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**Check us out on the
Web!!!**

[http://dmna.state.ny.us/family/
famredi.php](http://dmna.state.ny.us/family/famredi.php)

Guard En Of Youth

Wishing everyone a Grand and Glorious New Year!!!

Red White and Blue Crew

Roxboro Rd. Elementary School

North Syracuse School District

The Roxboro Elementary School has created a Military Support group for students K-4. Counselor Elizabeth Miller and 20 Students of the Red, White and Blue Crew have come together to support each other, make friends, enjoy activities and much more. This School district recognized the unique challenges that our National Guard Youth face each day, and have come together to make a difference, not only in their academic lives but as well as their emotional well beings. The Youth Program will provide any school district with the materials, ideas and support they need to make a difference in the lives of our Military Kids!!!

For more information please contact the Youth Program.



106th Rescue Wing Family Readiness Group Holiday Party

Here are the photos of the 106th Rescue Wing Family Readiness Group Holiday Party. We are very proud of them!!! As we are very proud of our Families and Members of the 106th Rescue Wing. We had 300 kids registered for our 1 December 07 Holiday Party!!!!





Looking for fun and educational activities for your children at your FRG meeting? Looking to connect your child(ren) into a organization for boys and girls ages 5-19 in your Housing Development or for you FRG?



YES?



Since 1995, Army CYS and 4-H have been partnering to support Army youth worldwide. Cornell Cooperative Extensions' 4-H Youth Development program can offer to you over 100 research-based 4-H projects & activities for FRG meetings or can assist your FRG or housing development in starting a 4-H club right in your community. Our hope is to help support your military kids before, during and after deployment by offering them an opportunity to participate in fun activities and also connect with over 300 kids who locally enrolled in the 4-H club program and over 450,000 statewide.

**For more information on 4-H Club projects and activities contact:
Kelly Oram
Cornell Cooperative Extension
203 N. Hamilton St
Watertown, NY 13601
315.788.8450
kmo3@cornell.edu**

CHILD CARE FOR **MILITARY FAMILIES**

NACCRRA is working with DoD to help those who serve in the military to find and afford child care that suits their unique needs. Through several innovative civilian/military efforts among DoD, NACCRRA, and Child Care Resource and Referral agencies, we are building the quality and capacity of child care throughout the country.

Operation: Military Child Care: Child care fee assistance for families of activated or deployed National Guard and Reserves for licensed child care. All income levels and ranks are eligible. Service members that are on Title 10 Orders are eligible. ALL RECRUITERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SUBSIDY.

Child Care for Families of Severely Injured Military Service Members:

NACCCRA and the Department of Defense (DoD) have partnered to provide families of severely injured military members with assistance to find and pay for safe, licensed child care services for a period of six months during their period of recuperation. The program is available nationwide wherever the injured member is receiving either in-patient or out-patient medical care.

To apply for any of these programs, families and service members can call 1-800-424-2246 or visit <http://www.NACCRRA.org/military>.

To find suitable child care please visit: www.childcareaware.org

If you have any questions on how to apply, or if you need help with completing the application to receive assistance, please contact me at:

shelly.m.aiken@us.army.mil

Respectfully,

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New York National Guard

Youth Program Director

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MILITARY CHILD EDUCATION COALITION™

CALL FOR THE ARTS:

The Art of Being a Military Child



ARTWORK · FILM · WRITING

Open to all military-connected children, kindergarten through high school.



ARTWORK

Selected submissions in the visual arts will be featured in art exhibits at the Military Child Education Coalition™'s 10th Annual Conference. Art may also appear in the conference program, annual calendar, the MCEC™'s *On the Move*® magazine, or other MCEC™ publications.



FILM

Selected film entries will be considered for the "Reel Military" Youth Film and Video Festival at the Military Child Education Coalition™'s 10th Annual Conference.



WRITING: POETRY AND SHORT STORIES

Selected poetry will be published in the Military Child Education Coalition™'s 10th Annual Conference program, the MCEC™'s *On The Move*® magazine, annual calendar or other MCEC™ publications.

Suggested Topics:

- Parents
- Family
- Military lifestyle
- The life lessons you've learned
- All the people you've met
- The cultures you've experienced
- Helping your community
- Transitions/changes
- Your wishes, hopes, and dreams

Deadline:

All submissions are due no later than March 3, 2008.

Mail submissions to:

Military Child Education Coalition
108 East FM 2410, Suite D
Harker Heights, TX 76548

If you have any questions regarding the *Call for the Arts*, please contact the MCEC™ at (254) 953-1923.

