

414th Military Police Company Family Readiness Group Committee's Volunteer Chairpersons					
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414th FRG Mission Statement

The mission of the 414th Military Police Company Family Readiness Group is to ensure that families within the 414th Military Police Company are prepared for separations caused by deployments, mobilizations, extended TDYs, and remote assignments. Additionally, to establish, coordinate and promote knowledge, teamwork, unity and support among the families of service members within the 414th Military Police Company.



I am a soldier and proud member of the United States Army Military Police Corps Regiment.

I am Of the Troops and For the Troops.

I believe there is no higher calling than to ASSIST, PROTECT, and DEFEND my fellow soldiers, their families, and the basic ideals of our Constitution that guarantee our freedom and our American way of life.

I am always ready to help individual soldiers retain or regain their dignity.

I assist commanders in performing their missions, safeguarding their commands, and maintaining discipline, law and order.

I am proud of the Military Police Corps Regiment and fully understand the awesome responsibility given to all military police soldiers.

At the same time, I am humble because I know that I am a servant of my country and my Army.

To perform my duties properly, my honesty, integrity, and courage must be balanced by competence, alertness, and courtesy.

I know I am constantly in the public eye and my behavior sets the standards of excellence of my fellow soldiers.

To my unit, my commander, and myself, I promise sustained, just and honorable support.

To my country, the Army and my Regiment, I promise the skills of my training, my physical ability, my mental initiative, and my moral courage, for I am a soldier in the MILITARY POLICE CORPS REGIMENT.

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Family Readiness Newsletter

414th Military Police Company

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January's Activity

A meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 8th, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the Reserve Center in Joplin. All Spouses, children, parents, and friends are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Sergeant First Class Bruce, the 89th point of contact for our unit's Retention issues, will be disseminating vital information which he has recently received.

Committee Chairman positions and Co-chair positions are available and those willing to be volunteers will have the opportunity to sign up for these positions to start planning 2005 activities. Our group has undergone many changes over the past few months. Now is the perfect time to become involved and get to know our family even if you have never attended a meeting before. Hope to see you there.

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Calendar of Drills & FRG Meetings

USARTC = *United States Army Reserve Training Center (our Reserve Center in Joplin)*

2005 Calendar of Events

January 4-19, 2005 – *Unified Endeavor*, Grafenwoehr, Germany

January 8, 2005 – Drill at USARTC

January 8, 2005 – FRG Meeting at 1:00p.m. at USARTC.

February 5-6, 2005 – Local training area.

February 5, 2005 – FRG Valentine Rise-n-Shine at 7:00 a.m. Saturday (Donuts, Pastries, Coffee, Tea)

March 4-6, 2005 – Camp Gruber, overnight.

March 4, 2005 – FRG Social Outing beginning at 7:00 p.m. Location to be determined. Adults only. Spouses, friends, and parents.

April 9-10, 2005 – Drill at USARTC

May 13-15, 2005 – Camp Crowder

June 3-5, 2005 – Camp Gruber

July 9-10, 2005 – Drill at USARTC

July 10, 2005 – FRG Family Day Picnic and Pool Party. Time and location to be decided.

August 6-7, 2005 – Camp Gruber

September 9-11, 2005 – Camp Gruber

Family Readiness Group Activities & Functions

To discover ways in which you can become involved as a volunteer, call Terri Birch at (417) 626-0679.

Commander's Corner

-by 1LT Nicolai Birch

It was wonderful to see how many spouses and dates showed up this year for our 7th annual MP Dine-out. I thank each of you for making this special occasion as perfect as it was. CPT Sanchez even graced us with a visit even though she had just returned from overseas. I wish that everyone in the FRG could have been there to see the faces of your soldiers and experience the event. It is something that you can be told about many times, but it just isn't the same as being there.

Don't forget that even though the 414th is currently stateside, there are many soldiers around the world missing Christmas with their family and loved ones just as we did last year. My wish for the new year is that we will all be as fortunate as in the past, and that the members who join the unit in the future are up to the standard of what we have now. I also wish for a large strong FRG to support us all while we are at home as well as when we are abroad.

As most of you know, now that we are home it is life as usual in the Army, which means that anything can happen anytime; but rest assured that if we hear news good or bad, you will all be told. Please find time to attend the January FRG meeting as many new items are going to be introduced. Cheryl will be there to personally thank some of the volunteers who worked with her.

