

# 2026 MISSION READY



## PREPARING OUR FAMILIES FOR ANYTHING

**PURCHASE 2-3 GALLON JUGS OF COMMERCIAL BOTTLED WATER AGAIN EACH WEEK THIS MONTH**



### SECURE FINANCES, SECURE FUTURE

Financial readiness is both a personal readiness issue and a military readiness issue. When our finances are in order, stress levels decrease, focus improves, and overall well-being is strengthened—at home and on the job. Financial stress can quickly become a distraction that impacts decision-making, health, and mission performance. This month's Mission Readiness Campaign focus, Secure Finances, Secure Future, highlights how financial peace of mind supports resilient families and a ready force.

Recent events, such as the government shutdown, reminded many of us how quickly financial challenges can arise. Pay disruptions and uncertainty created stress almost overnight. Having a plan, savings, and updated benefits in place can help reduce that stress and provide stability when circumstances change beyond our control.



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#### Review Your LES and Update Your Budget

Take time to review your Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) to ensure pay, deductions, and entitlements are accurate. Update your household budget to reflect current priorities.

- Include dedicated funds for emergency savings.
- Plan for emergency food or water purchases on a monthly or bi-monthly basis.



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#### Build an Emergency Savings Starter Fund

An emergency fund is a cornerstone of financial readiness. Make saving easier by setting up automatic transfers.

- Aim for a \$500–\$1,000 starter emergency fund.
- Small, consistent contributions can provide meaningful peace of mind.
- Gradually budgeting for emergency food and water spreads out costs while strengthening household preparedness without added financial strain.

*As you do this, be sure to continue following The Adjutant General's (TAG) 52-Week Plan, which helps members build and maintain emergency supplies over time. This plan ensures every member has at least one week of food and water—enough to support a family of four for a minimum of seven days.*



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#### Review and Update SGLI and Benefits

Take a few minutes to review your Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) and other benefits.

- Ensure beneficiaries are current.
- Confirm coverage aligns with your family's needs and future goals.

#### Want to Take It a Step Further?

If you're ready to level up your financial readiness, we have resources to help—no matter where you are in your financial journey.

- Schedule a one-on-one appointment with our Personal Financial Counselor for personalized guidance.
- Attend one of our finance workshops, offered regularly and covering a variety of topics—from budgeting basics to saving, investing, and long-term planning.

#### Small Steps, Stronger Readiness

Financial readiness doesn't require perfection—just progress. By taking intentional steps now, you're supporting your family's well-being and strengthening mission readiness for the future. Because when your finances are secure, you can stay focused, resilient, and ready for anything.



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