

Free tax preparation

From Naval Legal Service Office Southeast

Naval Legal Service Office Southeast/NAS Jacksonville will open a Tax Resource Center Jan. 27 to provide free self-service resources for active duty and retired personnel to prepare federal and state income tax returns.

This year, the Navy is providing a “self-service” Tax Resource Center. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) center will be equipped with eight computer stations where customers prepare their own tax returns using free online programs with the assistance of volunteers. The recommended program for use by the U.S. Navy is Military OneSource’s H&R Block at Home. Unlike previous years, no electronic filing will be done on behalf of customers.

Some of the websites include:

- Turbotax.intuit.com/Taxfeedom
- WWW.Taxslayer.com/Military/Default.aspx
- WWW.file2011taxes.newt/?cd=filing_Military

Who is eligible to use the Tax Resource Center?

- all active-duty service members and their dependents
- all retirees and their dependents
- reservists on active duty for more than 30 days
- reservists within 30 days of demobilization
- and reservists involved in pre-mobilization

What to bring to the Tax Resource Center:

- all 2011 W-2’s and 1099’s
- copies of social security cards for taxpayers and dependents
- taxpayer(s) military ID cards
- bank account numbers and routing numbers
- any other tax records including copies of 2010 tax returns if available

Where and when:

The resource Center is located in top of Building 13 (outside the Yorktown Gate):

- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Note: Computer access at the Tax Resource Center will be purely on a walk-in basis.

For more information, please call **542-8039**.