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## **American Consumer Credit Counseling Partners with Massachusetts National Guard and Reserve's Military Saves Campaign**

NEWTON, MA – AUGUST 30, 2010 – Many Americans are feeling the pressure of financial difficulties as a result of tough economic times. This includes members of the National Guard & Reserve, whose financial lives can be complicated by deployments, training, and transitioning to and from civilian life. The Department of Defense's Office of Personal Finance has developed the Military Saves Campaign ([www.militarysaves.org](http://www.militarysaves.org)) to assist servicemembers with maintaining a healthy financial life. Military Saves encourages those in the military to "Build Wealth, Not Debt" and to "Start Small, Think Big". In Massachusetts, American Consumer Credit Counseling (ACCC) has partnered with the National Guard and Reserve to help implement the Military Saves Campaign by being a much needed resource for financial education, debt management, and housing counseling.

Jonathan Harrington, Personal Financial Counselor for the Guard and Reserve in Massachusetts notes, "When financial issues cause problems at home it distracts servicemembers from their mission. My role is to make sure that when financial needs arise for family members, I am able to provide solutions. When I have a family that has debt issues or is close to losing their home to foreclosure, I turn to ACCC's counselors for help." Harrington continues, "ACCC has a great mission and I'm grateful to have them as a resource. They provide outreach and counseling services at our Yellow Ribbon pre and post deployment events; they have supported our Youth Financial Literacy program; and they provide debt management and housing counseling to our servicemembers and families."

ACCC is one of the largest nonprofit consumer credit counseling agencies in the country. They provide counseling services 6 days a week and are available by telephone, face-to-face, and online. Counseling is available in English and Spanish.

Founded in 1991, ACCC is dedicated to helping people regain control of their finances and plan for a debt free and healthy future. ACCC provides professional financial solutions for consumers and their families, including housing counseling, bankruptcy counseling, a debt management plan, budget counseling, financial resources, and community education programs. ACCC's professionally certified counselors assist individuals in all of their financial needs and provide a plan that will help them build a healthy financial future.

ACCC is a member of the Association of Independent Consumer Credit Counseling Agencies (AICCCA) and has an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau.

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