



“All the News you Need to Know – In a NY Minute”



Proclamations in Honor of Military Family Appreciation Month



President Barack Obama Delivers Annual Proclamation Announcing November as Military Family Appreciation Month

In his speech for this annual proclamation, President Obama called on Americans to “celebrate the (military) families who make daily sacrifices to keep our Nation whole, and we remember a most sacred obligation -- to serve them as well as they serve us.

Military families exemplify the courage and resolve that define our national character. For their country and their loved ones, they rise to the challenges of multiple deployments and frequent moves -- spouses who care and provide for children in their partners' absence, kids who make new friends and leave known comforts behind. They are the force behind the force, patriots who support their family members in uniform while enriching the communities they call home.

While our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen are defending the country they love, their country must provide for the families they love.” To view President Obama’s full speech and formal proclamation visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/10/31/presidential-proclamation-military-family-month-2013>

New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo Declares November as Military Family Appreciation Month in the State of New York

“During the month of November, we honor New York’s military families, who have made their own sacrifices in the service of our country,” Governor Cuomo said. “When our service members are deployed for a mission overseas or to respond to a domestic emergency, they leave behind spouses, children, siblings and parents, and in many ways, these family members provide the courage and support that allows their loved ones to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces...The legacy of New York State is built upon the courage of the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces, as well as the many family members who have supported them during both wartime and peacetime. Today there are roughly 30,000 New Yorkers in serving in the National Guard and Reserves, in addition to nearly 900,000 veterans living in New York State.” To view the full proclamation visit

<http://www.governor.ny.gov/press/11082013Military-Family-Month>

Reserved Viewing Space for Service Members to Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade

HAI (www.hainyc.org) is again graciously offering to share their reserved viewing space on 6th Avenue (Manhattan) for Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade on November 28, 2013. This location is sidewalk standing room only. If you are interested in being considered for this opportunity, email a request to betty.a.eissfeld.ctr@mail.mil or laraine.h.figliuolo.ctr@mail.mil **NO LATER THAN 12:00 PM ON NOVEMBER 20, 2013.** You will need to include the following required information in your email request to be eligible for consideration:

- 1) Requester's Name
- 2) Service Member/Veteran's name
- 3) Military unit, component and branch
- 4) Total number of guests in group,
- 5) Priority Status:
 - A. Immediate Family members of Deployed Service Members/DoD employees OR Surviving Dependents of Fallen Service Members/DoD Employees;
 - B. Wounded Service Members in WTU or similar program, and their immediate Family members;
 - C. Veterans/Service Members/DoD recently returned from active/deployment (within 1 yr) and their immediate Family members;
 - D. Service Members preparing to mobilize/deploy and their immediate Family members, and
 - E. All other Guard/Reserve/Active/Veterans and their immediate Family members.
- 6) If you or a guest has a disability restricting standing Respectfully, please only ONE request per family. Chosen participants will be notified via email.



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THE ARMY STRONG BONDS PROGRAM

New Strong Bonds Events Announced

December 6-8, 2013 -Strong Bonds Couples Event
“Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage”
Location: Buffalo, NY

December 13-15, 2013 -Strong Bonds Family Event
“Lasting Intimacy through Nurturing, Knowledge and Skills” (LINKS)
Location: NYC/Westchester

December 20-22 2013-Strong Bonds Family Event
“7 Habits For an Effective Military Family “
Location: Albany, NY

Strong Bonds covers the cost of lodging and 3 meals during the event. Spouses/Family Members must be registered in DEERS in order to attend. Travel Costs are the responsibility of Service Member or Family Member

To register for a Strong Bonds event, go to www.strongbonds.org, search under National Guard Events in New York. For questions or more information, contact 1LT Mark Getman at mark.h.getman.mil@mail.mil

