

Military Financial Education Presentations

First Command Educational Foundation offers presentations and comprehensive programs on a variety of financial topics for the specific needs of service members.

Presentations can be customized to include the topics shown below individually or grouped to create more extensive programs.

Financial Basics	Presentation Description
Developing a Spending Plan (Budget) for Military Members	Provides information on the purpose of a spending plan/budget and how to develop one.
Financial Coaching of Military Members	Intended for officers and NCOs. Explains prevalent issues and susceptibility of military members to financial problems and their effect on performance and mission readiness. Provides various approaches for counseling subordinates, including dealing with values and cultural differences.
Financial Readiness Overview (Active Duty)*	Intended for active-duty members of all grades/ranks. Explains the role and effect of financial stability on military readiness and includes general explanation of select financial principles such as saving, budgeting, credit and debt management, retirement planning, insurance, etc.
Financial Readiness Overview (Reserve/National Guard)*	Intended for members of all grades/ranks in the National Guard or reserves. Explains the role and effect of financial stabilit on military readiness and includes general explanation of select financial principles, such as saving, budgeting, credit and debt management, retirement planning, insurance, etc.
Fundamentals of Financial Readiness	Geared specifically for junior enlisted military service members, explains why military members are so susceptible to financial problems and how those problems affect mission readiness, determining their pay, developing a budget, credit and debt management, personal/payday loans, purpose of insurance, principles of investing, and Thrift Savings Plan.
Personal Financial Management for Future Military Leaders	Developed for members of college ROTC unit. Explains why persons they will lead are susceptible to financial problems and how those problems affect mission readiness, how to develop a financial plan and budget, how to manage credit and debt, determining how and what they will get paid (including basic pay, entitlements, allotments, allowances, and reading a Leave and Earnings Statement), investing, Thrift Savings Plan, military retirement plans, and the Career Starter Loan.
Pay and Benefits	Presentation Description
From Military to Civilian Benefits	Explains the change and loss in benefits that occur when leaving the military, and how to replace them.
Military Benefits Overview-Active Duty	Provides details on various benefits, i.e., health insurance, life insurance (SGLI), Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), VA Home Loan program, Educational Assistance (GI Bill), VA and military disability retirement, Thrift Savings Plan, and retirement plans.
Military Benefits Overview- Reserve/Guard	Provides details on various benefits available to reserve and National Guard members, i.e., commissary access, health/disability insurance, life insurance (SGLI), VA Home Loan program, Educational assistance (GI Bill), Thrift Savings Plan, military retirement plans, and Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP).
Military Death and Survivor Benefits	Explains benefits available to survivors and beneficiaries of deceased service members.
Military Education Assistance Programs	Explains benefits and eligibility requirements for various programs, such as Montgomery GI Bill, Post 9/11 GI Bill, Veterans Educational Assistance Program, Reserve Educational Assistance Program, and Survivors and Dependents Assistance.
Military Health Insurance—TRICARE	Explains different options available under TRICARE.
Military Life Insurance	Provides information on the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI), TSGLI, FSGLI, VGLI, etc., programs.
Military Pay System	Explains entitlements, allowances, allotments, and how to read and understand a Leave and Earnings Statement.
Preparing for Deployment	Explains the steps a service member and the family need to take in preparing for deployment.
Returning from Deployment	General advice for service members returning from an extended deployment.
Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP)	Explains how SBP works and benefits available to beneficiaries.
Tax Benefits for Military Service	An overview of tax benefits available to service members.
VA Home Loan Program	Explains eligibility requirements, loan process, and related costs.
Veterans Disability Benefits	Explains various programs, benefits, eligibility, including benefits for surviving spouses, children, and parents.
Retirement Planning	Presentation Description
Blended Retirement System	Provides a close look at Blended Retirement System eligibility, elements, and recommended actions for success in retirement.
Blended Retirement System and Thrift Savings Plan	Overview of Blended Retirement System with additional detail on Thrift Savings Plan's role in BRS.
Planning for Military Retirement	Explains steps to consider in preparing for retirement, as well as disability pay options and military retirement plans for
(Active Duty)	active duty members.
Planning for Military Retirement	Explains steps to consider in preparing for retirement, as well as disability pay options and military retirement plans for
(Guard/Reserve)	National Guard and reserve members.
Thrift Savings Plan for Military Members	Provides details of how the TSP works and investment options available for military members