## Transition Assistance Program Workshops Preparation Checklist

Please read the following directions carefully to ensure you complete all necessary preparations prior to attending the Transition Workshops.

- 1. To maximize your learning experience at the TAP Workshops, complete the following actions prior to class:
  - Go to <a href="https://www.DoDTAP.mil">https://www.DoDTAP.mil</a> and verify your information, including a post-separation email and phone number. Sign the document.
  - Bring a laptop computer or similar device. Loaner computers will be available on a first come, first served basis.
    - The following documents should be saved to your computer for use during class. Time will be allotted during class to complete these documents.
      - o 12 Month Post Service Budget\*
      - o Financial Planning for Transition Participant Guide
      - o Individual Transition Plan\*
      - Gap Analysis
      - \*If you do not bring a laptop, you should print these forms and bring them with you to the TAP workshop.
    - Print your Virtual Military Education and Training (VMET), DD Form 2586 for use in class. Download from <a href="https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tgps/">https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tgps/</a>
    - Enroll in VA.gov, premium account verification required (when you get into the account, the first page says "Welcome <u>Your Name</u>" Print this page and bring it with you to TAP).
       <a href="https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal">https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal</a>
    - Bring a copy of latest itemized Leave & Earnings Statement (LES).
    - Pull a copy of your credit report (view a recent report prior to the first day of class) <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u>.
    - Compile a list of current monthly expenses and bring to class.
    - Review and complete as much of Individual Transition Plan, Section 1 (pages 1-5) as possible before the first day of the TAP Workshop. Bring either a hard copy or electronic copy to continue completion during class.
    - OPRs/EPRs (or equivalent for other services)
    - Bring your school transcripts including CCAF

- Request your medical records (optional at this time), NOTE: It takes at least 20 business days to get medical records.
- 2. You will find it helpful to bookmark the following websites on your laptop prior to attending the TAP Workshop.
  - www.h2h.jobs
  - www.VetSuccess.gov
  - www.VAforVets.va.gov
  - www.au.af.mil/ccaf/transcripts.asp
  - www.homeagain.com
  - www.bestplaces.net
  - www.bankrate.com
  - www.retirementliving.com
  - www.kiplingers.com
  - www.military.com
  - www.salary.com
  - www.payscale.com
  - www.onetonline.org/crosswalk/MOC
  - www.bls.gov/bls/blswage.htm
  - www.onetonline.org/crosswalk/MOC/
  - http://www.bls.gov/bls/blswage.htm
  - www.Tricare.mil
  - www.Healthcare.gov/using-insurance
  - www.tsp.gov
  - www.irs.gov