






2026 Transition Assistance Program Schedule

Ellsworth AFB

Step 2 <i>Pre-Separation Briefing</i> <i>0900-1000 hrs</i>	Step 3 <i>Transition Workshop</i> <i>0800-1600 hrs</i>	Step 4: Two-Day Tracks
		<i>DoL Employment Track</i> <i>(0800-1600 hrs)</i>
6 January	26-28 January	29-30 January
13 January	23-25 February	26-27 February
20 January	23-25 March	26-27 March
3 February	20-22 April	23-24 April
10 February	11-13 May	14-15 May
17 February	8-10 June	11-12 June
3 March	27-29 July	30-31 July
10 March	24-26 August	27-28 August
17 March	21-23 September	24-25 September
31 March	26-28 October	29-30 October
7 April	16-18 November	19-20 November
14 April	7-9 December	10-11 December
28 April		
5 May	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Please call the</u> <u>Military & Family</u> <u>Readiness Center</u> <u>at 605-385-4663</u> <u>to start the</u> <u>Transition Process today</u> <u>with an</u> <u>Initial Counseling Appointment</u> <u>(Step 1)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Retirees are recommended to start the process no later than <u>24 months out</u></i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>and</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Separatees are recommended to start the process no later than <u>18 months out</u></i></p>	<i>Career & Credential Exploration</i> <i>0800-1600 hrs</i>
19 May		18-19 March
26 May		3-4 June
2 June		16-17 September
16 June		16-17 December
23 June		<i>Boots to Business</i> <i>0800-1600 hrs</i>
30 June		4-5 February
7 July		6-7 May
14 July		19-20 August
21 July		4-5 November
4 August		<i>Higher Education</i>
11 August		<i>** ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE **</i>
18 August		<i>Please see a TAP Team Member to be provided with instructions to access the workshop.</i>
1 September		
8 September		
15 September		
29 September		
6 October		
13 October		
20 October		
3 November		
24 November		
1 December		
15 December		
<u>STEP 2 IS REQUIRED, BY LAW,</u> <u>TO BE COMPLETED 365 DAYS PRIOR</u> <u>TO YOUR CURRENT DOS</u>		

Transition Assistance Program Steps

 <p>Step 1</p>	<p>Initial Counseling Appointment:</p> <p>The first step assesses your goals/needs and assigns a Tier level (1-3) based on individual preparedness for transition. Explains what members must complete and resources available. Must be accomplished NLT 365 days from separation/retirement.</p>
 <p>Step 2</p>	<p>Pre-Separation Counseling Briefing:</p> <p>Ensures separating/retiring service members are informed of entitlements/benefits to assist them with the transition to civilian life. Pre-Separation counseling should be completed early in the transition process but NLT 365 days from separation.</p>
 <p>Step 3</p>	<p>Transition Workshop:</p> <p>Day 1: DoD Day (Managing Your Transition, Military Occupational Code Crosswalk, Financial Planning, Education Office, Pennington County Veteran Service Officers, SBP Counselor, & TriCare)</p> <p>Day 2: VA Benefits and Services</p> <p>Day 3: DoL Employment Fundamentals of Career Transition</p>
 <p>Step 4</p>	<p>Two Day Tracks: (Recommended for all, but required for Tier 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DoL Employment Workshop: Covers job search, networking, resume writing, interviewing skills, and more; taught by DOL • Career & Credentialing Workshop: Choosing a career, vocational training, labor markets, credentials, licenses, and more; taught by DOL • Higher Education Workshop: Covers choosing a school, admission, transferring credit, funding options, and more; taught by Education Office • Entrepreneurship/Boots to Business Workshop: For those thinking of starting their own business; covers topics such as market research, smallbiz economics, legal, financing, and more; taught by the SBA
 <p>Step 5</p>	<p>Capstone Appointment:</p> <p>Verification of Career Readiness Standards (CRS); CRSs are the DoD's tangible measurement of a service member's preparedness for a civilian career. CRSs capitalize upon skills and experience and are aligned to employment, technical and/or education competency areas. Must be completed no more than 365 days before DOS (expires after 1 year), but no less than 90 days from DOS</p>