

All-volunteer Tax Assistance Center opens for tax season

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CARLISLE BARRACKS, Pa. (Feb. 4, 2020) – The Carlisle Barracks all-volunteer Tax Assistance Center officially opened for the 2020 tax season Feb. 3. This year, the tax center moved into Bldg. 637 on Liggett Rd., next to the dog park. The center's services are available to active duty military members, their families and military retirees. Their hours are Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to noon, and, 12:30 to 4 p.m.

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"Last year, over 1,300 total man-hours were put in by our volunteers in assisting our population," said Gallahue. "That resulted in over 1,500 Federal and State tax returns for savings in tax preparation fees of close to

a half a million dollars, and a tax refund of almost 1.5 million dollars to our community that takes advantage of this great volunteer service.”

Services are provided by appointment only and scheduled two-weeks in advance. A new week’s schedule opens every Monday. Appointments are based on volunteer availability and fill up fast. Clients can call between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 717-245-3986 or stop by to schedule an appointment. You will need to fill out an INTAKE form upon arrival for your appointment.

This year’s volunteers include Daniel Barney, Pamela Murphy, John Tisserand, III., Edward Murdock, Thomas McCormick, Samuel Butler, Dale Masser and Angel Huerta.

“Their efforts make the Tax Center,” said Kami Hertzler, Legal Assistant. “Without our volunteers, we wouldn’t be able to offer the free tax services we do to our Carlisle Barracks community.”

For the office to better assist in your tax return, please bring the following documents:

- **Two forms of identification**
- **All forms of income (i.e., W-2, 1099-DIV, 1099-G, 1099-INT, 1099-MISC, SSA-1099, etc.)**
- **Expenses (i.e., Student Loans/Tuition, Business, Child Care, Medical, Move, Charity, etc.)**

Although the volunteer staff is trained and certified, there are areas where their ability to assist is limited. These areas include, but are not limited to, international income, multiple rental properties, and sale of a house in the tax year 2019.

“Our final day will be April 15,” said Curtis Little Sun, Legal Assistance Attorney and officer in charge of the tax center. “We will not do electronic filing that day. It will all be paper. The reason being, if something were to get rejected, we wouldn’t be able to track it.”

This year’s tax center would not be possible if it weren’t for the personal efforts of Craig Rudy, Directorate of Public Works, Chad Betoney, Garrison Safety Office and Kami Hertzler, Office of the Command Judge Advocate.

Please contact the tax center with questions about required documents, eligibility for services or any other tax-related questions.