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Do you need help finding a way to spend your allotted volunteer time? Are you an expert in your career field or hobby? KMC Speakers' Bureau project sponsored by the KMC Schools Liaison Office is accepting applications for people interested in becoming expert presenters.

The Speakers' Bureau is the KMC's primary forum for military personnel, family members and civilians to share their experiences, job knowledge or outside interest with students through mentoring and volunteering.

"Books and libraries can provide information," said Sheila Jolivette, KMC Schools Liaison Officer. "But, classroom presentations made by volunteers promote student learning as it relates to the real world."

For example, a physics teacher may ask a civil engineer to share how they apply science to their daily work. A volunteer with a fascination in Asian culture could participate in a geography class by discussing ethnicity or a specific Asian country.

A member of the medical group could discuss the effects of drugs and alcohol in a health class. Presenting these life experiences promotes student learning by connecting classroom instruction to the real world.

"I am confident that (the Speakers' Bureau) has contributed quite a bit to teacher curriculum," said Dr. Barbara Ferg-Carter, Ramstein High School principal.

According to previous results, participation in the Speakers' Bureau expands Department of Defense Dependent Schools teachers' areas of expertise by capitalizing on a pool of skilled and talented community members.

More importantly, KMC children reap benefits, both academically and culturally, from community involvement.

For details about the KMC Speakers' Bureau, please call Jennifer Doran, at 0631-536-6771 or 489-6771. For an application, visit



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