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Committee Volunteers

We would like to thank everyone who has put in their time and effort thus far to make the 414th Family Readiness Program a success. We are still in need of volunteers to fill positions. If you are interested in volunteering or helping out in anyway please contact Terri Birch at Terri@ozarkwarriors.com.

FRG News

We are in the works of setting up a 414th Family Readiness Program "Family Day" in Joplin, Missouri on the afternoon of July 8th, 2006. Any ideas, comments, or suggestions should be directed to Events Chairperson Kim Vogel at KIME@pittsks.org

Commander's Corner

April 19, 2006

So yet another holiday passed and we are still apart, the 414th MP CO, those loved by you in Iraq and those of you waiting patiently in the US. This Easter passed easier than Christmas did, I think that is simply because we are at the

halfway point, or at least we all hope so and therefore another holiday is just another day closer to getting home.

It's finally getting nice and warm here, if you like living in an oven that is. But as the temperature increases so does the wish for an ocean at the end of our endless beach. The only water we see here is from the rain when it floods and as much fun as it is playing in the mud having it everywhere is just too much.

Terri and many other friends and family members are working hard on the FRG so if you have a spare moment please help out and offer what ever little support you can. In the end your soldier is the one who benefits from all of your labor!

I want to thank each and every one of you who have been sending your soldiers letters and/or packages. It is very nice to see the bright smiling faces when a package or letter comes from home. It is instantly visible to all and it brightens even the darkest rainy day. Please keep them coming, even though a few soldiers now have to rent a storage space to keep all of their gifts it is well worth it.

Also, remember if your favorite soldier is not sending you a picture or an email just let me or 1SG know. We will get you one or the other for sure, just remember to check the website first to ensure your soldier hasn't just been sending them to Terri for all to see.

1LT Nic Birch
414th MP CO
Commanding

Soldiers' Angels

"May No Soldier Go Unloved"

April 20, 2006:

To the family and friends of our heroes in the 414th MP Company;



I have been given the wonderful opportunity and privilege of writing an article for the official newsletter of the 414th MP Company to introduce Soldiers' Angels to those of you who have not yet heard of us. I would like to thank Mrs. Terri Birch for this opportunity.

I would like to begin by expressing my heartfelt gratitude, on behalf of over 80,000 members world-wide, to the brave men and women who serve in the 414th MP Company. We cannot ever thank you enough for what you are doing for our nation.

Soldiers' Angels is an all volunteer, nonprofit organization dedicated to a vital mission: to make sure that "No Soldier Goes Unloved". Our members join and 'Adopt' men and women from all branches of service who are deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan or wherever the flag of the United States of America is flown. Each member agrees to send a letter every week and at least one care package every 3-4 weeks. In addition, we have many teams that

focus on different projects to respond to some of the urgent needs our heroes face.

Members of the Armed Forces submit themselves to our organization online, or are submitted by their family, friends or comrades. The information submitted to Soldiers' Angels is held in strict confidence and is not shared with anyone outside of the organization. Our heroes safety is paramount and we do all that we can to insure the security of that information.

I welcome you to visit our website at www.soldiersangels.org for more information and to learn about the incredible projects we are working on at this moment. If you know of a hero that can use some support from back home, please stop by and enter his or her information so that they can receive the support they need and deserve. If you would like to help us by adopting a soldier who needs this type of support, please visit us and complete a simple application. Please feel free to email me with any questions at dmackay@soldiersangels.org. Once again, thank you to the heroes who guard our freedoms and our nation's security. A special thank you to the hero families who carry so much of the burden while your loved ones are deployed. Our thoughts and our prayers are with you always.

Your friend,

Don MacKay
Executive Director

Things to do

**KC Royals
Military
Appreciation Day
Saturday August
5th @ 6:10 p.m. vs.
Minnesota Twins.**



Discounted tickets are 50% off in Field Plaza (\$13.00), View Box (\$9.00), Outfield Plaza (\$6.00) and View Level Infield (\$6.00) seating sections. Open to any member, friend or associate to the military community. First 20,000 fans receive free KC Royals "Camouflage Pro-fit Cap", same cap Royals players will be wearing on honoring past and present service members. Pre-game festivities will include multiple static displays of military equipment, multiple aerial fly-bys, on field representation of all service branches and many other events. For information and tickets contact Mr. Johnathan Edwards, Event Coordinator, via email at: johnathan.edwards@us.army.mil or jaedwards1985@hotmail.com. Telephone: (307) 286-4871 (cell). Alternate contact may be made with Mr. Jeff Miller, Kansas City Royals Group Sales Executive, at (816) 504-4476, via email at: Jeff.Miller@kcroyals.com. Ticket orders via regular mail can be made through coordination with Mr. Edwards. Please ensure you accompany your ticket request with a self-addressed stamped

envelope. Checks may be written payable to either the Kansas City Royals Baseball Club or Johnathan Edwards. Deadline for ordering tickets will be 21 July 2006. Ordering your tickets early enables groups to best available seating. Thank you for your continued support of "Military Appreciation Day" and your hometown Kansas City Royals.

Sites Selected for NMFA's Popular Operation Purple Summer Camp Program



ALEXANDRIA, VA, February 14, 2006 - After reviewing a record breaking number of proposals, the National Military Family Association (NMFA) announces its 2006 Operation Purple Summer Camp sites. NMFA developed this free summer camp

program, which is sponsored this year by the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation and TriWest Healthcare Alliance, in response to the need for increased support for military children, especially those whose parents are or will be deployed. This year NMFA's Operation Purple Camps will host more than 2,500 deserving children at 26 locations in 22 states. Programs in the following states have been offered funding to host a camp in 2006: Alaska, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Idaho, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin. Visit our website for information about each camp. Registration begins March 15th and ends May 1st. Applications will only be available on our website,

<http://www.operationpurple.org/>.

Each camp is "purple", meaning it is open to children of any member of the uniformed services including National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration and United States Public Health Service plus the National Guard and Reserve. Families are encouraged to apply to the location closest to their home as transportation costs are not covered.

2nd Annual USO Day at the Zoo



When: Sunday, May 21, 2006. Tickets will be distributed from 10:00 AM—11:30 AM

Where: St. Louis Zoo located in Forest Park

What: The first 500 active duty, guard and reserve members and their immediate families to arrive at the zoo will receive a Safari Pass, Jungle Food coupon, and children 13 and under will receive a zoo water bottle. The pass includes unlimited admission to the Children's Zoo, Insectarium, Zooline Rail Road, Sea Lion Show, Conservation Carousel, Wild Ride motion simulator and more. (*one pass & water bottle per person*)

* Must show military ID to receive tickets.

How: USO representatives will be at both entrances of the zoo to distribute passes. This is a USO sponsored event.

For more information please e-mail Amber at apowers@usostl.org

Important Contact Information

Reserve Center Information

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Resources on the Web

Operation Support Our Troops

www.operation-support-our-troops.org

National Military Family Association

www.nmfa.org

American Red Cross

<http://www.redcross.org/services/afes/0.1082.0.321.00.html>

Tricare

www.mytricare.com