



RHODE ISLAND NATIONAL GUARD FAMILY PROGRAMS

~Bi-Weekly FAC Newsletter~

All old editions of this newsletter are available at the web site below.
 There will be 2 months of prior editions for your review.
<http://ri.ng.mil/familyprograms/SitePages/Home.aspx>

November 10, 2016

Inside this Issue:

FRG & Community	2
Strong Bonds	2
- November Event	
Military OneSource	3
Family Assistance Center	3
- Coordinator's Corner	
Additional Community Newsletters / Information	4
- November Fun Fact	
- Providence Bruins	
- Veteran's Day Discount	
- Christmas Is For Kids	
Additional Community Newsletters / Information, continued...	5
- Veteran's Day Events	
- Newport Navy Base	5
Plus much more ...	
Veteran's Information Employment Information	6
- Health Calendar /	6
Family Program Contact Information	7

Holiday for Heroes V

11 DECEMBER 2016
 1:00PM TO 4:00PM
 WARWICK ARMORY
 541 AIRPORT ROAD
 WARWICK, RI

REGISTER AT
H9HV.SPLASHTHAT.COM
 BY 1 DEC 16

THE UGLY HOLIDAY
 SWEATER FASHION
 SHOW + CONTEST
 Dress in Your Best Worst Holiday
 Sweater & Strut Your Stuff Down
 Our Runway!

NOTE:
 PLEASE ENSURE YOU BRING
 YOUR MILITARY OR
 DEPENDENT I.D. CARD

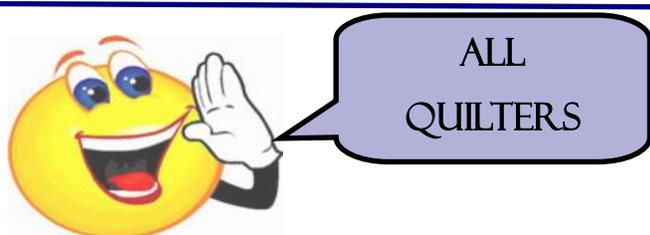
Maybe Christmas
 doesn't come
 from a store.
 Maybe Christmas,
 perhaps, means a
 little bit more.
 ~ "The Grinch"

SPONSORED BY
 RING FAMILY PROGRAMS



~ Family Readiness Group ~

Does your
Family Readiness Group
have a Special Event coming up that you
would like to share with others?
Let us know and this space could be
yours!!!



Tons of quilting fabric is available for your taking.
Bring a bag, load up and get the creative juices flowing!

Pick-up place:

Warwick Armory @ 541 Airport Road, Warwick, RI
Between 9:00am and 4:00pm
You must have a Military ID



Free

RI National Guard
Strong Bonds FY-17 Calendar



For details and/or to register
for Strong Bonds:

contact

SGT Yronelis Salas
yronelis.salas.mil@mail.mil

OR

Lori Hart (RIANG events only)
lori.a.hart.ctr@mail.mil

American Red Cross ~ HeroCareNetwork

If your Military Family has an emergency need for
communication.

Submit a request: [Online](#)



Or Call (877) 272-7337

This free app is designed to help members of the military, veter-
ans and their families identify and access both emergency and
non-emergency Red Cross services from
anywhere in the world.



The Hero Care App is available to down-
load for FREE in app stores, by texting
"GETHEROCARE" to 90999



Veterans Day

Friday, November 11th, 2016



new

~ Family Assistance Center ~

Coordinator's Corner November 2016

DID YOU KNOW that Operation Holiday Cheer is being held on 19 and 20 Nov 2016? Did you also know this is the 12th consecutive year for OHC? Starting in 2004 then Lt. Governor Charles Fogarty created Operation Holiday Cheer in order to send a touch of home to RI Military Personnel serving away from home during the Holiday Season. Since then The Lt. Governors and their staffs have partnered with the RI Military Family Program, the RI Red Cross and the US Postal Service and numerous sponsors to send over six thousand packages of donated items all over the world to RI Military personnel. In fact packages have been sent to US Navy ships at sea that have Rhode Islanders serving on them. This year we will carry on that tradition and it takes a small army of volunteers to make it happen. Perhaps you have packed, sorted and shipped items on a wish list. Check out Operation Holiday Cheer on www.ltgov.state.ri.us you can sign up to volunteer there. And if you know of a Service Member that will be serving away from home during the holiday season please contact me so we can add them to the list.

For more information call Kevin at the FAC 401-275-1241.

new



Available 24/7 1-800-342-9647

**9 Tips for
Savvy Holiday
Spending**

**How to Avoid
Holiday
Travel Scams**

**November
2016
Newsletter**

**7 Tips to Create
and Submit a
Federal Resume**

**Rights and Bene-
fits of Divorced
Spouses in the**

**Uniformed Services For-
mer Spouse Protection
Act for Divorced Spouses
in the Military**

November Fun Fact:



Click the link below for idea's for family activities this fall!

[Fall Rhode Island Festivals in 2016](#)

Providence Bruins



Tickets are available for the Providence Bruins. To reserve your tickets please call 401-275-1242. Please note that all ticket requests must be made via phone; no other requests will be accepted. Must have a valid Military ID.

Tickets are good for any game of your choice for this current season

2016-2017.

~Additional Community Newsletters / Information~



Transition Assistance Advisor (TAA) ready to help

Who is a TAA?

A TAA is a state-wide resource advisor for Veterans, service members, and their Families, regardless of service branch, or whether active, Guard or reserve. We will assist you and your Family in accessing the myriad benefits and services you've earned, such as:

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)



Operation: Thank You!

