



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 2007.



Last chance: 8 September 2007 Regional Foundation Course (RFC). Two locations: Kettering Army and N. Canton Army

√ **Mark your Calendars for the 2008 Annual Family Readiness Conference, 4-6 April 2008, in Columbus**

Kalahari water park & resort is offering discounted price for all military members Mothers day weekend. Please see our website or call 877-Kalahari for more information.

From the

**State Family Program Director
Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Robert Bramlish**

The Family Readiness Office is focusing this year on how to assist unit FRGs build strong programs throughout the year. We have proven as a family readiness program that we answer the call when needed for a unit deployment. Our challenge now is to find a meaningful way to engage our families in a unit FRG program on a quarterly basis regardless of mobilization status.

One way to do this is to focus on welcoming new members to the Ohio National Guard and to reach out to their families. How nice might it have been for Mrs. Bramlish (my mother) to get a call from another parent or spouse of a service member, to welcome her into the Guard family, offer her a chance to ask questions that might be on a parents mind when their child enlists into the military, and finally, offer her a few POC as resources should she have any questions? The answer is obvious, the parent in almost all cases appreciate the effort and would likely want to participate in the FRG. This contact starts with a service member filling out a

Privacy Act Statement (PAS) and identifying their loved one as a key adult contact. The PAS gives the FRG Leader the permission to contact a family member and include them in the unit FRG.

On the Army side, we are introducing a new process to start reaching these new Soldier families and our FACs will be working through unit FRG Leaders to get this done. Once a new Soldier enlists into the Ohio Army National Guard, his/her PAS will be forwarded to the unit FRG Leader even if the Soldier is still drilling with the Recruit Sustainment Program (RSP) prior to completing their basic training. The unit FRG will then

Our Air National Guard has been very successful with similar programs.

More information on this will be presented at the upcoming Family Readiness Conference.

News From the Field

The FRG leadership of the recently inactivated 641st Quartermaster Detachment (Water Purification) presented a donation in the amount of \$640 to the FRG leaders of the currently deployed HHD 237th FSB (RAOC). Pictured are the HHD 237th FSB (RAOC) FRG leaders Connie Anglin (FRG Leader), Rita Newton (FRG Assistant Leader) and Jerry Wiggins (Kettering Family Assistance Specialist). The 641st QM Detachment returned from their tour of duty in Iraq in September 2006.



Reserve Income Replacement Program

Did you know that the Department of Defense officially kicked off the Reserve Income Replacement Program (RIRP) on August 1st? The first payments under this program took effect in the September 1st paycheck of eligible members of the Reserves and National Guard.

The Reserve Income Replacement Program was developed to provide specific payments to eligible members of the National Guard and Reserve who are involuntarily serving on active duty (the term active duty includes full-time National Guard duty) and who are experiencing a monthly active duty income differential of more than \$50.00, as determined by the member's Service Secretary.

The RIRP can not exceed \$3,000 monthly but may be very beneficial for our Guardsmen and women who face a reduction in income upon being activated and mobilized. For more information on this financial subsidy program please visit:

<http://usmilitary.about.com/od/guardandreserve/a/rirp.htm>

Tuition Discount from Ohio Dominican University

Ohio Dominican University is now offering a 25% tuition discount on both their bachelor's and master's degree programs in Business and Business Management. Currently all servicemembers and their spouses are eligible for this tuition discount at all 5 Ohio Dominican locations (3 in Columbus and 2 in Dayton). For additional information contact Nerissa Pancake at 614-337-8370 ext 22 or nerissa.pancake@apollogrp.edu

Reunion Briefs/Welcome Homes in the News

The 179th Airlift Wing welcomed home deployed members of their Security Forces Squadron on 6 March 2007.



From the FRG Tool Box

Family Care Plans

Family Care Plans should be completed by all single soldiers that are legally and financially responsible for dependents (children, medically fragile parents) or any dual military status couples. The Family Care Plan is the

legal document that explains who will be caring for the dependents during mobilization. It is very important to have completed and updated annually. The completion of the Family Care Plan is the soldier and commanders responsibility. The FRG leadership team can assist and identify soldiers within the unit that need to have the plan completed. The Family Care Plan can be found in AR 600-20. DA Form 5035 (Family Care Plan).

Army Announces Wounded Soldier Hotline

On Monday, March 19th, the Army opened the new Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline, providing wounded and injured Soldiers and their family members with another way to resolve medical issues.

“The hotline provides an information channel for Soldiers' medical-related issues to go directly to senior Army leadership in order to improve the way the Army serves the medical needs of Soldiers and their families.” said the commander of U.S. Army Human Resources Command, Maj. Gen. Sean J. Byrne.

The "Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline" can be reached from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Eastern), Monday through Friday, at (800) 984-8523. The call center is under the command of the U.S. Army's Human Resources Command.

Military OneSource Offers Tips

Military OneSource has a library of resources and information available to Soldiers and their families to help them with life's challenges. Topics like “Money Matters,” “Improving Your Parenting Skills,” and “Transition to Civilian Life,” “Deployment,” and “Legal Matters” are just a few of the easily accessible areas addressed on the Military OneSource website, www.militaryonesource.com. Additionally, consultants are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week toll-free at 1-800-342-9647. They can provide information and referrals to Soldiers and family members to a licensed professional counselor in the local community for six sessions of in-person counseling at no cost to the Soldier or family member.

