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April is the “Month of the Military Child”

The Defense Department has designated April as the “Month of the Military Child,” underscoring the important role military children play in the armed forces community.

It is a time to pay tribute to children and recognize the commitment, sacrifice and support they show as they face the special challenges of being a military child.

Throughout the month, military commands will honor the young heroes with special events just for them.

Former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger established the Defense Department

commemoration “Month of the Military Child” in 1986 because he understood the challenges that military children face by having a parent serve in the Armed Forces.

Military children undergo hardships and face many obstacles by having a parent deployed for wide-ranging periods of time.

The Ohio National Guard Family Readiness program offers a variety of events geared toward children and their family.

There are 10 camps, located throughout Ohio, offered to Guard youth and adults at minimal or no cost. For more information please call (866) 278-9248.

The activities serve to

strengthen relationships and expand boundaries between the service member and the child.

Since the Month of the Military Child began in 1986, the DoD has teamed with various partners to recognize the sacrifices and applaud the courage of military children.

More than 1.7 million American children under the age of 18 have at least one parent serving in the military.

The Defense Department and the Ohio National Guard understands the benefits and rewards of keeping families strong. Please join us in honoring our military children.

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Editor's Note

If you would like to submit an article for an Alumni Newsletter please contact Mr. Moore before the 10th of each month. Contact Mr. Moore at (614)336-7336.

Thanks to the Patriot Guard Riders

Community Outreach wishes to express its gratitude to the Patriot Guard Riders that provided support to Col. (ret.) Ellis Boling's funeral services.

The Patriot Guard Riders have provided support and a "show of caring" for many of our fallen com-

rades. One of the Patriot Guard Rider's missions is to provide a showing of sincere respect for fallen heroes, their families, and communities.

They attend funeral services of fallen

American heroes as invited guests of the family.

The Patriot Guard Rider name was established October 18, 2005.



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Battalion Retired Members Golf Outing

A four person "best ball" golf scramble will be held Sunday, May 22, 2011 at Fuller Fairways, Zanesville, Ohio.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

Registration fee is \$50.00 per person.

Please contact MAJ Bob Lytton at (614) 336-6727.

JPMorgan Chase announces new programs for military and veterans

NEW YORK, Feb. 15, 2011 – JPMorgan Chase (NYSE: JPM) announced today it will significantly enhance its programs to help military and veteran customers.

"The programs we are announcing today are a start, but in no way a finish," said Jamie Dimon, Chairman and CEO of JPMorgan Chase.

"This company has a great history of honoring military and veterans. The mistakes we made on military foreclosures are a painful aberration on that track record. We deeply apologize to our military customers and their families for these mistakes. We cannot undo them, but we can take accountability for them, fix them and learn from them. Today we want to begin a new way forward with the military and veteran community to make serving them a core part of how we operate our business every day. Our servicemen and servicewomen deserve nothing less," he said. Chase is forming a veterans advisory council to advise the firm on programs and other ways to help the military and veteran community. For more information on the firm's current programs available to military and veterans, visit www.chasemilitary.com.

Deployment activity

Current Army Units deployed are: The above information comes from the Chief of Staff Briefings. The 180th Fighter Wing has 29 Airmen deployed.

The Operational Mentoring & Liaison Teams 1.5 and 1.6. The 178th Fighter Wing has 80 Airmen deployed.

The 112th Engineer Battalion Current Air units, per wing, deployed are: This information was gathered from the monthly Wing Status Reports.

The 1-174th ADA Regiment The 121st Air Refueling Wing has 65 Airmen deployed.

The 292nd Engineer Detachment The 179th Fighter Wing has 42 Airmen deployed.

The 1937th SPT Detachment

There are 545 Ohio Army National Guard soldiers deployed.

Outgoing and incoming commanders

Effective Mar. 6, 2011, Capt. Aaron Willis assumed command of the 211th Support Maintenance Company. The outgoing commander was Capt. Michael Viemeister. Effective Apr. 3, 2011, Lt. Col. Thomas P. Caldwell assumed command of the 216th Engineer Battalion. The outgoing commander was Lt. Col. Bernardino C. Capriato, Jr.

Effective Mar 11, 2011, Brig.Gen. Robert C. Clouse, Jr. assumed command of the 16th Engineer Brigade. The outgoing commander was Col. Tris T. Cooper. Effective Apr. 2, 2011, 1st Lt. Rosario Carbone assumed command of the 945th Engineer Company. The outgoing commander was Capt. Eric Holtzapple.

Memorials

It is with deep regret and sorrow that this office announces the following death notification. Alex Boudreaux, Tuskegee Airman and an outstanding man who stood as a role model to the youth of our area and who was also a member of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2005, passed away on Feb. 20, 2011. Mr. Boudreaux has contributed much to the United States and will sorely be missed by all.

