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OCTOBER STATE FAMILY PROGRAMS DIRECTOR'S CORNER

JOSHUA JOPLING



As October arrives, bringing crisp autumn air, vibrant fall foliage, and the familiar smell of pumpkin spice across Big Sky Country, we have extraordinary reasons to celebrate our Montana National Guard community. Thanks to the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and the enduring strength of our service members and their loved ones, Montana Family Programs continues to lead the nation across all operational and readiness metrics! Adding to this banner achievement, our team recently finalized our comprehensive program certifications, reinforcing our commitment to delivering gold-standard support. Nine months of work went into certification, and the program met all standards with the very first look. To top off a phenomenal season, our youth and volunteers made history with the highest attendance on record at this year's Camp Runnamucka—creating unforgettable memories, lifelong friendships, and true camaraderie among our Guard youth. Incredible accomplishments we are looking to match in the next year. Continuing the fun, there are several events taking place across the state in the next couple of months including Halloween.

Our mission never stops evolving, and celebrating these accomplishments inspires us to deliver even more meaningful solutions tailored to the real-world needs of military life. We are thrilled to share an initial preview of our upcoming Weekend Drill Child Care program, offered in partnership with Upwards and set to launch this November. Juggling training schedules, civilian careers, and family responsibilities is one of the biggest challenges our Guard families encounter, and access to dependable, quality child care during drill weekends is a vital game-changer. This initiative will empower our soldiers to focus on mission readiness knowing their children are safe, engaged, and well-cared for, representing another major step forward in supporting our entire force. More information will be coming soon. Your Family Readiness Specialists will have more information later this month and can help you register as early as November 1st.

Milestones like national recognition and record-breaking camp turnouts are a direct reflection of you—the heart, soul, and resilient spirit of the Montana National Guard family. As we move further into the fall and winter months, our Family Assistance Centers (FACs), Military and Family Readiness Specialists, and Child & Youth Program teams remain standing by your side with resources, support networks, and community connection. Thank you for your continued service, dedication, and active participation in making our programs the standard of excellence across the country; we look forward to continuing this remarkable momentum together throughout the upcoming season.



**SUBMIT ANONYMOUS FEEDBACK
IF YOU CHOOSE!**

MTARNG Soldier & Family Support Link



Let's Get Connected! Scan the QR Code to make the connection



THE HELPDESK CONNECTION CAN ALSO BE ACCESSED
ONLINE AT:

[HTTPS://TOUCHPOINTS.APP.CLOUD.GOV/
TOUCHPOINTS/3C2FFD12/SUBMIT](https://touchpoints.app.cloud.gov/touchpoints/3c2ffd12/submit)

OR

YOU CAN EMAIL THE MTARNG SOLDIER HELPDESK
DIRECTLY AT: MTARNGSOLDIERHELPDESK@ARMY.MIL



pay issues, retention, education, or benefits



- share positive feedback or concern
- have an idea or suggestion to improve the organization



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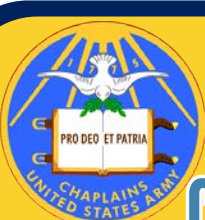


want to schedule an appointment with a: financial counselor,
transition assistance coordinator, family programs specialist



NOTE: THIS IS A NON-CRISIS HELP DESK





CHAPLAINS REFLECTION



"The Power of Presence" by, CH (CPT) Stormy Tuffield

October has a way of reminding us how full life can become. School is in motion, fall activities are underway, work responsibilities continue, and military obligations do not slow down just because the family calendar is packed. For many families, this season can feel like one long handoff from one responsibility to the next.

This year, our family calendar filled up fast. One of our girls had gymnastics on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Another had dance on Tuesday evenings. I was working as a consultant, serving as a chaplain, and planting a church, all while trying to actively raise our kids and love my bride. None of those things were bad. In fact, most of them were good and meaningful. But somewhere in the middle of all that good activity, I realized something had shifted. I felt like I was seeing my family more in picture frames than in person.

There were evenings when I would be working and suddenly catch myself thinking about the three other people in the house. They were close by, but we had not really spent much time together. We shared the same address, but I was not always sharing my attention. I was present in location, but not always present in heart.

That realization reminded me that presence does not happen simply because we are home. Presence has to be protected.

