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# Family Program News

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Guard Appreciation Day (Zoo Day)

Come join us at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Guard Appreciation Day at the Oklahoma Zoos, April 15, 2006. This is a day for Army and Air National Guard members and their families to enjoy the animals at both the Oklahoma City Zoo and the Tulsa Zoo and Living Museum. So mark your calendars folks, and come one, come all.

Staff Sergeant Laura Motley, 345 Quartermaster Battalion in Oklahoma City, and Co-Chair of the event says "We want to give something back to our guard members for all their sacrifices and our families for their support in the last few years of mobilizations, not only overseas but in New Orleans as well. What better way to do this than a day at both beautiful Oklahoma Zoos."

Last April over 1200 guard members and their families enjoyed a day at the Zoo. Discounted tickets and recognition for the National Guard was a way for the Zoos in Oklahoma to thank us for our service. They recognize the dedication and sacrifice Oklahoma guard members have made both at home and overseas

Last year, one of our most successful ideas was a table of posters for mobilized guard members that Zoo visitors signed. We filled 50 posters with over 1400 signatures and well wishes and mailed them to various units overseas. This year, we will have a big banner for Zoo visitors to sign with messages of safety and support for our troops overseas.

New additions this year include the Recruiting and Retention Command's rock climbing wall at the Tulsa Zoo. The obstacle course or the laser tag arena at the Oklahoma City Zoo.

**We will have one change this year**, everyone will pick up their coupons at the Zoo on April 15th. Simply show your military ID to pick up your discounted coupons at our table outside the ticket booth. You will also pick up a name badge, which will help us identify our group. We will have the media and public affairs taking pictures and interviewing our guard members and their families.

On April 15th, the Oklahoma City Zoo is open from 9:00am-5:00pm, once in, you can stay until dusk. The price is \$1.00/person for ages 3 and up. Ages 2 and under are free.

The Tulsa Zoo will be open from 11:00am-5:00pm, once in, you can stay in until 6:00pm. The price is \$1/person for ages 3 and up. Ages 2 and under are free. At Tulsa, there is the admittance fee for Mohawk Park \$2/car.

Over the past year, we have welcomed home numerous units, said goodbye to some, and saw many guard members mobilized to New Orleans. We want everyone to come out and support the Guard on this day. Bring your families and enjoy a great family day out. We'd love to see this event grow every year. Please help us pass the word and come join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Guard Appreciation Day on April 15th.

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# Chaplain's Corner



## Know Ahead of Time What You Stand For

“O LORD, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill?  
He who walks with *integrity*, and works righteousness, and speaks truth in his heart. He does not slander with his tongue, nor does evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend; *...He who does these things will never be shaken.*”  
Psalm 15:1-5

It's almost impossible to overestimate the impact of integrity in the lives of people. You probably remember the Tylenol scare from years ago. Several people were poisoned to death, and investigators traced the cause to contaminated Tylenol capsules.

One commentator described to a friend the events as following:

Some years earlier in their mission statement, they had a line saying they would “operate with honesty and integrity.” Several weeks before the Tylenol incident, the president of Johnson and Johnson sent a memo to all presidents of divisions of the company asking if they were abiding by and if they believed in the mission statement. All of the presidents came back with an affirmative answer.

Reportedly, within an hour of the Tylenol crisis, the president of the company ordered all capsules off the shelf knowing it was a \$100 million decision.

When reporters asked how he could decide so easily and rapidly on such a major decision, his reply was, “I was practicing what we agreed on in our mission statement.”

At the bottom of the commentary, the friend wrote this note: “John, it is always easy to do right when you *know ahead of time what you stand for.*”

What's true for Johnson and Johnson is true for you and us. If you know what you stand for and act accordingly, people can trust you. You are a model of character and consistency that other people admire and want to emulate. And you've laid a good foundation, one that makes it possible for you to become a person of positive influence in their lives.\*

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## Family Assistance Centers:

Family Assistance Centers are here to support guard and family members. Guard and family members may call a Family Assistance Center employee at any time for information and to ask questions.

For families of guard members who are deployed or recently returned, your specific contact is as follows:



245 Aviation, HHC:  
245 Aviation, E Company:  
180th Ada & Durant  
249 Aviation:  
245 MI Company:  
180th Shawnee  
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Med Hold:  
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158 FA:  
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# National Guard's 2006 Lewis and Clark Youth Rendezvous Essay Contest

## DEADLINE EXTENDED!

### Deadline Extended for National Lewis and Clark Youth Rendezvous Essay Contest

**Bismarck, N.D.** – The deadline for the National Guard's Lewis and Clark Youth Rendezvous essay contest has been extended to April 2, 2006. The original essay deadline was February 28.