My prayers and best wishes go out to you, your families, our soldiers and everyone else serving their country in the way they see fit. I hope that everyone is safe this holiday season and that you all come out ahead of last year. Most of us will I am sure, as we are with our real families instead of our extended military family. I hope that you all have a Merry Christmas.

Kid's Corner **-by Grant Clyde (age 12)**

My mom wore combat boots. My step-dad (Nic) still does. Nic has been going across seas, all of us (my family) have been missing him while he's gone. Last year, Nic went to Afghanistan. Bad thing about that, is that Nic missed Christmas day. Good thing, is that I got loads of new stuff like pictures of places there. Some of the pictures are of the mountains and troops.

Once, I got to ride in a military hummer in a Joplin Christmas Parade. It was cold. I thought it was neat to be able to wave at everyone when I was riding in the hummer.

"My Family" Monthly Contest

Everyone is invited to submit a picture or personal story of how the Army has effected you and your family. Submissions of up to 250 words will be accepted in either email or hardcopy, until the 5th of each month and divided out into three age groups: 0-10, 11-16, and 17-?. The top story or picture in each age group will be included in the next upcoming edition of our newsletter.

Article Submission Guidelines

If you are interested in writing an article or posting an announcement in our monthly newsletter, submissions will be accepted until the 5th of each month for that month's publication. Articles are always appreciated, can contain up to 300 words and may be submitted in either hard copy or email. Each article and announcement which is submitted, will first be approved by the Editor and then by the Commander. If you are interested in taking over the editor position for the newsletter, please contact Terri at (417) 626-0679.

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Taking Care of Our Soldiers

-via email by Kristen Heck

Taking care of "our" Soldiers is important business. When I say "our" Soldiers, I don't just mean that family members take care of their Soldier. I mean the United States Army Reserve, as a whole, takes care of each and every Soldier. At the 89th Regional Readiness Command, each Soldier that deploys is "our" Soldier. We care deeply about the Soldiers well-being and safety. We care deeply about the Soldiers' families and friends. We want them to be safe and secure even while the Soldier is far away serving the call to arms.

When a Soldier mobilizes or deploys, he or she will go through a series of training and supplying opportunities. First, they will report to their home station. In other words, to the Reserve Center that they report to for unit training assemblies. At home station, the unit will ensure that the Soldiers have individual items such as uniforms, personal care items, field equipment, and load bearing equipment (LBE). Field equipment and LBEs includes things like canteens, sleeping bags, field jackets, Kevlar (helmets) and flashlights. They are issued their weapons at home station too. The unit gives this equipment issue a strong look to make sure that the Soldiers have what they will need, because once the Soldiers leave the United States, it can be a slow process to get replacement equipment. Equipment that is not issued at home station is issued at the mobilization station.

The Soldiers go to the mobilization station once they have effective mobilization orders. Mobilization stations (mob station) are Army posts such as Fort Riley, Fort Sill, Fort Leonard Wood and Fort McCoy. At the mob station, the Soldiers will receive any equipment that is not already issued to them. This is where they get the desert combat uniform, personal body armor, and any specialized equipment. Soldiers and units do not deploy without appropriate equipment for the well being and safety of each Soldier.

The personal protective equipment is critical to taking care of our Soldiers. Soldiers are our strength. They are the strength of the Nation. So, making sure they have the right gear to do their mission and to do it safely is vital. From time to time, you may hear

or read a media report that states that the Army fails to equip or poorly equips the Soldiers. Simply put, this is not correct. We have the best equipped Army in the world! We don't send our Soldiers into harm's way without the best equipment available.

Our Soldiers go with a full complement of personal protection and care equipment. A Family Readiness Group or family members never need to be concerned about whether the Soldier's need more or better equipment. If anyone would have such a concern, I am asking that you have them call the 89th Regional Readiness Command (RRC) Family Readiness Office. All of the staff, Travis, SSG Rorie and myself, will work with the FRG or individuals to answer questions and provide information to relieve concerns. If there are concerns that need follow-up action, we can raise them through the 89th RRC chain of command to get resolution.

Please share this information with all of your family members. We are here for you all!

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Yellow Ribbon Update



Current Unit Fundraiser "Support Our Troops"

We are coming to the end of our Yellow Ribbon Campaign. Our unit has earned over \$1,000 from this fundraiser to-date.

