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U.S. Army Cadet Command:
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Mission:

The U.S. Army Cadet Command partners with universities to recruit, educate, develop, and inspire SROTC Cadets in order to commission officers of character for the Total Army; and partners with high schools to conduct JROTC in order to develop citizens of character for a lifetime of commitment and service to our nation.

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April is the Month of the Military Child (MOMC)

U.S. Army MWR

<https://www.mwrbrandcentral.com/event/detail/month-of-the-military-child>

From deployments to new schools, military children are faced with unique challenges that ordinary youth their age never experience. Their ability to adapt to present and future changes deserves our respect and admiration. In an effort to recognize the hard work- and applaud- the courage of military children, the Department of Defense (DOD) has deemed April as the Month of the Military Child (MOMC). It is a time to honor military youth for the important role they play in contributing to the strength of the Army Family. MOMC also reaffirms the Army's commitment to ensuring excellence in schools, childcare and youth services as well as, providing a strong supportive environment where children can thrive.

Several initiatives will occur during MOMC. For example, the MWR will conduct the Young Lives Big Stories Contest. For complete information, application, and online submission visit <https://www.armymwr.com/programs-and-services/family-assist/month-military-child>. April 13th is national Purple Up Day. Be sure to wear your purple to show your support for military children.



American Society of the Positive Care of Children

Excerpt from: <https://americanspcc.org/child-abuse/>

Child abuse takes many forms, physical, emotional, verbal, sexual, neglect, exploitation, and more. When we speak of child abuse, we normally first think of physical abuse, and spankings but the shocking truth is that neglect is the number one form of child abuse in America. More children die from neglect every year, than any other form of childhood maltreatment.

If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, or if you are a child who is being maltreated, contact your local child protective services office or law enforcement agency, so professionals can assess the situation. Many States have a toll-free number to call to report suspected child abuse or neglect. Reporting abuse can protect a child and get help for a Family. It may even save a child's life.

The **National Child Abuse Hotline** is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with professional crisis counselors who have access to a database of 55,000 emergency, social service, and support resources. All calls are anonymous. Contact them at **1.800.4.A.CHILD (1.800.422.4453)**.





TRIVIA ?'s:

*Be the first to email the correct TRIVIA answers to usarmy.knox.usacc.mesg.hq-g1-soldier-and-family-programs@mail.mil to receive a prize.

1. What is the National Child Abuse Hotline number?
2. Where did Ms. Josie Barnes go on her mission trip?
3. In what event was the documentary "The Invisible War" featured?



Did you know that there are scholarships available for Families that can not afford for their children to attend camp? Not all, but some camp opportunities offer assistance and/or travel reimbursement to military Families who find themselves with this circumstance. You can contact the individual camp OR Cadet Command Soldier and Family Programs for more information about camp scholarship opportunities. As always, if you know of a Family in need, please share these resources with them.



Army Teen Panel Representative

We are excited to announce the selection of Ms. Josephine (Josie) Barnes as the Cadet Command representative on the Army Teen Panel. The mission of the Army Teen Panel is to foster communication between leadership and teens about the issues facing military youth in today's society. This is also one of the goals of the Cadet Command Teen Council, of which, Josie is the founding member. As a well traveled military teen, Josie brings a great deal of knowledge and experience to her new roles.

Josie has experienced 11 moves in her 16 years of life, which includes her time overseas. The longest of those moves being just 3 years. Her interests include sports; Water Polo during her time in Hawaii and currently Softball, and her Church Youth Group. Along with her Youth Group, Josie recently had the opportunity to participate in a mission trip to Haiti.



When asked what interested her the most about taking part in the Cadet Command Teen Council and Army Teen Panel, Josie answered "Being a voice for teens who have gone through what I have been through. Listen to them and try to make a difference." Her view when asked what she hopes to accomplish during her time in these positions was "To do something significant to help other teens. Create opportunities for them and to help those outside of the military community to better understand."

To help meet her mission as an Army Teen Panel representative and Cadet Command Teen Council member, Josie will be conducting outreach with Cadet Command Soldier and Family Programs by supporting events and visiting programs where our dispersed Families are located. Although Josie's future plans are to attend either Appellation State University or University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a Photo Journalism major, she plans on continuing to be a Cadet Command Teen Council mentor to future members.

Josie Barnes meets with Mr. Charlie Wilson, USACC Deputy Chief of Staff



FOR TEENS ONLY !

