

RISFAC

Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee

October's RISFAC meeting was the last in Central Ohio for 2015. I would like to give a big thanks to Kathy Hoff at Devry University for being such an amazing host and allowing us the use of her facility. The purpose of these meetings is to bring Service Members together with community partners. This allows Service Members to learn about resources available to them and take that information back to their units. In turn, community partners can see what the needs are within individual units as well as network with other organizations that share a common goal. Great things begin to happen when our community partners get together. As a result of our July RISFAC meeting, Susan Schubert, the founder of "Pets for Vets" received a donation in the amount of 19,000.00 from Mike Simpkins and the Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation. This contribution will allow Susan to place a therapy dog with every Veteran on her waiting list. This story reminds us why we do what we do everyday. I can't wait to see what 2016 has in store!

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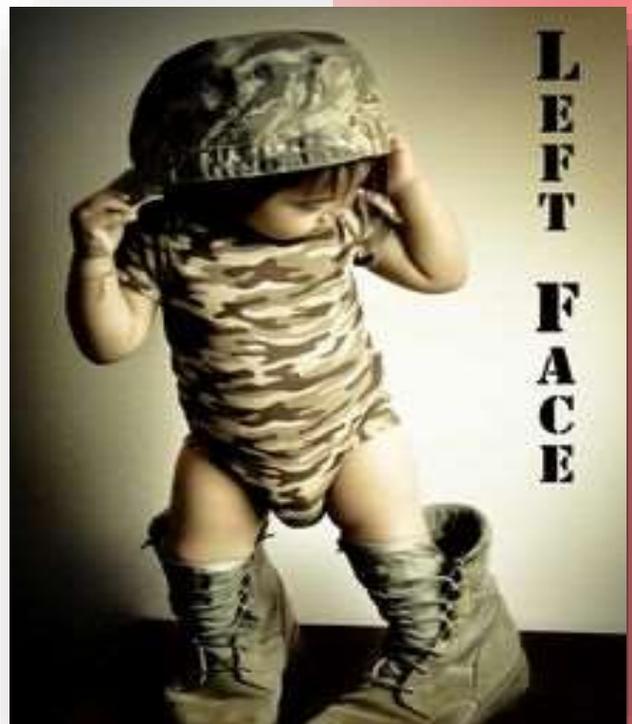
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Ohio Military Kids Update

-TROOP & FAMILY CAMPS -

Troop & Family Camps are designed for the whole family to spend a fun-filled weekend together strengthening ties and building camaraderie with other military families. Be sure to check the specific details for each camp on our website, as each camp has different activities, then pick the camp that best suits your family. Who defines your family? You do. Each camp will provide a unique experience. Activities that may be available at your selected camp are: waterskiing, sailing, kayaking, bike riding, family games, crafts, campfires, high ropes, zip line, canoeing, hiking, basketball, archery, fishing, and, more. Refer to the website listed below for more information regarding available camps and more information.
http://www.ong.ohio.gov/frg/FRG_youthprograms.html



Upcoming Events

November 2015

Veterans Day Free Meals

Applebee's	Chili's	Olive Garden	Texas Roadhouse
Red Robin	TGI Friday	Red Robin	Denny's
Golden Corral	On The Border	Little Ceasars	Friendly's
Max & Erma's	Smokey Bones		

Go to www.military.com/veterans-day for a list of discounts and freebies

November 29th

Mt Vernon Christmas Parade/Walk 1pm-5pm Free Admission

Public Square

Mt Vernon Oh 43050

December 4 through January 10

Grand Illuminati Bicentennial Park Free Admission

Activities begin at 5:00pm Ceremony Starts at 6:00pm

November 20th through January 3rd

Columbus Zoo Wildlights Sunday through Thursday 5pm to 9pm

Friday and Saturday 5pm to 10pm Check website for Military Days

Holiday Adoptions

The last several years Family Readiness and Warrior Support has had community partners call in and ask to sponsor a Military Family for the holidays. We assist Service Members all year round but it's difficult to see them struggle during the holiday season. In past years our community partners have sponsored from 50 to 300 families across the state of Ohio. This is how it works:

- 1) Community partners contact our office and tell us that they want to sponsor a family for Christmas (they may sponsor more than one if they wish) and we put them down for the number of families requested along with their contact information.
- 2) We have a basic form we ask families to fill out if they come to us needing to be sponsored for the holidays. The form will include Service Member and family information such as names, ages, clothing size, requested items, needs, ect...
- 3) As we get families in need we will match them with a "sponsor" and send the information sheet directly to the community partner.
- 4) There will be a date set for gifts to be dropped off at set location (for example...12/15/15 at DSCC...). We ask for gifts to be unwrapped when delivered so the parents may wrap them but you can include gift wrap if you like.
- 5) Families will come and pick up the donated gifts before Christmas.

There is no specific amount requested when you adopt. You will have a "wish list" from the families but you may buy as little or as much as you wish. Some community partners combine gifts as well as gift cards so the parents may purchase some gifts with the cards or buy Christmas dinner. Community partners may specify the size of family they wish to adopt(for example....Happy Car Insurance Co would like to sponsor 4 families of 4 or less and 1 family of 6). Our goal is just to ensure that no Service Member has to worry about whether or not their children will have a Merry Christmas. Adoptees can be an organization, a group, or an individual. If you know someone that would like to help a Military Family then this is a great way to do so. Thanks for your support.



Community Partners

October RISFAC

Attendees

Jaclyn Tissue	285th ASMC FRG	Jovanda Curry	OHNG Ed Office	Kristen McKinley	NOSC
John McClure	ODJFS	Phillip Smith	NOSC Columbus	Mike Simpkins	COWIG
Jason Giguere	585th MP Co	Adrianna Tartt	Ohio Mental Health	Kari Pfeifer	VFW
Ron Kohr	Ohio Benefit Bank	Chris Peppel	NOSC Columbus		
Carolyn Ebert	121st ARW	Marshall Jackson	Camp Sherman		
Crystal Romine	Faith Mission	Jacob Kandel	Recruiting		
Peter Cline	Vet Motor Sports	Ron Burgess	Buckeye Santas		
Craig Cashner	HHC 16th EN BDE	Dorie Miracle	147th RTI		
Candice Glover	OMK	Leon Johnson	VFW		
Craig Nagy	Red Cross	Lesia Briggs	121st ARW		
Twanna Roper	Faith Mission	Leah Ponce	391 & 342 FRG		
Bernice Smith	Red Cross	Susan Bogan	Survivor Outreach		
Susan Schubert	Pets for Vets	Jennifer Carley	285th FRG		
Leigh Parker	Pets for Vets	Lacey Lee	391st & 342 FRG		



Resources (Family Readiness)

Military OneSource	1-800-342-9647
Troop & Family Assistance Center	1-800-589-9914 #6
Psychological Health Counselor	614 336-6000 ext 1413
ESGR	614 336-7444
Education Office	614 336-7023
JAG	614 336-7022
Transition Assistance Advisors	614 336-7439 or 4192
Survivor Outreach Coordinators	614 336-7375 or 4284
Sexual Assault Response Coordinator	1-877-751-5628
Youth Programs	614 336-7274
Airmen & Family Program Manager	1-800-377-5570 x5
Drug & Alcohol Intervention	614 336-7319

