

## **KICK BUTTS TOGETHER!**

Let's reverse the recent surge of youth tobacco use by joining this year's Kick Butts Day on March 20. The annual event is a day of activism that empowers youth to stand out, speak up and seize control against Big Tobacco. Here are some ways you can get involved at your installation:

- ▶ Follow these <u>three easy steps</u> to host a Kick Butts Day Event at your DODEA school or installation youth center and use these <u>resources</u>.
- Increase awareness about youth tobacco free living to your Service members and encourage them to get their children involved in these opportunities.
- Check out <u>additional materials</u> for health educators to use at your base schools from "The Real Cost" Youth E-Cigarette Prevention Campaign.
- Share your thoughts about quitting tobacco on social media by using the hashtag <u>#KickButtsDay</u>.

## THE CAMPAIGN

- The campaign's new look and feel is almost here! We'll be launching a refreshed website, but our mission to help U.S. Service members quit tobacco remains the same. We can't wait to share it with you.
- Remember! You can visit our current website to place an order for print and promotional materials. For questions regarding the materials, order status or to report an issue with placing an order, please send us an email.

## THE LATEST IN TOBACCO



The Surgeon General recently issued a public health alert that e-cigarette use increased 78% among high school students during the past year. Be aware that incoming Service members may be more dependent on JUUL and other types of e-cigarettes or pod mods. Encourage e-cigarette users to utilize a new vaping cessation texting program by texting "QUIT" to 202-804-9884. The program is anonymous and free of charge. They can also check out these facts about vaping.

## **ONE LAST THING**



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) named 2019 the "Year of Cessation". Check out this resource to get ideas on how to align your installation's tobacco cessation efforts with the CDC's priorities and focus areas.









