darryl Elliot <a href="mailto:darryl.elliott@usmc-mccs.org">darryl.elliott@usmc-mccs.org</a> 830-4767
12/06	Open- Close	Chesty's Secret Stocking Sprint	MCX	Chesty's been hard at work spreading holiday cheer—and he's hidden surprise gift cards inside festive stockings just for you! Be one of the first 50 customers to find a Chesty cutout in-store, and you'll receive a mystery gift card tucked inside a Chesty-branded stocking. Each card holds a surprise value, so don't miss your chance to unwrap a little extra joy this season! *Limited to only 1 gift card per family.	All Hands	Amber Christopherson <a href="mailto:amber.christopherson@usmc-mccs.org">amber.christopherson@usmc-mccs.org</a> 830-5775
12/06	0800-1600	Active Duty Volunteer: Whispering Sands Horse Ranch	Amboy, CA	This 2 day volunteer event (December 6 & 7) is to assist the ranch with a new project, up keep of the arena and stalls. Lunch provided. Pre-registration starts November 21 at Spike's Place (Bldg. 1532) until filled. Free.	Active-Duty	Darryl Elliot <a href="mailto:darryl.elliott@usmc-mccs.org">darryl.elliott@usmc-mccs.org</a> 830-4767
12/06	0830-1530	3 vs 3 Basketball Tournament	Adult Sports / East Gym (Bldg. 1588)	Intramural 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament open to MCAGCC patrons age 16+. Free entry. Games at East Gym. Teams: 3-4 players, 75% same unit to earn Commander's Cup points (notify staff). Format: double elimination or round robin w/ championship. Awards based on # of teams. Free agents welcome. Info: 760-830-6857 / <a href="mailto:29athletics@usmc-mccs.org">29athletics@usmc-mccs.org</a> . All skill levels welcome! Register: <a href="https://29palms.usmc-mccs.org/tournaments">leagueapps.com/tournaments</a>	All Hands	Kevin Lesko <a href="mailto:29athletics@usmc-mccs.org">29athletics@usmc-mccs.org</a> 830-6857
12/06	1000-2200	Active-Duty Trip: San Diego Zoo and December Nights	San Diego, CA	Fun day and evening in San Diego. First a Free day in San Diego Zoo enjoying all the animals. Then we will spend the evening at Balboa Park December Nights. To go on the trip is free but any purchases made is on you. Sign ups start November 14 at Spike's Place until all spots are filled.	Active-Duty	Darryl Elliot <a href="mailto:darryl.elliott@usmc-mccs.org">darryl.elliott@usmc-mccs.org</a> 830-4767
12/12	1630-1900	Teen Hangout: Movie Night	New Horizons, Bldg. 694	Enjoy a night where the screen is big and the memories are bigger. This event will give teens a chance to enjoy a flick, get to know other teens, eat some goodies. It will give them a chance to socialize with other local teens that they may not have met before. Movie, games, food, and drinks will be provided. Register by December 9, 2025 at <a href="https://29palms.usmc-mccs.org/calendar-of-events">https://29palms.usmc-mccs.org/calendar-of-events</a>	Teens (13-18 still in HS)	Yukiko Grow <a href="mailto:yukiko.grow@usmc-mccs.org">yukiko.grow@usmc-mccs.org</a> 830-3340
12/12	1700-1900	EFMP Storytime in Pajamas: "How to Catch a Gingerbread Man"	Exceptional Family Member Program, Bldg. 1447N	Join the Exceptional Family Member Program for their annual Storytime in Pajamas. This year's story is "How to Catch a Gingerbread Man." Families will enjoy a fun Storytime in their favorite pajamas, play games, create gingerbread crafts, and enjoy snacks to foster positive relationships with other families that enhance the overall well-being of the family unit. Register by December 10, 2025 by calling 760-830-7740.	Families	Alysia Mayberry-Harris <a href="mailto:alysia.mayberryharri@usmc.mil">alysia.mayberryharri@usmc.mil</a> 830-7740
12/13-12/31	CCL: 0800-1930 SMBL: 1000-1730	Holiday Cookies	Combat Center Library, Bldg. 1524 Shadow Mountain Branch Library, Bldg. 692	Visit the Combat Center and Shadow Mountain Branch Libraries to enjoy cookies and warm beverages. No registration required.	MCAGCC Patrons	Julie Bramman <a href="mailto:plmsppd@usmc.mil">plmsppd@usmc.mil</a> 830-4265
12/13	1000-2200	Active-Duty Trip: Festival of Lights	Riverside, CA	The Festival of Lights in Riverside, CA is a dazzling annual holiday celebration centered around the historic Mission Inn Hotel & Spa in Downtown Riverside's Arts and Culture District. Millions of twinkling lights and themed decorations, Live music and performances, Carnival rides and attractions, Food vendors offering seasonal treats, Photo opportunities throughout the festive downtown area. To go on the trip is free but any purchases made is on you. Sign ups start November 28 at Spike's Place until all spots are filled.	Active-Duty	Darryl Elliot <a href="mailto:darryl.elliott@usmc-mccs.org">darryl.elliott@usmc-mccs.org</a> 830-4767



