



Ready Families... Anytime, Anywhere

BUCKEYE FAMILIES

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If you would like to contribute to the Buckeye Family Newsletter about what's happening in your unit, please forward your submission to the editor. The next edition is scheduled for July 2010.

√ **Commanders, FRML, and FRG Leader Teams - Mark your Calendars for the 2010 Annual Family Readiness Conference, 9-11 April 2010, in Columbus.**

“April is Month of the Military Child”

“May 8th is Spouse Appreciation Day”

Family Readiness Stories from the Field

BAGHDAD – Spc. Kimberly Gordon, from Youngstown, Ohio, waits as the chains from a crane



move over for hook up to the barriers. Soldiers from 1192nd Eng. Co. are building a barrier yard at Joint Security Station Constitution. The barrier yard will be used by 6th Iraqi Army during

the upcoming election. (U.S. Army photo by 1st Lt. Tanner Dunlap, 1192nd Eng. Co., 16th Eng. Bde., USD-C)

FRG Leader Wins Prestigious Award

Sharon Strimple, FRGL for the 1486th Trans Co, works as a dispatcher for the police department in her hometown of Loudonville, OH. She received a life saving award from the police dept, and then received a commendation letter from Senator Bill Harris. The following is from that letter:

HONORING SHARON STRIMPLE FOR HEROISM

“On behalf of the members of the Senate of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio, I am pleased to congratulate Sharon Strimple on receiving a certificate from the Loudonville Police Department for helping to save a man's life.

You are deserving of high praise, for you have demonstrated an exceptional presence of mind and a degree of professionalism of which you can be proud. A dispatcher with the Loudonville Police Department, you were off duty at the Hans Event Center on January 12, 2010, when a man collapsed on the sidewalk outside, and you helped perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation on him until emergency medical personnel arrived. Your quick thinking and immediate action prevented a tragedy from occurring.

You are certainly to be commended for your efforts, and this recognition is a justifiable source of pride and an excellent reflection on you, your department, and your community. At a time when many people are content to take a passive role in life, you actively ensured the well-being of a fellow citizen, and you have earned not only the gratitude of the victim and his family but also the respect and admiration of the entire community

Thus, with great pride and satisfaction, I honor you for your heroism and salute you as an outstanding Ohio citizen."

Resources

Camp Perry offers Military and Adjutant General Civilian Employee Discounts

The Camp Perry Lodging and Conference Center is run by the Adjutant General's Department, State of Ohio. It is located on the Camp Perry Military Reservation, on the shores of Lake Erie, near Port Clinton, Ohio. The Lodging and Conference Center overlooks beautiful Lake Erie and is an ideal location to hold an all-week conference, a one-day workshop, business meeting, wedding reception, or any gathering of friends and associates. Our facility is capable of accommodating groups from 10 to 500.

Camp Perry offers a variety of accommodations for guests. These include single rooms, motels, cottages, a 40 site recreational vehicle park with full service sites, and tent camping. If you have any questions about Military rates, lodging or Banquet Reservations, call (888) 889-7010 or email us at info@cplcc.com

New childcare program website available to all servicemembers at no cost

Sittercity membership funded by the Department of Defense. Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force families – you now have a paid membership to Sittercity to help you find the perfect local caregiver for your family. Sittercity is America's largest and most trusted website for connecting families with local in-home care providers; babysitters & nannies, elder care providers, dog walkers and more! Sittercity has more than one million in-depth caregiver profiles showcasing the nation's best sitters with reviews from users, background checks, references and more. Through this program, Sittercity is also a national resource for you to find CDH/FCC certified, military subsidized or authorized access to an installation care providers.

Activate your membership today to find sitters right in your neighborhood/installation- takes less than 2 minutes! www.sittercity.com/dod

Commissary and AAFES Site Sales

(Sponsored by the DES-C Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Office @ 614-692-1420)

Where: Defense Supply Center C, 3990 East Broad St., Columbus, OH, Bldg 17, Section 4

When: Saturday, April 17 (1000-1700)
Sunday, April 18 (1000-1600)

Who: Military personnel (Active, National Guard, and Reservists), retirees, and their dependants with a valid military ID card.

