



VETBrief

ARIZONA DISTRICT OFFICE

The Arizona District Office will be hosting the upcoming events. For specific information, contact James Pipper, Veterans Business Development Officer at 602.745.7230 or fax: 602.745.7210.

Veterans Business Resource Seminar	
January 18, 2005	Yuma
February 22, 2005	Phoenix
March 15, 2005	Lake Havasu City
April 18, 2005	Show Low, Pinetop, Lakeside
April 19, 2005	Flagstaff
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June 16, 2005	Phoenix

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Service Disabled Veteran-owned Small Business Events

Upcoming Events

Select the links below for more information:

[Guardians of Freedom and Enterprise Conference](#)
Kansas City, Missouri, October 18–19, 2004

[Opening Doors for America's Heroes](#)
Honolulu, Hawaii, December 6–8, 2004

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Other Resources for Service Disabled Veteran-owned Small Businesses

[OSBU Fiscal Year 2004 National Calendar of Events](#)

[FSS Center for Acquisition Excellence Offers GSA Schedules Training](#)

[Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Initiative](#)

[VetBiz Registration](#)

FEDERAL AGENCIES

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (DLA)

Defense Phone Card Program Goes Public

Military Phone Card Donation Program Goes Public

The Department of Defense announced today that any American can now help troops in contingency operations call home. The Defense Department has authorized the Armed Services Exchanges to sell prepaid calling cards to any individual or organization that wishes to purchase cards for troops who are deployed. The "Help Our Troops Call Home" program is designed to help service members call home from Operations Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

For those wishing to donate a prepaid calling card to a military member may log on to any of the three Armed Services Exchange web sites: the Army and Air Force Exchange Service <http://aafes.com> [<https://www.aafes.com>], the Navy Exchange Service Command <http://www.navy-nex.com> [<http://www.navy-nex.com>], and the Marine Corps Exchange <http://www.usmc-mccs.org> [<http://www.usmc-mccs.org>]. Click the "Help Our Troops Call Home" link. From there, a prepaid calling card may be purchased for an individual at his or her deployed address or to "any service member" deployed or hospitalized. The Armed Services Exchanges will distribute cards donated to "any service member" through the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society and the Fisher House Foundation.

The Armed Services Exchanges operate telephone call centers in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and other countries and aboard ships -- anywhere service members are deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. All of these locations stay busy around the clock to keep up communication between deployed

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troops and their loved ones. The cards available through the “Help Our Troops Call Home” program offer the best value for calls made from the call centers never expire, and there are no added charges or connection fees.

Individuals and organizations also can show their support to deployed troops and their families with gift certificates. The “Gift of Groceries” program allows anyone to purchase commissary gift certificates at <http://www.cinnassarues.com> [<http://www.commissaries.com/>] or by calling toll free 1 (877) 770-GIFT. The Armed Services Exchanges offer the “Gift From the Home-front” gift certificate for merchandise at these exchange web sites: <http://www.aafes.com> and <http://www.navy-nex.com> or by calling toll free 1 (877) 770-GIFT. Gift certificates may be purchased to be mailed to service members and family members or will be distributed to “any service member.” Only authorized commissary and exchange patrons may redeem the gift certificates at military commissaries and exchanges, including those stores supporting deployed personnel around the globe.

Other Veteran Events

