

GUARD PRIDE FAMILY WIDE

THE FAMILY "FLYER"

167TH Airlift Wing Family Programs

May 2011

National Military Appreciation Month

As a nation, we observe and participate in various national cultural and social awareness events through mass media attention and educational curriculum. However, we have not allocated appropriate recognition of the most important presence in the world today, an entity that impacts each and every American in a significant way, the Armed Forces of the United States of America.



National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM), as designated by Congress, provides a period encompassing both the history and recognition of our armed services with an in-depth look at the diversity of its individuals and achievements.



It allows Americans to educate each generation on the historical impact of our military through the participation of the community with those who serve encouraging patriotism and love for America.

This month gives the nation a time and place on which to focus and draw attention to our many expressions of appreciation and recognition of our armed services via numerous venues and also to recall and learn about our vast American history.

National Military Appreciation Month includes Loyalty Day (May 1st), Military Spouse Appreciation Day (May 6th), VE Day (May 8th), Armed Forces Day (May 21st), and Memorial Day (May 30th). This very important month honors, remembers, recognizes and appreciates all military personnel; those men and women who have served throughout our history and all who now serve in uniform and their families as well as those Americans who have given their lives in defense of our freedoms we all enjoy today.

It recognizes those on active duty in all branches of the services, the National Guard and Reserves plus retirees, Veterans, and all of their families - well over 90 million Americans and more than 230 years of our nation's history. Let us celebrate them just as we celebrate the other important entities that make up this wonderful country of ours.

— Courtesy of www.nmam.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

167th AW Family Readiness Group Upcoming Events for 2011

Meetings held second Tuesday of the month

American Red Cross Blood Drive, May 14th, 9 AM to 2 PM, Bldg 118

On-Site Commissary Sales: July 9-10 at the 167th Airlift Wing, Hangar to be determined

FRG Meeting June 14th, 7 PM, Wing Conference Room, 2nd Floor Bldg 120

FRG Meeting July 12, 7PM, Wing Conference Room, 2nd Floor Bldg 120



WVNG Child & Youth Program Upcoming Events for 2011

Military Kid 4-H Club, May 13, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Heritage Free Will Baptist Church, Middleway Pike, Bunker Hill, WV

Operation Military Kids Reach Out Program Event (ROPE), May 19, 5 to 7 p.m., 157th Armory Building Kelly Island Road in Martinsburg. Open to all military kids ages 7 to 17.

Fairy Tale Ball planned for May 21 at 2 p.m., 157th Armory Building, Kelly Island Road, Open to everyone. Costumes are encouraged but are not required. There will be face painting, crafts, games and photo shoots.



West Virginia National Guard **KIDS KAMP**

Kids Kamp was started during Operation Desert Shield/Storm to provide a positive camping experience for our Military Kids. By providing a safe and caring environment that encourages good feelings and fosters a sense of well being, Kids Kamp allows our Military Kids to form friendships with fellow Military Kids that last a lifetime. Keeping up with tradition, Kids Kamp is going into it's 20th Year!

Activities Include:

- Flag ceremony
- Swimming
- Rock Climbing
- Rifle Range
- Weapons Simulator
- Repel Tower
- Dance
- Drug Dog Presentation
- Helicopter Tour
- Mini C130
- Obstacle Course
- Team Building Exercises
- Arts and Crafts
- Much, much more.



For: **Military Kids Ages 9-14**

When: **18-23 June, 2011**

Where: **Camp Dawson,
Kingwood WV**

How:

**Gary Conley
304-561-6449**

Gary.Conley@us.army.mil



Select bowling centers and schools around the country are participating in the first ever Kids Bowl Free program. This program is designed by bowling centers to give back to the community and provide a safe, secure, and fun way for kids to spend time this summer.

Children whose age does not exceed a limit by a participating bowling center are eligible to register for 2 free games a day, all summer long, courtesy of the participating bowling centers along with the schools and organizations.

Check out the website www.kidsbowlfree.com to see what bowling centers in your state are participating in this program.



Applications can be picked up from the Family Programs office or unit members can download them from the Base Sharepoint.

Rain doesn't dampen spirits at Spring Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt

Rain showers didn't dampen the spirits of those attending the annual Spring Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the 167th Family Readiness Group.

Organizers note that about 18 children and 14 volunteers attended the event held at Morgan Grove Park in Shepherdstown.

The annual event was open to all military youth and volunteers. This year volunteers from the 167th FRG and 157th FRG as well as the community were on hand to ensure the event's success.

During the event, teen volunteers provided an array of activities for the kids such as face painting, egg toss, egg roll and egg hunt. They also assisted with the photo shoots with the Easter Bunny who hopped over for the fun. The picnic and events were held under a 1,500 square-foot pavilion.

After the games, the children were given prizes from Operation Home Front and roasted marshmallows for S'mores.



The Easter Bunny poses with Christy Miller and daughter Ali, the family of SSgt Chris Miller.



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
 All
 Kings, queens, princesses, &
 princes, of the Honorable
 WV National Guard
 ages 0 to 100, You are
 hereby invited to an
 afternoon of fantasy & fun
 on 21 May 2011 at 2:00
 o'clock in the afternoon at
 the Martinsburg Armory,
 2096 Kelly Island Road,
 Martinsburg, WV 25405

National Guard
child and
youth program
 West Virginia

MARTINSBURG
STARBASE
 "Be the Instructor"
 Technology Kamp - 2011

11-15 July 2011
 0730-1600

Open to kids 10-15 y/o
 Register ASAP to
charles.apple@ang.af.mil &
laura.meske@ang.af.mil
 Questions: 304 616 5501

Limited to 30 kids
 ... sign up NOW!!!

