



## Fort Carson Financial Readiness Challenge Event

### *Get a Financial Grip!*

September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Special Events Center (SEC)

0830 - 0900	Registration
0900 - 0915	Opening Remarks <i>Garrison Commander &amp; Master of Ceremonies</i>
0915 - 0930	Invocation Harmony in Motion
0930 - 1030	Keynote Presentation <i>Peter Bielagus</i>
1030 - 1045	Q & A
1045 - 1145	Keynote Presentation - What To Do In Today's Economy <i>Glinda Bridgforth</i>
1145 - 1200	Q & A
1200 - 1330	Lunch on your own
1330 - 1430	Identity Theft: Think Like a Spy...Bulletproofing Your Identity <i>John Sileo</i>
1430 - 1445	Q & A
1445 - 1545	The Value of Maintaining Your Credit Report /Don't Lose Your Security Clearance <i>Tom Craddock, CCCS Consumer Education Manager</i>
1545 - 1600	Closing Remarks

*(Program agenda is the same for Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009)*

Free, private, One-on-One counseling sessions with Housing Counselors will be available all day.  
For registration, please contact Army Community Services at 719-526-4590 or  
sign up at the Registration Desk at the Special Events Center (SEC).



## Keynote Presentations

### *Peter Bielagus, Young America's Financial Coach*

Licensed financial advisor and author, Peter Bielagus - affectionately known as the "Go To Guy For Young People and Their Money," has committed his life to educating Young America about managing their money. The author of two books, Getting Loaded: Make a Million, While You're Still Young Enough to Enjoy It, and Quick Cash for Teens: Make Money and Be Your Own Boss will motivate and empower you to jumpstart your financial life today!

### *Glinda Bridgforth*

Glinda Bridgforth is a leading financial expert who explores the emotional and cultural factors that block financial success. Ms. Bridgforth is the best-selling author of: Girl, Get Your Money Straight! and with Gail Perry-Mason, she co-authored best-selling Girl, Make Your Money Grow!. Ms. Bridgforth has been featured in *USA Today*, *Essence*, *Ebony*, *Money*, *Black Enterprise*, and *Upscale* magazines, and has been featured on television and radio shows nationwide including *Oprah*, *The Today Show*, and *CNN*. She is an official AOL coach and writes a monthly column, *Debt Free/Care Free* on [TDJakes.com](http://TDJakes.com).

## Identity Theft: Think Like a Spy...Bulletproofing Your Identity

### *John Sileo*

Identity theft is America's fastest growing crime and a major concern for many Americans. In this 60-minute presentation, John Sileo takes the mystery out of protecting yourself, personally and professionally. Mr. Sileo speaks from experience: his identity was stolen and used to commit a series of crimes, including \$300,000 worth of embezzlement. You will learn how to bulletproof your identity, hear about data privacy and practical skills for protecting your wallet, trash, computer, mailbox, brain, business and much more.

## The Value of Maintaining Your Credit Report / Don't Lose Your Security Clearance

### *Todd Craddock, Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS), Consumer Education Manager*

Learn the true facts of what is and is not included in your credit report and score, and how credit bureaus collect and organize information about you and your credit history for public records, your creditors, and other sources. Learn what are considered potentially negative items on your credit report and your rights as a consumer to dispute items.

*Credit card defaults -- the failure to make a payment on a debt by the due date -  
sprouted to a 20-year high in February 2009.*

Source: [Creditcards.com](http://Creditcards.com)