Boeing gets the deal

The Department of the Air Force recently announced that Boeing will be awarded an engineering and manufacturing development contract for the KC-46A aerial refueler.



KC-46A in flight

Editors Note:

A reader from the Mahoning County Veterans Service Commission sent us a follow-up statement about last month's newsletter; she said:

"The article *Little-known benefit aids veterans* needed the following emphasis: A Veteran MUST have served during a wartime period and the benefit is income based. Not everyone qualifies."

Thank you reader. Good information for everyone interested to consider.

New award to honor spouses' employers

The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) announced last month an expansion of the Patriot Award Program to include employers of Guard and Reserve spouses.

The Patriot award was previously presented only to employers of Guard members and Reservists.

The employer of a military spouse has no legal obligation to provide unique support, but Guard and Reserve spouses often share the challenges of military service. Child care, managing the household and work sched-

ules often have to be adjusted when one spouse leaves to serve the country.

The Patriot Award is the only Department of Defense award designated for spouses' employers.

All spouses of Guard and Reserve members are eligible to nominate their employers.

Spouses can log on to www.esgr.org/PA to fill out the nomination form.



DD-214s are now online

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents.

Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180. This can be downloaded from the website. The requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request. Delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized.

The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center's mailroom and processing time.

Upcoming Events

Job & Education Fair

Saturday, April 9th

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Job & Education Fair is VSC's second annual event on education and career benefits. The goal is to help Summit County veterans access information to assist with job searches and educational opportunities.

VSC will host representatives from:

- ★★ AMVETS Career Center
- ★★ Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
- ★★ Local colleges and universities

Topics will include:

- ★★ Post 9/11 G.I. Bill
- ★★ Montgomery Bill
- ★★ AMVETS education options
- ★★ How to ace an interview

The Job & Education Fair will provide veterans with an overview of the various benefits and services available.

Veterans of all ages are encouraged to attend. Dependents of veterans are welcome.

Space is limited.
Interested attendees must register by April 4.

Call **330-564-1492** or visit
www.VSCsummitOH.us
to register.



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Helpful web links

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about:

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counting Service
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go to:
<http://www.moaa.org/>

**Retirement Services
Office**

go to: [http://
www.armyg1.army.mil/rso/](http://www.armyg1.army.mil/rso/)

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Benefits & resources** go
to: [http://ww.military.com/
NewContent/1,13190,Retir
ed,00.html](http://www.military.com/NewContent/1,13190,Retired,00.html)

Ohio Civil War 150 ceremony

The Ohio National Guard, in partnership with the Ohio Historical Society and the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board, will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the first Ohio unit mustered into federal service for the American Civil War. This event will take place at 2 p.m. on April 10, 2011, at the Ohio Statehouse. Statehouse grounds will open at 11 a.m. and will include Civil War

reenactors, Civil War cannons, modern Ohio National Guard equipment and actual Civil War battle flags on display. President Lincoln will be there to read his Call for Troops and the Camp Chase Fife and Drums will play period music.

Additionally, the Ohio Historical Society will hold a brunch at the Statehouse that morning. Wes Cowan of History Detectives will be the featured speaker. Brunch is \$40 per person.

To make reservations please call 800.858.6878.

For more information visit WWW.ohiocivilwar150.org.



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April 2011 RISFAC Meetings:

Region 1 - April 21

Region 2 - April 20

Region 3 - April 21

Region 4 - April 26

Region 5 - April 19

Region 6 - April 20

For questions regarding the time or place of RISFAC meetings, contact Mr. James Moore at (614)336-7336.



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“When called, we respond with ready units to execute federal, state and community missions.”

Ohio civic leaders selected for Secretary of Defense outreach program

Mrs. Joyce Beatty, senior vice president for Outreach and Engagement at the Ohio State University, and Mr. Mike Mauk, Director America's Greatest Football Clinic and head football coach at Kenton High School, were selected for the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference (JCOC) in May 2011. Mrs. Kathleen Lowery, Director of Member Development at Buckeye

Association of School Administrators was chosen as a primary alternate.

This program is the oldest public liaison program in DoD, and is the only outreach program the Secretary of Defense sponsors. Participants attend briefings by senior military and civilian officials at the Pentagon and gain hands-on experience through operations and interactions with troops

and military leaders stationed throughout the United States.

The mission of JCOC is to increase public understanding of national defense by enabling American business and community leaders to directly observe and engage with the U.S. military.

Specific program objectives are to acquaint participants with the strength and readiness of the U.S. Armed Forces, facilitate the candid exchange of information on defense matters and provide the American public opportunities to gain a better understanding of national defense policies and programs.