



## VeteransPlus Outreach Reaches Guam

Clearwater, FL; February 22, 2011- With the population of Guam expected to increase by 50 percent in the next four years as thousands of U.S. Marines and their families redeploy from the Japanese island of Okinawa, VeteransPlus steps-up to provide financial education that will make a difference.

As a first step, VeteransPlus will be on hand to provide financial education at the March Pre-Deployment Family Readiness Conference for Navy Reservists and their families hosted by NOSC Guam.



NOSC Guam, the only overseas NOSC, was established in 2005 to provide drilling opportunities for sailors residing on Guam and within the PACOM and CENTCON AOR's. Currently, 58% of Reservists live on Guam, 24% live in Japan and 18% live in other countries/islands. NOSC Guam has Reservists living as far north as South Korea, as far south as Australia, as far east as Fiji and as far west as Bahrain. Over the past five years the Reserve population has grown from 35 Sailors to over 190 and back down to 166. "With a Reservist population from such varied locations, and with the economic expansion expected on the Island of Guam, the financial well being of our troops serving there is vital" said James Fezell, VeteransPlus Education Director. Although VeteransPlus has conducted 260 financial education programs in 23 states reaching over 28,000 service members over the past year, this outreach to Navy and Marine Reservists on Guam marks the first overseas outreach for the non-profit financial education organization. "We welcome this opportunity to provide high quality financial education for Navy Reservists serving on Guam and we value the confidence the Department of Defense has placed in our ability to deliver these services there" said Chris Fitzpatrick, VeteransPlus Deputy Director and Director of Strategic Partnerships.

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