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12/15	1000-1100	Recreation and Inclusion Opportunities	Exceptional Family Member Program, Bldg. 1447N	This event will introduce families to EFMP Recreation Inclusion Opportunities, providing information and resources to help children with special needs participate in recreational activities. Families will learn how to access inclusive programs, advocate for their child's involvement, and build connections with other families for ongoing support and community engagement. Register by December 15, 2025 via <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1317913798649?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1317913798649?aff=oddtcreator</a> .	Families	Alysia Mayberry-Harris <a href="mailto:alysia.mayberryharri@usmc.mil">alysia.mayberryharri@usmc.mil</a> 830-7740
12/16	0900-1000	Accessing Community Resources	Exceptional Family Member Program, Bldg. 1447N	This workshop helps families connect with local, state & national resources tailored to their needs. Learn to navigate support systems, advocate effectively & build a service network to enhance quality of life for your Exceptional Family Member. Gain tips, referrals & tools to become a confident advocate. Register by Dec 16, 2025 at 760-830-7740 or <a href="http://www.tinyurl.com/EFMP-Winter-Workshops">www.tinyurl.com/EFMP-Winter-Workshops</a>	Families	Alysia Mayberry-Harris <a href="mailto:alysia.mayberryharri@usmc.mil">alysia.mayberryharri@usmc.mil</a> 830-7740
12/17	0900-1030	Smooth Move	Career Resource Office, Bldg. 1526	The purpose of the Smooth Move event is to provide service members and their families with mandatory information they need for their Permanent Change of Station (PCS) Move. MCO 1745.11 States that all transferring service members are to attend a mandatory PCS departure workshop at least 60-90 days prior to transfer. Registration highly encouraged by calling 760-830-6344.	Active Duty/Spouses	Brittany Rising <a href="mailto:brittany.rising@usmc.mil">brittany.rising@usmc.mil</a> 830-6344
12/19	0900-1100	Passport to Volunteering	Education Center, Bldg. 1530	Everything you need to know about serving the Marine Corps & community! Come learn about how to find local volunteer opportunities, maintaining personal volunteer records, volunteer hour time management, and more! Registration required by emailing <a href="mailto:plmsmcftb@usmc.mil">plmsmcftb@usmc.mil</a> .	MCAGCC Patrons	Samantha Sortino <a href="mailto:plmsmcftb@usmc.mil">plmsmcftb@usmc.mil</a> 830-1696
12/19	1100	FAFSA Workshop	Education Center, Bldg. 1530	The FAFSA Workshop is a monthly workshop open to all eligible base personnel, offering step-by-step guidance on completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The session covers deadlines, required documents, and tips for maximizing aid eligibility, helping participants access federal grants, loans, and scholarships for higher education. No registration required.	MCAGCC Patrons	Erin Keeran <a href="mailto:erin.keeran@usmc.mil">erin.keeran@usmc.mil</a> 830-6881
12/19	1700-2000		MCX	<b>Santa is coming to the Main Exchange</b> — and he's ready to spread holiday cheer! Bring the whole family to snap a memorable photo with Santa in a joyful, festive setting. But that's not all — we're also hosting a <b>Holiday Toy Giveaway</b> to help make the season brighter for our community. Whether you're stopping by for a photo or picking up a surprise for a little one, it's a celebration you won't want to miss. Come share the magic, laughter, and spirit of the season with us!	Children	Amber Christopherson <a href="mailto:amber.christopherson@usmc-mccs.org">amber.christopherson@usmc-mccs.org</a> 830-5775
12/20	0430-2100	Active-Duty Trip: LA Guided Tour	Los Angeles, CA	Join us for an unforgettable day in LA! Learn to navigate the train & subway system while exploring iconic sights like the Hollywood Sign, Little Tokyo, Universal City Walk & California Science Center. Build confidence, find hidden gems & make new friends! Sign-ups start Dec 5 at Spike's Place, Bldg 1532. Trip is free; participants must buy their own tickets (\$10 train, \$7 subway) online or at kiosks.	Active-Duty	Darryl Elliot <a href="mailto:darryl.elliott@usmc-mccs.org">darryl.elliott@usmc-mccs.org</a> 830-4767
