



# Ozark Warriors



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## Family Readiness Newsletter March 2004

### NEW UNIFORM REQUIREMENT

All Soldiers can now wear the U.S. flag insignia on the right shoulder of their utility uniform, as a continued reminder that the Army is engaged in a war at home and abroad.

The uniform item was approved Feb. 11, and all Soldiers have until Oct. 1, 2005 to get the insignia sewn on their uniforms.

The only flag authorized for wear on the uniform is the reverse field flag in red, white and blue. These flags are available at all Clothing & Sales Stores and are available online at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com)

The flag is sewn 1/2 inch below the shoulder seam. If a combat patch is also placed on the right shoulder, the flag is sewn 1/8 inch below the combat patch.

### GET CONNECTED TODAY

Several of our family members have started a support network utilizing MSN Messenger. It is free to use. For further guidance, please see last month's newsletter, posted on our website.

### MARCH GET-TOGETHER

Everyone is invited to a meeting at the unit on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm (15:00 hrs).

*This means YOU!*

Unit members, spouses, parents, siblings, significant others. Whoever you are, you are welcome to attend.

The meeting will begin with travel reimbursement training and include in-depth information on tax preparation (specifically: extensions and steps to filing taxes while our soldiers are deployed).

Childcare will be available. Please contact Kim Vogel in advance if you will be bringing a child. [jvogel11@hotmail.com](mailto:jvogel11@hotmail.com)

### IN THE WORKS FOR APRIL...

Since there has been such a huge interest in "Reunion Training", we are planning on bringing a session to the USARTC in Joplin (the Reserve Center). Details will be included in next month's newsletter.

### Yellow Ribbon - Fund Raiser

Magnetic Yellow Ribbons, "Support Our Troops" printed on them, \$5 each. Will be available at this month's meeting!!!

### RESERVISTS TAX BREAK

Under recently enacted legislation (PL 108-121), reservists who travel more than 100 miles to attend weekend drills without reimbursement for travel expenses are allowed to deduct travel, food and lodging expenses from federal income taxes. Email for details.

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### DEPLOYED FATHERS AND FAMILIES GUIDE

A free guide offered by the *National Fatherhood Initiative* is designed to help service members maintain their important role in their children's lives during military deployments. Released in January, it offers tips to help families cope with the practical as well as emotional aspects of family separations caused by deployments.

For a free copy of the guide or brochure, fill out the electronic request form on the institute's Web site. The brochure and guide are also available by calling (301) 948-0599 or writing to:

**National Fatherhood Institute**  
101 Lake Forest Blvd.  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

**Related Web Sites:**  
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[www.fatherhood.org](http://www.fatherhood.org)

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E-3 "Private First Class"



E-4 "Specialist"



E-5 "Sergeant"



E-6 "Staff Sergeant"

(Army Enlisted Grade and Rank – E-3 through E-6)

**Mission statement:** The mission of the 414<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company Family Readiness Group is to ensure that families within the 414<sup>th</sup> 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 414<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company.