Commissary Site Sale:

Defense Supply Center Columbus (DSCC) and the Wright-Patt AFB Commissary are working together to provide our military community Commissary shopping at a convenient location. Parking is located around Bldg 17 with designated handicap parking. Forms of payment: Visa, MasterCard, Star, American Express, Check and Cash. Items for sale: cereals, laundry & paper products, canned goods, juices, diapers, fresh meat (hamburger, steak, roasts), and produce.

AAFES Site Sale:

Shop for assorted rugs, recliners, outdoor living, electronics, bikes, pet items & Class VI.

Pass & ID Office, Bldg 52:

Will be open as an additional Warfighter service in providing ID's from 1000-1400 both days to assist military, retirees, and dependents obtain Military and/or Dependent ID cards. To obtain a new ID card, Retirees (Self Sponsor) and Dependents over the age of 18 will need to bring two forms of valid identification with Sponsor present. Valid identification consists of:

Military ID card and/or Military Dependent ID card
Valid/Unexpired State License
Valid/Unexpired State ID
Valid/Unexpired Passport
Original Birth Certificate with state seal
Original SSN Card Original Voter
Registration Card Unexpired Permanent Resident Alien Card.

Pass and ID will also be available to issue decals for vehicles. To obtain a vehicle decal you must have a valid unexpired State License and valid registration in the sponsor or spouse's name, and Military or Dependent ID card. For additional information contact 614-692-3141.

SPECIAL NOTE: During last year's Site Sale, we experienced a huge crowd when we first opened on Saturday morning. Since DeCA provided a limited number of shopping carts and cashiers, there were very long lines waiting for carts and waiting to check out. DeCA would encourage shoppers to come throughout the day and assured us that there will be plenty of products to satisfy everyone's needs. As was done last year, DeCA will make return trips back to the WPAFB Commissary to refresh any products that run out, such as meat products and produce.

Lowe's Announces New Military Discount Program

Lowe's Companies, Inc. announced that it is expanding its support of the military by offering an all day, every day 10 percent discount to all military personnel who are active, reserve, retired or disabled veterans and their family members, with a valid, government-issued military ID card. All other military veterans will receive the discount on the Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Veterans Day weekends.

The discount is available on in-stock and Special Order purchases up to \$5,000. Excluded from the discount are sales via Lowes.com, previous sales, and purchases of services or gift cards.

While Lowe's has had a military discount program in the past during select times of year, the new policy will allow those who are serving to benefit from the discount whenever they need it the most.

Lowe's has extended benefits for its employees serving in the military and offers employment opportunities to military personnel after their military service has ended. Currently, more than 12,000 Lowe's employees are military veterans or reservists.

Happenings Around the State

Marriage Enrichment and Singles Seminars

Marriage Enrichment Seminars are all about making good marriages better. This year we are offering three unique classes designed to enhance communication, attain balance in relationships, and deal with tough issues using humor.

Building Strong Singles

July 16-18

Cleveland Area

Register at: www.jointservicessupport.org

LINKS

40 Couples per Workshop

Saturday and Sunday Morning Activities, Friday Night option (dress is business casual)

July 16-18
Toledo Area
Cleveland

April 23-25
Cincinnati Area

Register at: www.jointservicessupport.org

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Laughing Your Way to a Great Marriage
40 Couples per Workshop

Saturday and Sunday Morning Activities, Friday Night option (dress is business casual)

April 30 - May 2

Springfield Dayton Area

August 20-22

Columbus Area

Register at: www.jointservicessupport.org

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Ohio National Guard Youth Program

April is the month of the Military Child! I encourage you to take a moment to celebrate your military child. Our programs for military children for 2010 have increased considerably. April is our kick off for registration for our signature event at Kelleys Island in August. Please take time to visit our website at <http://www.ong.ohio.gov/family/> and sign your military child up for one of our amazing events designed especially for them!

Our Military Kids Grant Program

Our Military Kids is a Grant Program that has been a huge success in Ohio. They have provided over \$250,000 to Ohio's Military kids to help them stay involved in extracurricular activities during their loved ones deployment.