Fact Sheet: TRICARE Dental Program

The TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) is a voluntary, high quality, cost-effective dental care plan for eligible active duty family members, National Guard and Reserve members and their families. To view the full fact sheet, please visit:

www.tricare.mil/Factsheets/viewfactsheet.cfm?id=320.

Extension of Tax Deadlines for Combat Zone Service

Generally, deadlines for performing actions related to a Soldier's taxes are extended for the period of their service in the combat zone, plus 180 days after their last day in the combat zone. This extension applies to the filing and paying of a Soldier's income taxes that would have been due on 15 April. During the extension period, assessment and collection deadlines will be extended, and the Soldier will not be charged interest or penalties attributable to the extension period. Further related information is available at:

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=101265,00.html>.

Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) for Deployed Soldiers

A recent law change makes it possible for members of the military to count tax-free combat pay when figuring how much they can contribute to a Roth or traditional IRA. Until now, members of the military whose earnings came from tax-free combat pay were often barred from putting money into an IRA, because taxpayers usually must have taxable earned income. The IRA contribution limit for 2006 is \$4,000 for those under 50, and \$5,000 for those 50 and over. For more information, visit:

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=101266,00.html>.

Council of Better Business Bureau (CBBB):

<http://www.military.bbb.org>

The CBBB established a website specifically to support soldiers and their families, providing information that helps to protect them from unscrupulous businesses by providing information, and gives them an opportunity to identify situations where they may have been treated unfairly. The BBB system is supported by more than 250,000 local business members nationwide. It is dedicated to fostering fair and honest relationships between businesses and consumers, instilling consumer confidence and contributing to an ethical business environment.

KID'S KORNER

Ohio National Guard Youth Program



Last newsletter we shared with you some information about our Youth Council. These very ambitious and energetic teens have been working very hard putting together ideas for Ohio's military youth. They have named their group "Teens Helping Military Youth" or

“THMY”. You will hear more from them at our annual Family Readiness conference and get the chance to meet some of our current members. We are so pleased with the progress they have made and are anxious to see what great things they will accomplish in the future!

Upcoming Events

Operation: Military Kids Camp @ Kelleys Island 4-H Camp August 14-18, 2007

Registration is now open for our Annual Youth Camp! Ages for this camp are 9-14. Priority goes to dependents of currently deployed military members of the Guard and Reserve component. **Registration Packets can be downloaded from:**

<http://www.ong.ohio.gov/family/>
or
<http://operationmilitarykids.ohio4h.org>

Submit completed applications to:

AGOH-J1-FR
ATTN: Sue Ann Carroll
2825 West Dublin Granville Rd
COLUMBUS, OH 43235-2789



Operation: Purple Camp July 8-14, 2007

Once again National Military Child Association has funded a Camp for Military Youth in Ohio. Ages for this camp are 10-15. Priority goes to dependents who have a parent who deployed within a period from May 2006 to September 2008.

Please share this with all our guard members as these slots tend to fill up quick. Interested individuals should visit www.operationpurple.org or contact Gary Gray, Camp Director at 937-255-5053 or gray.gray@wpafb.af.mil

Martina McBride offers Military discount on tour tickets.

Military members can receive a 20% discount on tickets for upcoming tour dates. For more information visit: www.MartinaMcBride.com

Ohio dates/locations:

April 29 SeaGate Convention Center, Toledo
June 17 Nutter Center, Dayton

ONGEA Annual State Conference May 4-6, 2007 Kalahari Waterpark, Sandusky, Ohio 1-877-253-5466



Contact Shelly Brunn for registration forms and an Agenda for the weekend

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Trivia Teaser **QUIZ: CRIME SCENE**

1. What lawyer defended thrill killers Richard Loeb and Nathan Leopold? a-F. Lee Bailey, b-Clarence Darrow, c-Alf Landon, d-William Jennings Bryan
2. Literary character Hester Prynne was punished for what crime? a-Adultery, b-Treason, c-Gambling, d-Robbery
3. In what state did lawmen ambush bank robbers Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow? a-Texas, b-Louisiana, c-Ohio, d-Georgia
4. Newspaper heiress Patty Hearst used what alias when she accompanied the Symbionese Liberation Army on a bank robbery? a-Storm, b-Valerie, c-Solaris, d-Tania
5. What was the real name of the convict nicknamed "The Birdman of Alcatraz?" a-Isaac Parker, b-Henri Charriere, c-Robert Stroud, d-Harry Orchard
6. What Wild West outlaw was gunned down by Sheriff Pat Garrett? a-Kid Curry, b-The Sundance Kid, c-The Cimarron Kid, d-Billy the Kid
7. Which Batman villain is a former district attorney named Harvey Dent? a-The Penguin, b-The Mad Hatter, c-Two-Face, d-The Clock King
8. Arlo Guthrie was accused of what crime in his autobiographical song "Alice's Restaurant?" a-Littering, b-Speeding, c-Breaking and entering, d-Drug possession
9. Who starred as a boxer accused of murder in the movie "They Made Me a Criminal"? a-James Cagney, b-Humphrey Bogart, c-John Garfield, d-George Raft
10. What real life bank robber appeared as a character in the 2000 movie "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" a-Willie Sutton, b-Baby Face Nelson, c-Machine Gun Kelly, d-Bugs Moran

Answers posted on our website