If your parent works in USACC and you are between the ages of 14-17.... We need "YOU" for the

Cadet Command Teen Council

Our goal is to empower youth with the core values of leadership, service and resiliency. We aim to promote high standards of learning through curricula, resources and activities.



- Gain public speaking and leadership skills.
- Connect with youth from your command from across the county.
- Develop effective strategies and solutions for issues you face as Army youth.

If you are interested in joining

Cadet Command Teen Council

Contact Cadet Command Soldier and Family Programs Office at 502-624-7226 for an application.

Purdue Extension Military Teen Adventure Camps

To register: <https://ag.purdue.edu/extension/>

JUNE

June 8-11	Big South Fork Whitewater Canoeing and Backpacking Expedition	Kentucky
June 11-22	Florida Water Adventure Camp	Georgia
June 17-22	Joint Reserve Component Teen Leadership Summit	Georgia
June 18-21	Rocky Mountain Adventure Camp	Colorado
June 25-28	Rocky Mountain Adventure Camp	Colorado
June 28-July 1	The Red River Gorge Vertical Experience	Kentucky

JULY

July 9-12	Rocky Mountain Adventure Camp	Colorado
July 12-16	New River Whitewater Rafting Extreme Adventure	Kentucky
July 16-19	Rocky Mountain Adventure Camp	Colorado
July 16-27	Florida Water Adventure Camp	Georgia

August

August 3-6	Ocoee Whitewater Rafting and Rock Climbing	Kentucky
August 17-19	Life Adventure Center Extreme Quest	Kentucky

“What makes our Camp truly unique is that our cabins are on wheels, we explore our National Parks and no two days at camp are the same. Every day is a new adventure.”



For more information regarding 4-H Military Partnership resources, camp opportunities, and point of contact listings;

visit http://4-hmilitarypartnerships.org/4h_military_partnerships/index.html

OPERATION
PURPLE® CAMP
APPLICATIONS

NOW OPEN

For Operation Purple Camp information and registration, please visit:

<http://www.militaryfamily.org/kids-operation-purple/camps/>



Excerpt from: www.campcorral.org

- Camp Corral is a free (Families only have to pay transportation costs), weeklong summer camp for military children ages 8-15, with priority registration given to children of wounded, injured, ill or fallen military service members.
- Camp Corral partners with camps across the nation, and has grown to 24 camps in 19 states since its founding as a one-camp pilot program. Each Camp Corral host camp is accredited by the American Camp Association.
- Campers participate in a variety of fun outdoor activities such as kayaking, horseback riding, ropes course challenges, archery and rock climbing.



KENTUCKY MILITARY TEEN ADVENTURE CAMPS

Military parents (service member or spouse) and their teenage children (ages 14-18) are invited to attend exciting adventure camps together. Everything, including equipment, lodging, food and transportation allowances, is included! These camps are not only fun, they offer an incredible opportunity for military parents and their teens to reconnect and make memories that will last a lifetime!

2018 Kentucky MTAC Camps

- June 8-11, Stearns, KY**
Big South Fork Whitewater Canoeing and Backpacking Expedition
- June 28-July 1, Slade, KY**
Red River Gorge Vertical Adventure
- July 12-16, Oakhill, WV**
New River Whitewater Rafting and Adventures
- August 3-6, Ocoee, TN**
Whitewater Rafting, Climbing, Rappelling and Outdoor Adventure
- August 17-19, Versailles, KY**
Life Adventure Center Extreme Quest

For more information about Military Teen Adventure Camps, contact: Tyrone Atkinson at tcatk12@uky.edu or (859) 218-1546, or visit <http://fcs-hes.ca.uky.edu/content/military-teen-adventure-camps>



Cooperative Extension Service
Agriculture and Natural Resources
Family and Consumer Sciences
4-H Youth Development
Community and Economic Development

Educational programs of Kentucky Cooperative Extension serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political beliefs, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability. University of Kentucky, Kentucky State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Kentucky Counties. Cooperating.



April: Sexual Assault Month

By: Vincent Gonzalez
SHARP Victim Advocate

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM) is an annual campaign raising awareness and educating communities on the prevention of sexual violence. The Army, in conjunction with the Department of Defense (DOD), will be implementing the 2018 SAAPM theme... "Protecting Our People Protects Our Mission". This theme focuses on creating the appropriate culture to eliminate sexual assault and requiring a personal commitment from all of our Soldiers, Family members and Civilians. We all have a part in combating sexual assault and SAAPM offers an excellent opportunity to focus attention on our individual roles.