ATTENTION

Military Personnel, Veterans, & Military Families

Get **25% Off**
your entire purchase*

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)



Christmas is for Kids

councilforchildren.org

Do you live in Attleboro, Seekonk, North Attleboro, Norton, Plainville or Rehoboth?

You may be eligible for this opportunity.

Our Mission

We are assisting anyone in need. This may include those on some sort of public assistance but also includes the "working poor" and those families who may be experiencing medical or emotional hardships. Today's uncertain economic climate has put financial strain on many working people. So although many people are working, the high cost of living - the rent, the utilities, the food, our basic necessities- are what is taking away money from all of the families. It doesn't take much, a lost job, a medical emergency, etc... to put people in a position of having to choose between food for their family and heat for their homes, leaving precious little, if anything, for gifts for their children for Christmas.

[Click here](#) to see some of the [families](#) we have been able to help.

[APPLICATIONS](#)

~Veteran's Day Events Continued~



**Please Join
Our 1st Annual
Pancake Breakfast**

Bishop Hendricken Cafeteria
11.11.16 from 8am to 11am

FLYER



You are cordially invited to join
The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo
Governor of Rhode Island
For the
Annual Veterans Day Ceremony

FLYER

**THANK YOU
VETERANS!**
Veterans Day November 11th
3pm to 6pm
FREE PASTA & MEATBALL
BUFFET DINNER FOR VETERANS!

FLYER

Veterans Resource Fair
hosted by Operation Stand Down RI
Warwick Mall
Veterans Day, November 11 2016
10am - 6pm

FLYER

new Sleep Number Military Appreciation Event

Offer includes:

- \$700 savings on i8 mattress sets
- \$600 savings on cSE mattress sets
- 20% off selected bedding
- Special Financial and MORE! Ends 14 NOV

FULL DETAILS AT: sleepnumber.com/military




new Military.com

**Veterans Day:
Discounts and Freebies**

LINK

~Newport Naval Station Activities~

Check out what's going on at MWR, visit

<http://www.navymwrnewport.com/>

On Facebook? Become a "Fan" of Naval Station Newport's page

<http://www.facebook.com/NAVSTANewport>

MWR offers a variety of discount tickets to attractions. Tickets are available for seasonal, sporting, local events, theme parks and attractions. Check the GOTickets information sheet located at the MWR to see available ticket options.



~ Health ~



CLICK HERE TO LINK TO THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFO.

~ Department of VA Information ~

VETERAN'S TOWN HALL MEETING

Who: Kasim J. Yarn, R.I. Director of Veterans Affairs, & the Providence VA Medical Center

Where: West Greenwich Community Center

FLYER

When: Saturday, December 10, 2016 (10am—11:30am)

VETERANS UPDATE

VOLUME 2, ISSUE 8 NOVEMBER, 2016

CLICK HERE

STAY UP TO DATE ON PROVIDENCE VA MEDICAL CENTER

CLICK HERE

~ Employment ~



The nomination season has started for the Freedom Awards. The award serves to recognize outstanding civilian employers of Guard and Reserve members. It is the highest level employer award received from the Department of Defense. Each year 15 companies are chosen nationally. Rhode Island has had winning companies the last two years. For more information about the Freedom Award, or to nominate your employer, visit www.FreedomAward.mil or contact Sage Maker sage.a.maker.ctr@mail.mil / 401-275-1247.

FREE 2-day USO New England Transition Workshop

14-15 NOV @ Gillette Stadium

REGISTER NOW

Offered to Active Duty Troop, Spouses, and Caregivers MON: 0830-1700

Dress Code: Business Casual

Meals: Breakfast & lunch provided

Bring: Laptop, NCOers or OERs, previous resumes

Introduction, Strategic Planning, Resume Class & Resume Writing

TUE: 0830-1500

Interviewing Class, LinkedIn Class, Mock Interview, Value Proposition & Resume Writing



November/December 2016

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24

NOVEMBER

- ☺ 11 - Veteran's Day
- ☺ 11 - Veteran's Day Pancake Breakfast
- ☺ 11 - Veteran's Day Ceremony @ the State House
- ☺ 11 - Veteran's Day Pasta Dinner
- ☺ 11 - Veteran's Day Resource Event
- ☺ 12 - Veteran's Day Spouse Appreciation Strong Bonds Event
- ☺ 19/20 - Operation Holiday Cheer
- ☺ 24- Thanksgiving
- ☺ 26 - Dare To Dream Ranch Holiday Party

DECEMBER

- ☺ 10 - Veteran's Town Hall Meeting
- ☺ 11 - 5TH Annual Holiday For Heroes
- ☺ 24 - Christmas Eve/Hanukkah Begins

Please see the online calendar at WWW.RI.NG.MIL

[CLICK HERE](#) for the current events page for additional information and flyers

SERVICING ALL MILITARY MEMBERS AND FAMILIES

Rhode Island National Guard

Military Family Programs

541 Airport Road

Warwick, RI 02886

Main Phone: 401-275-1242 / 1243

After Hours Contact: 401-480-4643 / 9239

Fax: 401-275-4323

We're on the web!

WWW.RI.NG.MIL

Family Programs tab

Like us on FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/ringfac

**For a complete listing of
Family Program Personnel**

[CLICK HERE](#)

Did you know there is a food pantry available? It is open to all Service Members, Family Members and Veterans with a valid Military ID or DD214.

Stop in Monday thru Friday between 8:30am-4:30pm at the Warwick Armory.

*Unlimited Access *Non-perishable Food Items *Personal Hygiene *Limited Youth clothing

OFFICIAL DISCLAIMER

All announcements of non RING FAC programs and all appearances of non federal entities in this letter are not an endorsement, stated or implied by the RING or the Federal Government.