Germany Contact Information

In the event of an emergency, contact your local Red Cross. Be prepared to provide the following information to them:

- The nature of the emergency
- Unit Point of Contact
- Your soldier's rank and name

Soldiers attending training in Germany already know who they are.

NEW GI Bill Info

-via email by David Thompson

Sent: Wednesday, December 01, 2004 10:04

Subject: FW: New MGIB Chapter 1607 benefits for previously mobilized Selected Reserve Soldiers

A heads up for our mobilized or previously mobilized soldiers. New MGIB Chapter 1607 benefits for previously mobilized Selected Reserve Soldiers.

Congress has authorized additional MGIB benefits for mobilized Selected Reserve soldiers that have returned to TPU status, referred to as Chapter 1607 benefits. These benefits will significantly increase benefits over current Chapter 1606 Selected Reserve rates. 1607 rates are per table below. NOTE: these probably will be retroactive to Dec 2001 for those soldiers mobilized for any contingency (must be mobilized - not on ADT/ADSW, etc)

PLEASE NOTE: VA is still setting up implementation rules, and funding is still pending. Information and procedures available at www.gibill.va.gov. Tell soldiers to research and prepare support documentation. They can preapply now, but benefits will not come until the program is implemented, up to 8 months from now according to the web site. Mobilization orders, referral orders and DD214s will be the key to verify activation dates (see web site)

Time Reserve Member Serves on CONTINUOUS Active Duty / Percentage of Ch 30 (3-Year Rate) / and Full-Time Rate (Eff. Oct. 1,2004).

90 days but less than 1 yr; 40% = \$401.60
One year but less than two; 60% = \$602.40
Two years or more; 80% = \$803.20

Current benefits are: TPU (Chap 1606) - \$288; Active Duty (Chap 30) - \$1004.

David Thompson

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Call Tree Notes

By: Susie Tucker

Happy holidays to my call tree volunteers!

First I would like to thank you all for your help in keeping our soldiers' families up to date on the Family Readiness Group's activities and events. Your time is greatly appreciated. We have three new members on our call tree now. Debbie Elliott in Lebanon took part of Alvina's list; Paula Zarrillo, Blue Springs; and Linda McCrane, Greenfield, took Linda Slankards list. Thank you so much for helping.

I don't know when the Call Tree will be activated. When it is, I will send an email of the information to share, and call to make sure you got it. (If you don't have email, I'll just call you.)

When you speak to your contacts, please verify we have their correct mailing address, to be sure they get the newsletter. If you have any changes, let me know. If you have a telephone number not correct, disconnected, etc, please let me know so we can try to get the correct information. After you have made your calls, I ask that you email or call me to let me know your calls have been made. You can leave messages on answering machines.

Our next Family Readiness Meeting will be on Saturday January 8th, 1:00pm, at the unit in Joplin. We are hoping for a good turnout, hope you can attend if possible.

Any questions, please let me know. My email address is dtucker371@aol.com. My telephone number is 417 882-2226.

Thanks again, and hope you have a wonderful holiday. Happy New Year!

Susie Tucker

Unit Website Information 

For more details on information found in this newsletter, please visit our unit website at www.ozarkwarriors.com

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Family Readiness Donation to our Annual Dine Out

For those of you who do not already know, our Family Readiness Group was able to raise and donate over \$1,150 toward our Annual Military Police Dine Out this year at Loma Linda, in order to lower the ticket price of our soldiers, family members, and friends. Our group is definitely not passive. A special thanks goes out to each of you who assisted in fund raising efforts this year.

Rumor Control

Sergeant Barker, our unit's full time Personnel Sergeant, has been picked up for Recruiting Duty. He just finished his training and is leaving our unit pending assignment to the Recruiting Command. He will be missed

Corporal Szura is on the Active Guard Reserve Order of Merit List (AGR OML), which means he is up for an AGR tour commencing after he attends training in January. We are hoping he will fill Sergeant Barker's shoes as our unit Personnel Sergeant.

Staff Sergeant Thorne will, with any luck, be replacing Master Sergeant Rowley as Training NCO. We are looking forward to him taking this position soon.

Sergeant Manness has left our unit to join the Oklahoma National Guard Infantry Unit in hopes of bettering his career and becoming an officer. Best of luck to him in all his efforts.

Our unit's new AGR (Full time) Motor Sergeant is CPL Vancurren who just recently returned to us from months of training. He is already performing well and we hope that his tour here is pleasant.

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