The Army ROTC is the most unique Command in the Army. Our ROTC Soldiers and Families are geographically dispersed throughout 274 Host Universities around the country. Each ROTC Brigade has a full time Sexual Response Coordinator and Victim Advocate who works closely to develop a partnership with those universities. Every effort is made to visit these universities throughout the course of the year, not just for SAAPM, but to conduct training and participate in awareness events. Training and events are not exclusive to ROTC Cadets and Cadre at the universities; SHARP offers reporting options and services for all adult (18 years and older) military dependents. Any dependent under 18 years or younger, or a victim of spouse/intimate partner sexual abuse would be serviced by the Army's Family Advocacy Program (FAP). It is important that support services are made known to our Families as well as our Soldiers and Department of the Army (DA) Civilians around the country.



Mr. Vincent Gonzalez, the 7th Brigade SHARP Victim Advocate, has conducted training and events with Family members at multiple schools this year. One example of a sexual assault awareness event was the "Invisible War" host by the Tennessee Technical University

(TTU) Women's center. The event was opened to the public, university students and employees, ROTC Cadets, Cadre and Family members. During the two part event, there was a viewing of the Oscar nominated documentary the "Invisible War" in which several service members depicted their experiences with sexual assault in the military. The documentary does a great job showing the impact on the Family members as well as the Soldiers. Mr. Gonzalez and Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Adam Grim, TTU-Professor of Military Science, gave a presentation on the Army's current efforts to combat sexual assault. Their presentation was followed by a discussion as well as a Question and Answer segment with all attendees. Supporting service information was then provided by Mr. Gonzalez and Diana Lalani from the TTU Women's Center. The second part of the event was a speaking engagement with Ms. Kori Ciorca who is the military veteran & sexual assault survivor featured in the documentary the "Invisible War". She spoke to Cadets, students and Family members about her experience with sexual assault and its impact on her and her Family. Although the film goes into some harsh impactful realities, an emphasis was put on the way ahead for creating the appropriate culture to eliminate sexual assault and support services for those survivors of sexual assault.

Although Mr. Gonzalez and the entire ROTC SHARP Team highlight Sexual Assault during SAAPM; April is no different than any other month in terms of combatting the epidemic of Sexual Assault. This is a year around battle addressed by SHARP's five lines of effort: *Prevention, Investigation, Accountability, Advocacy and Assessment.*

A Fond Farewell

By: Joyce Hall
Newsletter Editor

The Cadet Command SHARP team would like to wish their best to Mr. Curtis Warren who has been an invaluable asset to the program.



During an interview with Mr. Warren he was asked how long he has been involved with the SHARP program and if he had a background in this field beforehand. "I have been involved with the SHARP Program for a total of 6 years. Yes, I do have a background in this field. While serving as a Brigade Equal Opportunity Advisor in 2005 I attended a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator Course in San Diego, CA. Immediately after returning back to Fort

Bliss, TX I attended Unit Victim Advocate (UVA) training and was appointed to be the Collateral-duty Brigade SARC. I stepped away from the Sexual Assault Response & Prevention (SAPR) Program in 2008 and returned in 2012 to what is now the Army's SHARP Program." What was your most rewarding moment working with the Cadet Command SHARP program? "The most rewarding moment while working in Cadet Command for me is when a group of Cadets and the Title IX Coordinator gave me a standing ovation after I completed a small-group training session. They MSIV Cadets told me that was the best training on the subject of sexual assault they had ever received and plan to introduce elements of the training to their Soldiers. The training also prompted a Cadet to report a sexual assault incident that occurred 1 year prior. " If you were to offer words of wisdom to those involved in this field of work (SHARP), what would they be? The SHARP Program is rapidly evolving and it is extremely important that VA's and especially SARC's remain current on new policies, regulations and other relevant guidance. VA's and SARC's need to know and understand the full scope of their roles and responsibilities within the SHARP Program in order for it function properly. If you are not willing or ready to be involved in the SHARP Program 100%, or you are in it for personal gain....the program can do without you."

Mr. Warren, thank you for your time and dedication to the Cadet Command SHARP program and best wishes in your future endeavors.

2nd Annual Cadet Command PIF

By: Joyce Hall
Newsletter Editor

The Cadet Command SHARP team that includes Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs), Victim Advocates (VAs), program management, and command representatives came together along with hand selected subject matter experts which resulted in a successful event. The goal of this year's Program Improvement Forum (PIF) was to further educate and inform the program SARCs and VAs and discuss best practices for the Cadet Command SHARP program. Positive reviews such as "Great PIF", "improvement from last year.", "Well structured ..meaningful training", and "exceeded expectations" suggest the PIF met that goal. Suggestions have been reviewed and taken into account as preliminary possibilities for next years event are being discussed.



