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**"A SHIP IN PORT IS SAFE; BUT THAT IS NOT WHAT SHIPS ARE BUILT FOR. SAIL OUT TO SEA AND DO NEW THINGS."** — REAR ADM. GRACE HOPPER

## MILITARY SPOUSE PREFERENCE FOR FEDERAL JOBS

As a military spouse, you are likely to move multiple times, meaning that finding a job and building a career can be a challenge. According to a recent survey performed by the Defense Manpower Data Center, military spouses that moved in the last 12 months have an unemployment rate of 20% – twice as high as those that haven't moved! Fortunately, there are several programs and organizations that can help military spouses who are seeking employment.

One of these programs, the Military Spouse Preference (MSP) program, established under the Military Family Act of 1985, offers employment placement preference in DoD civilian personnel positions to military spouses for a 2 year period each time they PCS with their spouse (amongst other qualifying criteria). This program only applies to DoD vacancies and there are several variations and exceptions that allow local hiring authorities to tailor their policies to meet requirements.

If you would like to take advantage of MSP, you should:

- Visit a resume-building website and search for jobs on [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov).
- Register for MSP through the Civilian Personnel Office (CPO) or the Human Resources Office (HRO) on Ft. Sam Houston.
- Provide a copy of your spouse's PCS orders.
- If you are a veteran or if you previous worked for the Federal Government, provide your DD214 or SF-50.
- Provide other documentation such as college transcripts, licenses, and anything else required by the position.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE JBSA MILITARY AND FAMILY READINESS CENTER OR YOUR OMBUDSMAN TEAM!**

### SCHLITTERBAHN FREE ADMISSION WEEK!

MAY 25, 30, 31 (FULL PARK OPEN)

MAY 26, 29 (SURF & SAVE)

**FREE ADMISSION FOR MILITARY MEMBERS**

**50% OFF FOR SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS**

SPECIAL ONLY FOR LISTED DATES, ABOVE.

DISCOUNTED TICKETS AVAILABLE

FOR ALL OTHER DATES AT THE FSH TICKET OFFICE.

**SCHLITTERBAHN  
SALUTES AMERICA'S HEROES**

COME CELEBRATE THE

## 117<sup>th</sup> NAVY HOSPITAL CORPSMAN BIRTHDAY BALL

**SATURDAY 13 JUNE 2015**

**1800- 2400**

**ELIAN HOTEL**

**17103 LA CANTERA PKWY**

**SAN ANTONIO, TX**

MILITARY: SERVICE DRESS WHITES OR HIGHER

CIVILIAN: FORMAL

TICKETS ARE ONLY \$20/EACH.

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FROM YOUR HM BALL REPRESENTATIVE



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