12/25	1100-1400	Active-Duty Event: Christmas Brunch	Spike's Place (Bldg. 1532)	Christmas Brunch held here at the SMP for those active duty that can't make it home this holiday. This Free brunch is Sponsored by AFAP. All Marines and Sailors will receive a free breakfast brunch. Registration not required.	Active-Duty	Darryl Elliot <a href="mailto:darryl.elliott@usmc-mccs.org">darryl.elliott@usmc-mccs.org</a> 830-4767



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12/27	0630-2200	Active Duty Trip: Disneyland	Anaheim, CA	Join us for a magical day at Disneyland! The cost is \$174.25, covering transportation and park admission. Registration starts December 12 at Spike's Place (Bldg. 1532). Don't miss your chance to experience the happiest place on Earth!	Active-Duty	Darryl Elliot <a href="mailto:darryl.elliott@usmc-mccs.org">darryl.elliott@usmc-mccs.org</a> 830-4767
12/31	2100-0030	Active-Duty Event: New Year's Bash	Spike's Place (Bldg. 1532)	New Years count down to midnight. This free event is a safe place for our Marines and Sailors to come and countdown to midnight. Fun games and snacks will be provided and a glass of sparkling cider to ring in the new year with your Spike's Place Friends and Family. Registration not required for this event.	Active-Duty	Courtney Chambers <a href="mailto:courtney.chambers@usmc-mccs.org">courtney.chambers@usmc-mccs.org</a> 830-6608

Weekly Events in December						
Date	Time	Event Title	Location	Description/Purpose	Target Audience	MCCS Program POC
All Month	1000-1730	Curbside Crafts	Shadow Mountain Branch Library, Bldg. 692	Curbside Crafts is a Pick-up and go craft program. Patrons can pick-up the supplies needed to make a craft at home. No registration required.	Families	Ashley Harrell <a href="mailto:plmsppd@usmc.mil">plmsppd@usmc.mil</a> 830-6875
All Month	CCL: 0800-1930, SMBL: 1000-1730	Makerspace	Combat Center Library, Bldg. 1524 & Shadow Mountain Branch Library, Bldg. 692	Learn how to use Makerspace equipment during the library's open hours. We have sewing machines, Cricuts, woodburning tools, art supplies, and more. No registration needed. We will be adding to the collection so join us on the MCCS 29 Palms Library Facebook group to be the first to know! <a href="https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1CfpCWPu9w/">https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1CfpCWPu9w/</a>	MCAGCC Patrons	Julie Bramman & Ashley Harrell <a href="mailto:plmsppd@usmc.mil">plmsppd@usmc.mil</a> 830-4265/6875
Every Monday, Thursday & Friday	Mon: 1500 Thurs: 1100 Fri: 1300	Tuition Assistance Brief	Education Center, Bldg. 1530	A Tuition Assistance brief for active duty Marines covers eligibility, application steps, funding limits, and reimbursement policies. It explains how to request TA, complete required training, and work with an Education Counselor. The brief also highlights selecting accredited schools and aligning education goals with personal and professional advancement. No registration required. <b>Thursday session also available via Zoom ID: 857 8254 0349 / Password: TA</b>	Active Duty	Erin Keeran <a href="mailto:erin.keeran@usmc.mil">erin.keeran@usmc.mil</a> 830-6881
Every Tuesday	1100-1200	Tiny Tales Lapsit	Shadow Mountain Branch Library, Bldg. 692	Bring your little ones to the Shadow Mountain Branch Library every Tuesday for a cozy, in-person story time designed just for ages 0-3! Enjoy delightful tales, early literacy fun, and a chance to bond with your child in a warm, welcoming setting. No registration needed — just drop in and join the magic of storytelling. It's the perfect weekly outing for families with toddlers!	Active Duty/Families	Ashley Harrell <a href="mailto:plmsppd@usmc.mil">plmsppd@usmc.mil</a> 830-6875
Every Wednesday	1430-1530	Storytime	Shadow Mountain Branch Library, Bldg. 692	Join us every Wednesday at the Shadow Mountain Branch Library for an in-person story time designed for children ages 4 and up! Each week features fun stories, interactive moments, and a chance to spark imagination and a love for reading. It's a great midweek outing for kids and families alike. No registration required — just drop in and enjoy the magic of storytelling!	Active Duty/Families	Ashley Harrell <a href="mailto:plmsppd@usmc.mil">plmsppd@usmc.mil</a> 830-6875
