

OPERATIONS SECURITY FOR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



As a member of the military community, you are a vital player in Soldier and unit success; they couldn't do their job without your support. You may not know it, but you play a crucial role in ensuring their safety just by what you know of the military's day-to-day operations. You can protect them by protecting the information that you know. This is known in the military as Operations Security or, OPSEC.

In today's society, everyone seems to have a MySpace, facebook, or twitter account. These accounts are great for keeping in touch with people. However, we need to be cautious when posting things about the military community. Here are some safety tips on how to keep our military safe:

Limit what you say about

- Military movements (deployment/redeployment dates, dates of field exercises, flight information etc.)... next Tuesday IS a specific date
- Any issues with the unit
- Anything concerning security
- Equipment issues (what, no flak vests?)
- Locations of units (it's OK to say they're in Iraq, but not to say that your spouses battalion is at 14th and Ramadan in Kadamiyah)

Don't discuss

- Detailed information about missions of assigned units
- Details concerning locations and times of unit deployments
- Personal transactions that occur in large numbers (pay information, powers of attorney, wills and deployment information)
- References to trend in unit morale
- Personnel problems
- Details concerning security procedures

Operations Security not only protects Soldiers and units, but it protects you the family member, the rest of your family and friends on the home front by denying phishers, scammers, id thieves and others the personal or operational information they need to work their schemes.



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