NYNG Youth Program Wants to Hear From Military Families - November is Military Family Appreciation Month, and the Youth Program knows how very special each and every Military Family is. We would like for you to post a picture of your Military Family on the NYNG Youth Program Facebook page and tell us why you appreciate your Military Family, as we know that "We Serve Too!" Not part of a Military Family? That's ok, go and post on our page why you appreciate Military Families
<https://www.facebook.com/NewYorkNationalGuardYouthProgram?ref=hl>



To view new job postings and Career Fair info visit
<https://dmna.ny.gov/jobs/jobs.php?id=nyng>

New ABC Christmas Competition Show "Lights, Camera, Christmas" Seeking Submissions from Military Families

ABC will be airing a new show this holiday season titled "Lights, Camera, Christmas." The show's producers are searching for the lightest and brightest houses across the USA and are seeking submissions from Military Families. This is a competition-style show, and the winner will receive a grand cash prize. A small number of houses from across the country will be selected to compete for a cash prize! If you are interested in being considered for the show, send an email to ChristmasShowCasting@gmail.com. You will need to include your name, address, contact info and photos of your decorated house from this year or previous years. Please put your name, city, and state in the subject line. (Note: all submissions become the property of the producer.)

Organizations in the Community Seeking a Chance to Say THANK YOU this Holiday Season

Family Programs has been asked by several organizations if we can help them say THANK YOU to our Military Families this holiday season. Please help us to identify Military Families in NY that would be gracious enough to accept these generous gifts, please contact our Family Assistance Coordinator Jeanna Clark. Also, if you are aware of a Community Organization that is interested in gifting a Military Family over the Holidays please contact our Family Assistance Coordinator, Jeanna Clark jeanna.c.clark.ctr@mail.mil

Santa's Vision 5th Annual "Day Out with Santa" Free Community Event

Visions Hotels will be hosting Santa's Vision 5th Annual "Day Out with Santa" on December 15, 2013. This free event will be held at the Holiday Inn & Suites Marketplace in Rochester (800 Jefferson Road). There will be a free picture with Santa and toy for each child. Other activities include free pony rides, face painting, a chance for children to meet their favorite children's characters in costumes, complimentary snacks and drinks, and much more.

Exclusive Discount Tickets for Disney on Ice "100 Years of Magic" Show in Albany

Feld Entertainment is proud to present Disney on Ice "100 Years of Magic" coming to the Times Union Center in Albany, NY this December 18th through the 22nd, 2013. Special ticket pricing, ranging from \$15-\$55 (plus applicable fees), is only available for select show times and discount price varies per seating location. You must place your order over the phone with a representative from the Group Sales office. Please let them know that you are with the DMNA and/or NYARNG when placing the order. The deadline to order tickets is: Thursday, December 12th at 4:00 PM EST. Please contact Taveun Ferguson at tferguson@feldinc.com or 1-866-248-8740 ext.31427 with any questions and to order tickets.

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| 1-30 NOV | MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION MONTH |
| 18-20 NOV | The Welcome Home Initiative : Saratoga Springs register: welcomhome@byhiswoundsministry.org |
| 22 NOV | Operation.COM Children of the military meeting WNY VET One-Stop Center 6pm mcparlane@eriemha.org |
| 28 NOV | THANKSGIVING |
| 6-8 DEC | Strong Bonds Couples Event "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage" Buffalo, NY www.strongbonds.org |
| 7 DEC | 133 rd QM Pre-Mob Yellow Ribbon, Fort Hamilton https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Events |
| 13-15 DEC | Strong Bonds Family Event "Lasting Intimacy through Nurturing, Knowledge & Skills" NYC/Westchester, NY www.strongbonds.org |
| 14 DEC | 4 th Fin & 37 th Fin Pre-Mob Yellow Ribbon, La Guardia Marriott https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Events |
| 15 DEC | 1569 th TC & 53 rd DLD Pre-Mob Yellow Ribbon, Suffern Crowne Plaza https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Events |
| 20-22 DEC | Strong Bonds Family Event "7 Habits For an Effective Military Family" Albany, NY www.strongbonds.org |