FT. HAMILTON CYS NEWS



Brunch on Us

In support of the Army Family Covenant, all Active Duty Military Personnel are invited to a FREE brunch at the Fort Hamilton Community Club on 20 JAN 08. Brunch is served from 1030 – 1430 hours.

Please RSVP NLT 15 JAN 08
718.630.4738 / 4812 / 4805

Uniform of the Day: ACU/BDU/Utility

1st Edition!

Child and Youth Services introduces our first-ever consolidated news bulletin.

Take a **CYS minute** break with us.

Child & Youth Services

Expires 06/30/08

FREE

Child & Youth Services
Registration

Please redeem at Central
Enrollment Office 137C Suite 1B



Call

Baby Sitting Certification Course

2 DAYS ~

JAN. 19 & 26 9AM-4PM

Open to the public at no
cost for youth ages 12 & up.

Register at (718) 630-4805

Hourly Care

Available for all age groups

AGES: 0-5
718.630.4079

GRADES: 1-5
718.630.4518



Bundle Up This Winter
People, Pets & Plants

NASA Space Camp Scholarship

NASA Space camp is a place where kids come together for a journey they will never forget. Each child learns about Astronauts and space travel, and experience more important; developing bonds of friendships.

For more information about NASA Space Camp, please visit: <http://www.militarychild.org/SpaceCamp.asp>

MWR Activities and events for FT. Drum NY:

<http://www.drum.army.mil/mwr/Information/Jan%2008%202.pdf>

Military 4-H Clubs

Each Army Installation in New York State is required to have at least one multi-project 4-H Community Club. To support predictability of services for Army youth, Army installation staff and/or volunteers will serve as 4-H Leaders and 4-H Military Community Clubs must offer the following selected projects/groups:

- 4-H Fine Arts
 - 4-H Photography
 - 4-H Youth Technology
- 4-H Citizenship (Community Service)

For more information please visit: <http://nys4h-staff.cce.cornell.edu/Military4-HClubs.php>

Super Saturday!



To support the many families affected by the stressors of deployment, Fort Hamilton Child & Youth Services extends an invitation for Military Families to join us for our very first Super Saturday childcare event February 9, 2008 from 0800-1600 hours. Childcare, for ages 0-10, is provided free of charge to families affected by deployment. All others may be provided space on a first come first served basis and will pay the current hourly care rates. Some restrictions apply.

All families must be registered with CYS to participate in this Super Saturday event.
Call to register today: 718-630-4805/4812



PROJECT PEN PAL

Connecting Military Children around the Globe

With Project Pen Pal you will meet other military children around the world and in other countries. You will learn about their culture, how they live, how they feel about their schools and their hobbies. In addition, Project Pen Pal encourages you to write about your feelings and share those feelings with children from different backgrounds who are dealing with similar issues like military life and deployments and relocation, just to name a few.

We invite you to participate in this exciting project!!

We have Pen Pals from New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Ohio, Illinois, California, and Nevada. To become a Pen Pal please fax or mail your permission slip at the end of this newsletter to:

Youth Program: Camp Smith, Bldg 501, Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567:

Fax# 914-788-7407

PROJECT PEN PAL

Permission Slip

Would your child be interested in making a new friend and getting to know another child like him/herself? **Why not sign them up for the Project Pen Pal.** What a great way for them to share stories about Military life and learn different cultures from around the Globe. If your child is interested please fill out the information below. Parents, **please don't forget to sign** the permission slip and either fax it or mail it to the number below.

Child's Name _____ **Age/Grade** _____

Hobbies/Interests _____

What Language do you speak and write? _____

PORJECT PEN PAL PERMISSION FORM

I, _____ (parent/guardian) give my permission for
_____ (child's name) to participate in Project Pen Pal.

I understand that it is my (parent/guardian) responsibility to supervise my child's contact with another Military child and not the responsibility of the New York National Guard Youth Program.

Date _____ **Email address** _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Address _____

Phone/Fax _____

***Please mail or fax this permission slip to:**

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Fax (914-788-7407)

*If you have questions about Project Pen Pal please **email Shelly** at:

shelly.m.aiken@us.army.mil Or Call me at 914-788-7405

Project Pen Pal Code of Conduct

- No obscenities in written or electronic correspondence
- No illegal material mailed or emailed
- No attempt to harm others in correspondence (making threats, making fun of another person, bullying behaviors, etc.)