Face Painting, Crafts, Games and Photo Shoots
 Costumes are encouraged but not required.

POC: Donna Truman, WVNG State Youth Coordinator,
 Office 304-201-3754. Email: donna.truman1@us.army.mil

RIDE FOR THE HEROS

2 JULY 2011

LOCATION: RED MEN PAVILION WILLIAMSPORT, MD

16129 LAPPANS ROAD

WILLIAMSPORT, MD 21795

\$20 PER PERSON/\$30 PER COUPLE

NO ONE UNDER 21 ADMITTED

MOTORCYCLE RIDE REGISTRATION @ 8:30 AM/ KICK STANDS UP @ 10:00AM

HOG ROAST SERVED @ 2:00PM

3 BANDS PLAY UNTIL EVENT CONCLUDES AT 10:00PM.

T SHIRTS, AR-15 RIFLE RAFFLE TICKETS, PRIZES , LOTS OF FUN

ONLINE TICKET SALES AT: WWW.PATRIOTSPATH.ORG

15 JUNE DEADLINE FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION

COLT AR-15 GUN RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD SEPARATELY THROUGH WILLIAMSPORT RED MEN AND PATRIOT'S PATH FOUNDATION. \$5 EA/5 FOR \$20. ONLY 2,000 TO BE SOLD. WINNER TO BE DRAWN AT THE EVENT @ 7:00PM .

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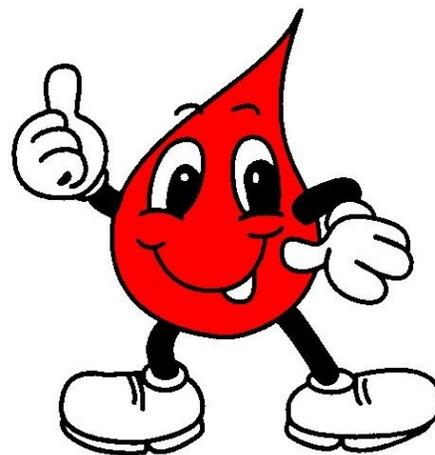
**45th Annual
West Virginia National Guard
Youth Leadership Camp**



- Open to military youths ages 15-17.
- 18-24 June 2011
- Camp Dawson, Kingwood, WV
- 20 Slots will be reserved for dependents of deployed members of the West Virginia National Guard until 1 May 2011.
- 65 additional slots will be actively competitive for any camper who meets the criteria.
- \$150.00 per camper

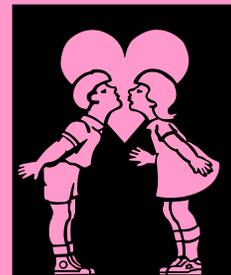
Applications can be downloaded from the Drug Demand Reduction website at www.wvddr.com. Mail sponsorship and camper packets to: MSgt Michelle Barton, 3rd Floor, 1700 MacCorkle Ave SE, Charleston, WV 25314

Base Blood Drive



14 May, 9 AM—2 PM, Bldg

**WVNG Strong Bonds
Couples Enrichment Workshop
24-26 June 2011
Oglebay Resort, Wheeling WV**



The West Virginia National Guard Family Program Office and your chaplains have teamed up to offer you a truly outstanding program known as Strong Bonds.

Strong Bonds Couples Enrichment Workshop begins with teaching couples effective communication skills, addresses problem resolution strategies that work, reveals how to discover the hidden issues in every relationship, and then moves into caring, fun, and friendship.

For more information or to register for this upcoming planned workshop, contact the 167th AW Chaplains 304-616-5319 (UTA Weekends), the Family Programs Office, 304-616-5590, or email sherry.lewis@ang.af.mil.

Military Teen Adventure Camps

Would you like to spend time whitewater rafting, hiking, rock climbing, winter camping, skiing, backpacking, mountain biking, exploring the environment, running rope courses, geo-caching, or practicing wilderness survival skills? What if you could do these activities with other military youth just like you?

Military teens (14-18 years old) will have an opportunity to participate in adventure camps scheduled April 2011 through April 2012. These high energy, high adventure, and high experience camps are planned across the United States from Alaska to Maine and from Colorado to Georgia as well as states in between. There are even opportunities for military teens in Europe. This is the perfect chance for you to experience the outdoors as you never have before!



Each camp offers a unique outdoor experience that will allow you to build your leadership, self-confidence, and teamwork skills while participating in activities like camp cooking and archery. Camps have funding available to assist with transportation costs.

Camps for youth with special needs (mental, physical, and emotional) are also planned in California, Ohio, and New Hampshire. There is something for everyone!

How to Register

If you want to join in the fun, check out the list of Camps by Date: https://www.extension.purdue.edu/Adventure_camps/campsdate.html or Camps by Location: https://www.extension.purdue.edu/Adventure_camps/campsloc.html

Please note that specific camp details, including dates, may change based on conditions and availability. Check the camp's website for the most current information.

Here are links to the Military Teen Adventure Camp Brochures and Official Website:

Camp Web Page URL

https://www.extension.purdue.edu/Adventure_camps/campshome.html

Adventure Camp Online Brochure

<http://militaryfamilies.extension.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/Adventure-Camp-Brochure4.pdf>

Adventure Camp Print-Friendly Brochure

<http://militaryfamilies.extension.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/Adventure-Camp-Print-Friendly-Brochure3.pdf>

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