PERSONAL FINANCIAL VALUES

MILSPOUSE MONEY MISSION

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This exercise is designed to get you and your spouse thinking and talking about financial values in terms of goods and services that are important to you both. What you consider to be a luxury, your spouse or partner may consider a necessity, and vice versa.

In the space next to the items listed below, use one of the following terms to rate each item.

- 1. Necessary
- 2. Very Useful
- 3. Desirable
- 4. Luxury
- 5. Not Desirable

Respond in accordance with your true feelings and not as you think you are supposed to respond. Do not consult with your partner when completing the worksheet. When you and your partner are done, compare results and discuss significant differences.

Note: Couples with significant differences in their financial values may wish to discuss their responses with a financial counselor on their installation. Counselors can help couples set priorities and establish goals.

 _ Additional education	 _ Health club membership
 _ Annual vacation	 _ Additional investments for major purchases (non-retirement)
 _ Boat / RV / all-terrain vehicle (ATV)	 _Additional life insurance
 _ Credit cards	Going out to the movies
 _ College education for children	_ Clothes shopping
 _ Dining out	_ Home ownership
_ Extra expenses when spouse is deployed	_ Emergency savings account
_ Extra money for R&R while deployed	_ Sporting events tickets
_ Family car / truck / SUV	 _ Sports equipment (golf clubs, home gym, etc.)
_ Give to charity / tithing	 _ Swimming pool in back yard
_ Live off base	_ Top-of-the-line gaming system
 _ Hobbies	 _ Upgraded TV (home entertainment system)
 _ Eliminate debt	 _ Up-to-date smartphone
 _ Personal care (hairdresser / nails)	_ Visits to family