"In order to provide this unique opportunity to a maximum number of students, we have decided to extend the deadline. The Youth Rendezvous team has recently received many requests for information from high school educators across the country. Extending the deadline will ensure that all students who would like to participate get a chance to submit their essay," said Maj. Gen. Michael J. Haugen, the Adjutant General of North Dakota.

Students who will be high school juniors or seniors by August 2006 are eligible to participate in the essay contest. Ten students from each state and territory will be involved in this once-in-a-lifetime experience, and earn an all-expenses-paid trip to North Dakota August 13-18, 2006.

"This is an educational opportunity to learn about the Lewis and Clark Expedition and characters like Sakakawea and York who helped make the journey successful. The essay contest is an opportunity for students to compete for one of the 540 spots in this immersion into history. The Lewis and Clark Expedition will come alive through a week-long series of events and activities in western North Dakota," said Davina French, North Dakota's team leader for the event.

Students need to write a Lewis and Clark focused-essay in order to be a finalist. Through multiple activities and events, selected students will follow the Lewis and Clark trail, experience American Indian culture of yesterday and discover military history first-hand.

The Lewis and Clark-focused essay needs to address the following question:

*"In your opinion, what military value most describes the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery journey and why?"* (Military values are outlined on the website below.) The essay must be a minimum of 1,000 words, but not more than 1,500 words; and can be submitted online or by mail and must be received or post-marked before **midnight April 2, 2006**.

The hands-on activities and events will take place throughout western North Dakota. The adventure will showcase daily activities of the original Lewis and Clark expedition that will create a unique educational opportunity. To submit an essay or learn more about planned events, activities and essay contest rules, go to [www.lcyouthrendezvous.com](http://www.lcyouthrendezvous.com).



## New OKNG Family Program Positions

### Family Readiness Assistant

On 20 March 06, Sonia Brumfield will be the new Family Readiness Assistant. She will work with Family Readiness Group's, military contacts, rear detachments (during deployment), and volunteers to provide training and hand-on assistance for establishing and maintaining an effective Family Readiness system within units and commands. She can be reached by phone at 405-228-5843 or e-mail at [sonia.brumfield@us.army.mil](mailto:sonia.brumfield@us.army.mil).

### State Youth Coordinator

Jessica Hurt is the new State Youth Coordinator. She will assist the State Family Program Director, CPT Lindy White, in the development and implementation of the Guard Family Youth Program within the state. She will work to promote readiness and provide support for National Guard children and youth during periods of military duty and deployment. She can be reached by phone at 918-832-6543 or e-mail at [jessica.hurt@ng.army.mil](mailto:jessica.hurt@ng.army.mil).

# Military OneSource

## New Log-in Process



Per direction of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Military OneSource

recently changed the login process. Instead of a generic user id and password, each participant must now create a personalized user id and password to gain full access to the site. Please note, creating a personalized user id and password will not require you to disclose personal information other than your branch of service and unit/location. This change, called membership, will improve user access to the site as it is a fast

and simple process. Military OneSource participants that have previously created a personalized account will continue to log on using their established personal identification and password.

If you need further assistance on accessing Military OneSource documents or on their services, call 1-800-342-9647 stateside or \*800-3429-6477 overseas.

## Free TurboTax Services Available!

The TurboTax benefit has been activated and will remain accessible throughout the tax period. Federal and state tax returns can be easily completed using TurboTax basic or 1040EZ (offered by Intuit). In order to access this service without fees, filers must access TurboTax through the Military OneSource Website. The online program allows filers to complete their taxes using a simple, step-by-step process that double checks for errors and audit risks, and identifies

deductions for specific tax returns. After taxes have been e-filed, filers will receive an IRS confirmation of receipt from TurboTax.

For assistance in taking advantage of TurboTax e-filing at no cost and for additional resources, please call Military OneSource. If a service member requires additional assistance, Military OneSource will refer to the appropriate resources including the nearest installation.

To use this TurboTax service go to the Military OneSource website at:

[www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)  
(reminder, personal user id and password now required)

If you have questions or need further assistance, call one of the following Military OneSource numbers:

Stateside 1-800-342-9647  
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