Every Wednesday	1300	GI Bill Workshop	Education Center, Bldg. 1530	This GI Bill workshop gives an overview of education benefits for active duty, retirees, and veterans. Learn about eligibility, transfer options, application steps, and key differences between Post-9/11 and Montgomery GI Bill programs. Gain the knowledge to make informed decisions and maximize education and career opportunities. No registration required.	Active Duty, Veterans, Retirees	Erin Keeran <a href="mailto:erin.keeran@usmc.mil">erin.keeran@usmc.mil</a> 830-6881
Every Wednesday & Saturday	1100-1200	Wood Hobby Shop: Safety Class	Wood Hobby Shop (Bldg. 1342)	Woodworking safety class teaches proper techniques to prevent injuries and ensure a safe workspace. Learn tool use, material handling, PPE, and emergency procedures. Gain skills to safely operate saws, drills, and sanders, recognize hazards, and maintain an organized shop. Required for Wood Hobby Shop access. FREE every Wed at 1700 & Sat at 1100. No sign-up needed—just show up! Info: 830-7214.	18+ MCAGCC Patrons (Ages 16-17 w/adult)	Robert Henry <a href="mailto:Robert.Henry@usmc-mccs.org">Robert.Henry@usmc-mccs.org</a> 830-7214



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Every Thursday	1000-1100	Century Anger Management (CAM)	Education Center, Bldg. 1530	Series of 8 classes that reviews tools for anger management to assist participants with examining triggers, health, and constructive ways to express frustrations. Registration recommended by calling 760-830-6345 or emailing <a href="mailto:plmsfap@usmc.mil">plmsfap@usmc.mil</a> . Space is limited.	Active Duty	Nina Morales & Barbara Griswold <a href="mailto:plmsfap@usmc.mil">plmsfap@usmc.mil</a> 760-830-6345
Every Thursday	1330-1600	Pre-Separations Brief	Career Resource Office, Bldg. 1526	The Pre-Separation Brief is a required step in the transition process. Contact your command for information before registering.	Active Duty	McArthur Wright <a href="mailto:mcarthur.wright@usmc.mil">mcarthur.wright@usmc.mil</a> 830-5955
Every Friday	0900-1200	FAFSA Fridays	Education Center, Bldg. 1530	FAFSA Fridays provide drop-in help for eligible base personnel completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Staff are available to answer questions, review documents, and offer guidance to maximize financial aid for higher education. No registration required.	MCAGCC Eligible Patrons	Erin Keeran <a href="mailto:erin.keeran@usmc.mil">erin.keeran@usmc.mil</a> 830-6881

WEEKLY GROUP EXERCISE SCHEDULE						
Every Monday	0900 - 1000	Power Hour	Community Center (Bldg. 1004)	Start your week out strong with an interval based class in the Fitness Center (Child room available to keep child(ren) in line of sight). Power Hour is a free class and will be first come first serve.	MCGACC Patrons	Joshua Miller <a href="mailto:joshua.miller@usmc-mccs.org">joshua.miller@usmc-mccs.org</a> 830-3910
Every Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday	1130 - 1230	ZUMBA	Community Center (Bldg. 1004)	Tone and sculpt the body with an easy-to-follow class. Aerobic/fitness interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms. A \$3 dollar fee to be paid by credit card only for classes on Monday and Wednesdays. All classes will be first come first serve.	MCGACC Patrons	Joshua Miller <a href="mailto:joshua.miller@usmc-mccs.org">joshua.miller@usmc-mccs.org</a> 830-3910
Every Wednesday	0900 -0945	AB Attack	Community Center (Bldg. 1004)	A 30-minute focused ab session. Ab Attack is a free class and will be first come first serve. No registration required.	MCGACC Patrons	Joshua Miller <a href="mailto:joshua.miller@usmc-mccs.org">joshua.miller@usmc-mccs.org</a> 830-3910
Every Thursday	0900-0945	Cycle & Strength	Community Center (Bldg. 1004)	A combination of strength and cardiorespiratory training. Focus on traditional weight room exercises with heart pumping cardio drills on the bike. Cycle and Strength is a free class and will be first come first serve. No registration required.	MCGACC Patrons	Joshua Miller <a href="mailto:joshua.miller@usmc-mccs.org">joshua.miller@usmc-mccs.org</a> 830-3910
Every Friday	0900 - 1000	TGIF	Community Center (Bldg. 1004)	Switch it up with this hard-hitting class to send you strong into the weekend. TGIF is a free class and will be first come first serve. No registration required.	MCGACC Patrons	Joshua Miller <a href="mailto:joshua.miller@usmc-mccs.org">joshua.miller@usmc-mccs.org</a> 830-3910