If the answer is YES to any of the following questions, **Our Military Kids** grant program may be able to help.

- Are you or your spouse deploying or deployed overseas?
- Do you have school-aged children who play sports?
- Or do they take dance, music or arts classes?
- Maybe they would like to try something new... like Karate?
- Could your child benefit from a tutor to stay at grade level?

Our Military Kids grant pays the fees (**Up to two activities per child and up to \$500 for each activity during a 12 month period**) for children in grades K-12 of deployed Reserve and National Guard to participate in youth sports, fine arts, and tutor programs. This is a way

of recognizing the sacrifices the entire family is making while the service member is deployed overseas. **Please keep in mind the one activity limit so you might want to be selective about which activity in order to get the most benefit. Questions:**

www.ourmilitarykids.org or call:

Toll Free: 1-866-691-6654 or 703-734-6654

Upcoming Events

Fun at the Toledo Zoo

Come join the fun at the Toledo Zoo on May 2, 2010.

- Discounted tickets
- Free Family Photos
- Free Hotdogs and drinks!

Plan your next Family Readiness Group meeting for this day and make it a great family day!

Please visit our website or Call Brett Zumfelde, @ 614-292-3758 or Andrew Seward, @ 614-336-7274

OSU Baseball Military Appreciation Day

Saturday, May 8
Bill Davis Stadium

It's going to be a "Family BBQ"!!!! Come for the day, bring your family enjoy Americas greatest past time! We have worked with OSU and Operation: Military Kids to put on another great family event. Here is what your admission ticket will get you.

- Family Picnic (tailgate style) prior to the first game.
- ONG Rockwall, inflatable games and military vehicle displays
- Youth will have the opportunity to go out on the field and stand with their favorite player during the National Anthem and much, much more!

For more information about this event contact: Brett Zumfelde @ 614-292-3758 or Erin Berry @ 614-336-7314

2010 Hero Camps

Hero Camps and Family Workshops

Hero Camps will serve to make our kids more resilient and better prepared to manage the stresses of growing up in a military family. Our mission is to provide a fun filled day that builds leadership skills while promoting camaraderie and building a sense of community among military youth.

You can go to: <http://www.ong.ohio.gov/family/> to find the link to register online. Parents have the option to drop the kids off for the day or to attend the Family Workshop.

The Family workshops have been developed to run alongside the Hero Camps and provide the opportunity for parents to attend interactive sessions and obtain more information on building stronger family units.

The Dates and Locations of the Camps are:

May 15, at Cleveland Science Center in Cleveland Ohio- Region 1

July 27, at Ohio State University Campus – (Columbus) Region 6

The ages for these camps are 5yrs to 12 yrs. Visit our website for more information about these camps.

For more information or questions on how to register please contact Erin Berry at 614-336-7314

Save the Date!

Operation: Military Kids Camp @

Kelleys Island

One week, Two Camps, Same Island.

Again this year we will host our Annual Operation: Military Kids Camp on Kelleys Island. We will again this year have two camps, Junior and Teen. Campers will be split by age. This will allow us to accept more campers, and develop age specific programs to meet the needs and interests of our campers. We will run the two camps during the same week. Junior Campers will attend camp at the Kelleys Island 4-H Camp and our Teen Campers at Camp Patmos, another residential camp on the island. All campers will be dropped off and picked up at the same time and location.

Dates: August 9-13, 2010

Registration Begins: April 1, 2010

For more information visit:

<http://operationmilitarykids.ohio4h.org/> or

<http://www.ong.ohio.gov/family/>

Contact: Brett Zumfelde @ 614-292-3758 or Erin Berry @ 614-336-7314

Troop and Family Camps!

August 20-22 – Region 5 at Camp Patmos on Kelleys Island and

September 10-12 – Region 3 at Camp Joy in Clarksville, Ohio

How do I register for this event?

Registration began on February 1, 2009. Please register on the Family Programs Website at:

<http://www.ong.ohio.gov/family/youthprogram.htm>

or contact Erin Berry at 614-336-7314