Welcome Remarks
provided by
USACC Chief of Staff
COL Janet Holliday



Message from the Chaplain

by Chaplain Brian Crane

The words on the Cadet Command patch are Leadership and Excellence. The patch of an Army unit tells you about what the organization values. These two words invoke several ideas that represent the goals and ideals of both the Army and, by extension, the Army officer corps. In reality the Army does not create officers but it does create an environment where officers and other leaders can make themselves.

Making yourself into a leader means learning about leadership and applying that knowledge in the real world. As you learn and apply leadership always remember that you should always build up your knowledge and experience in all four dimensions, physically, mentally, socially and spiritually. If you are strong in several of these areas and weak in one then you are out of balance.

The Cadet Command environment provides lots of opportunities to practice leadership. We should all always remember that we are always modeling leadership and, hopefully, excellence in every word we speak and every action we take. A well-known saying is “all politics is local” but I would add that all leadership is local. The Army is only as good as the section, platoon, or unit you lead.



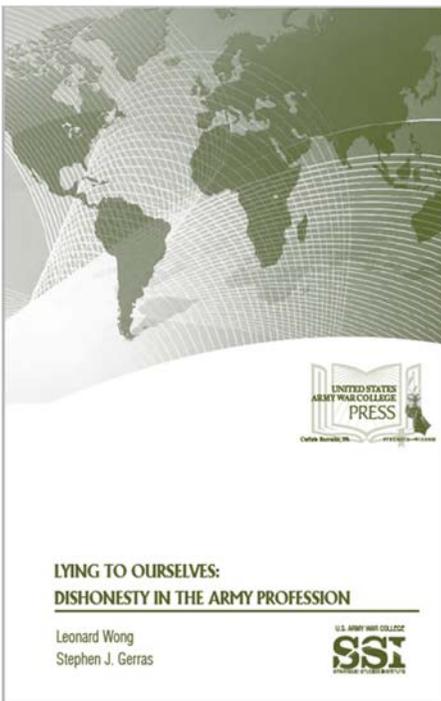
Reading CORNER

From the suggested reading list of Major General Hughes:

Lying to Ourselves: Dishonesty in the Army Profession

By: Leonard Wong and Stephen J. Gerras

Forward By: Douglas C. Lovelace, Jr.



One of the hallmarks of a true profession is its ability to assess and regulate itself, especially with respect to adherence to its foundational ethos. Such self-examination is difficult and often causes discomfort within the profession. Nonetheless, it is absolutely necessary to enable members of the profession to render the service for which the profession exists. U.S. military professionals have never shied away from this responsibility, and they do not today, as evidenced by this riveting monograph. Discussing dishonesty in the Army profession is a topic that will undoubtedly make many readers uneasy. It is, however, a concern that must be addressed to better the Army profession. Through extensive discussions with officers and thorough and sound analysis, Drs. Leonard Wong and Stephen Gerras make a compelling argument for the Army to introspectively examine how it might be inadvertently encouraging the very behavior it deems unacceptable. The unvarnished treatment of this sensitive topic presented by the authors hopefully will be the start of a dialogue examining this crucial issue.

Military Appreciation Month

Military.com

<https://www.military.com/military-appreciation-month>



May is a special month for both those in and out of the military. For service members and veterans, it's a chance to pay tribute to supportive Families and spouses on Military Spouse Appreciation Day, and honor the memory of those who have sacrificed for this nation on

Memorial Day. For the general public, the entire month provides an opportunity to say thanks to all those, past and present, who have contributed to the U.S. military.

Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to ensure the nation was given the opportunity to publicly demonstrate their appreciation for the sacrifices and successes made by our service members -- past and present. Each year the president makes a proclamation, reminding Americans of the important role the U.S. Armed Forces have played in the history and development of our country. May was selected because it has the most days set aside for celebrating and commemorating our military's achievements. In addition to the special days already mentioned, important dates for the military in May include Loyalty Day, which was established in 1921, Victory in Europe (VE) Day commemorating the end of WWII in Europe in 1945 and Armed Forces Day.

Many locations also celebrate a specific Military Appreciation Day. Although not a nationally recognized holiday, areas use the day to hold parties and picnics in honor of their local active duty, Guard, Reserve and military veteran communities. Local businesses may offer discounts, while local sports teams may give free entrance to military families and veterans.

