

FSC can help make the new year happy and prosperous

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Every new year brings with it the promise of a new beginning and a new and better way to live our lives and fulfill our dreams. This new year is even more special. The year 2000 signals the beginning of a new century and, for many, a time to initiate positive changes in our lives that will remain with us throughout the 2000s.

One of the most common resolutions for people to make this year is to get their finances in order. That means different things to different people. For some it could be simply to organize important documents, revise a will or review life insurance policies.

For others, it may be to devise a plan to reduce debt, rebuild a credit history, learn about investments or trim the family budget. In some cases, it could be to fine-tune an existing investment plan, increase retirement savings or build a college fund for children or grandchildren.

The financial actions we take today will determine the quality of our lives throughout the remainder of the 2000s.

If fine-tuning your financial skills is on your list of resolutions



for the new millennium let the Family Support Center assist you in reaching your goals. During February, there are several classes aimed at all levels of financial knowledge and skills.

Coming in February:

Wednesday -- Repairing or Improving Your Credit Record, noon-1:30 p.m.

Thursday -- Introduction to Mutual Funds and Stocks, 6-8 p.m.

Feb. 9 -- Developing a Spending Plan (Budgeting), 9-11 a.m.

Feb. 9 -- Checkbook Management, 1-2:30 p.m.

Feb. 22 -- Kids and Cash (teaching children about money), noon-1 p.m.

Remember, the Family Support Center is your one-stop financial information source. If you would like more information about any financial issue, or you would like to register for any of our upcoming workshops, call 963-4406.

Contractors earn AMC awards

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Two members of the 437th Contracting Squadron recently won Air Mobility Command awards for their accomplishments.

Kathy Edenborough was named AMC Outstanding Contracting Civilian (Operational). Senior Airman William Kendall received the AMC Outstanding Pricing Award.

Edenborough and Kendall are contracting specialists who prepare, award and administer contracts for construction, supplies and services.

"I was surprised and flattered to hear about the award," Edenborough said. "I'm proud to represent Charleston AFB at the command level. We do a lot of good work here and it's good to be recognized."

Edenborough's award citation calls her "a dynamic contracting professional who is dedicated to ensuring the contracting mission is accomplished right the first time, every time." She served as the contracting officer and source selection authority on cost comparison for military family housing maintenance. Finishing the study four months early, she saved the government \$900,000.

Edenborough also served as the base outsourcing and privatization business advisor for six other cost comparisons. Because of her extensive contracting knowledge, she is frequently chosen to assist others and head up special projects.

"She's one of our outstanding performers who knows contracting through and through," said Donna Barber, Edenborough's supervisor. "She can be given any contract and will have it done correctly and expeditiously."

Kendall's award package cites him for outstanding service from Oct. 1, 1998-Sept. 30, 1999, particularly with the Simplified Acquisition of Base Engineer Requirements program. The SABER program helps ensure contracted projects are done on time and at minimal cost.

"His ability to review contractor proposals, understand the work involved and negotiate to get the best price for the government was shown time and again, with savings on most SABER delivery orders and all modifications to both delivery orders and contracts," the citation notes. "He continually strives to obtain the most work for the lowest price and has the ability to obtain additional work whenever a cost saving becomes apparent."

In June, Kendall received the Department of Defense's highest contracting award for acquisitions, the Packard Award, for his involvement in Hunley Park renovations. He's also won praise from AMC headquarters and various organizations on base.

"I'm very proud," Kendall said. "We've got a good team effort here. It's not just me doing the job. It's the contracting team and the civil engineer team that make it all possible."