Memorial Day

Military.com

<https://www.military.com/memorial-day>

In 1966, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y., the "birthplace" of Memorial Day. There, a ceremony on May 5, 1866, honored local veterans who had fought in the Civil War. Businesses closed and residents flew flags at half-staff. Supporters of Waterloo's claim say earlier observances in other places were either informal, not community-wide or one-time events.

By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. State legislatures passed proclamations designating the day, and the Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities.

It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May, as were some other federal holidays.



Military Spouse Appreciation Day

Military.com

Excerpt from: <https://www.military.com/spouse/military-spouse-appreciation-day>



You don't need a specific Military Spouse Appreciation Day to make sure you acknowledge the military spouse in your life. Service members know that their spouses are the ones who keep the home fires burning. And military spouses know that those around them also walking through military life are more than just friends and neighbors: They are Family. You are the service members, family and friends of military spouses who stay up-to-date on military news, benefits, fitness, veteran jobs -- and you know family is what keeps military life moving forward.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day is a day set aside for us to pause to recognize the military spouses around us who have the greatest impact on our lives and our military communities.

Celebrated on the Friday in May before Mother's Day, Military Spouse Appreciation Day was first recognized by President Ronald Reagan in 1984. The sitting president typically issues a proclamation in recognition of the holiday, while celebrations are held on and near U.S. military bases around the world.

HAPPY 243rd BIRTHDAY TO THE ARMY!!!

June 14

Basket of Resources



Brigade Soldier & Family POCs

1st BDE: 502-624-1448
 2nd BDE: 609-562-5164
 3rd BDE: 847-668-3328 (ext. 110)
 4th BDE: 910-396-9620
 5th BDE: 210-295-0861
 6th BDE: 912-315-4613
 7th BDE: 502-624-2473
 8th BDE: 253-926-1581

CCHQs: Division Chief 502-624-5297
 CCHQs: Deputy, SHARP Program Manager 502-624-6200
 CCHQs: Drug Testing Coordinator 502-624-7219
 CCHQs: SFP Support Coordinator 502-624-7226
 CCHQs: SFP Support Coordinator 502-624-6238
 CCHQs: SFP Support Coordinator 502-624-6239

Additional Resources

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:
 800-273-8255, Press 1 for Military Crisis Hotline,
 text to 838255, or go to
www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

DoD Safe Helpline: 877-995-5247
www.SafeHelpline.org

The official Army Benefits Website:
<http://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil>

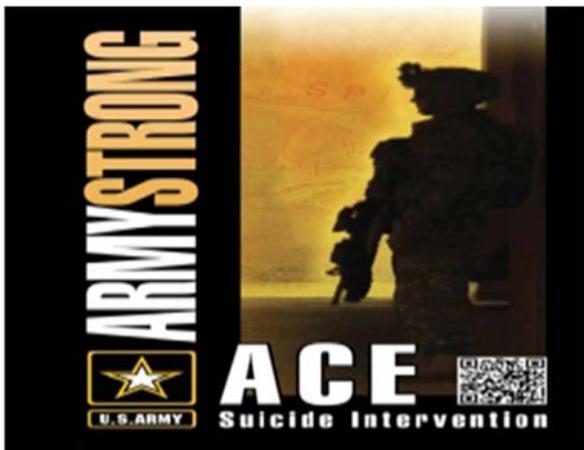
Family Advocacy Program

The Family Advocacy Program is a comprehensive program dedicated to the prevention of Family violence through education and training. The program's goal is to be proactive in providing leaders, Soldiers, and Family members with skills and tools to enhance relationships and improve overall quality of life.

Assistance for Families in geographically dispersed locations will be different in each location. You may utilize the '211' for free and confidential service to be connected to the right resource. Contacting your chain of command is always advised.

Installation Family Advocacy Programs (FAP) Offices:

- 1st BDE: Fort Knox: (502) 624-3526
- 2nd BDE: Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst: (609) 754-9680
- 3rd BDE: Great Lakes Naval Training Center: (847) 688-3603 ext.126,110
- 4th BDE: Fort Bragg: (910) 643-7485
 Or: (910) 396-5521 to leave a message
- 5th BDE: Joint Base San Antonio: (210) 808-6475
 Or: (210) 539-6350 to leave a message
- 6th BDE: Hunter Army Airfield: (912) 315-6816
 Or: (912) 315-5236
- 7th BDE: Fort Knox: (502) 624-3526
- 8th BDE: Joint Base Lewis McChord: (253) 967-5901



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