Psalm 46:1 says, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." That phrase, "very present," is a beautiful reminder of God's nearness to His people. He is not distant, distracted, or unavailable. He is near. His presence brings refuge, strength, stability, and peace.

Of course, we are not God, and we cannot meet every need in our families perfectly. But we can reflect something of His care by being meaningfully present with the people He has entrusted to us. One of the simplest ways we love our families is by being available, attentive, and near.

For military families, presence can be especially challenging. Drill weekends, Annual Training, schools, deployments, long workdays, and community responsibilities can pull families in many directions. Often, the issue is not a lack of love. It is a lack of margin. Sometimes the danger is not that we stop loving our families; it is that we become too busy to enjoy them, listen to them, and lead them well.

For me, that meant making some changes. I began restricting phone use. Not because phones are bad, but because constant access can quietly steal attention from the people sitting right in front of us. I began setting stricter office hours. Not because the work did not matter, but because my family mattered too. I had to learn that not every message, email, project, or task needed access to every hour of my evening.

I also began trying to be more intentional in my engagement with my family. That meant asking better questions, sitting down instead of passing through, looking my wife and daughters in the eyes, and choosing to enter their world instead of assuming connection would happen on its own.

Intentional investment began to replace simply passing by.

Rest also became a rhythm. Not because life suddenly slowed down completely, but because we chose to stop letting hurry lead our home. Rest created room for presence. When we are constantly exhausted, distracted, or overextended, it becomes harder to be emotionally available. Rest is not only personal recovery; it is one way we become available to love others well.

Presence communicates more than we realize. To a spouse, it says, "You are not carrying this alone." To a child, it says, "You matter more than my unfinished task list." To a family, it says, "This home is not just where I recover from work; it is where I invest my heart."

The challenge for each of us this month is simple: choose one way to be more fully present. Put the phone away during dinner. Protect the first few minutes after coming home. Ask your children what felt heavy or joyful in their day. Take a walk with your spouse. Pray together before bed. Create one small rhythm where your family receives your full attention.

This is not meant to add guilt to already busy families. It is meant to offer hope. Small changes can make a meaningful difference. Presence does not require perfection. It requires intention.

This October, maybe the invitation is not to add one more thing to the calendar, but to recover the people already sitting around the table. Our families do not only need our hard work, our service, or our provision. They need our attention. They need our affection. They need our presence.

And sometimes the most spiritual thing we can do is close the laptop, put the phone away, step out of the office, and be fully present with the people God has placed closest to us.

Intentional investment can replace simply passing by, and by God's grace, rest can become a rhythm again.



RECONNECT, RECHARGE, & GROW TOGETHER

Building Strong and Ready Teams (BSRT) • Marriage Enrichment Training



November 13–15, 2026 | The Lodge at Whitefish Lake, Whitefish, MT

Escape for a weekend to strengthen your relationship at the premier Lodge at Whitefish Lake. This all-inclusive, fully funded marriage enrichment training is provided at NO COST to eligible Montana Army National Guard Soldiers and their spouses. Practical tools to help your marriage thrive in military life.

EVENT DETAILS AT A GLANCE

WHO	MTARNG Soldiers & their Spouses
WHAT	Couples-focused Marriage Enrichment Weekend
WHEN	November 13–15, 2026
WHERE	The Lodge at Whitefish Lake — Whitefish, MT
COST	100% FREE — Lodging, meals & program covered

Note: Soldier, Spouse & children (if using childcare) must be registered in DEERS to attend.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Premium Lodging

2 nights at the beautiful Lodge at Whitefish Lake

Meals Provided

Five scheduled weekend meals for Soldier, Spouse & kids

On-Site Childcare

Childcare provided during all training sessions (ages 0–12)

Paid Military Orders

This training is considered a duty event. Soldiers will be placed on appropriate orders (BSRT, SUTA, AGR status, etc.) and receive pay and allowances for the training period. Coordinate with your unit for specific order details.

SIMPLE 3-STEP REGISTRATION • First-Come, First-Served • Limited to 30 Couples

1 Access the Portal

Visit the registration page via the below link or QR code.

2 Complete Questions

Complete the required questions and submit your registration.

3 Registration Pending Approval

Once received, your registration will be reviewed to ensure all family members are in DEERS and based on the order your registration was received you will be added to the list or wait list

Don't wait — secure your spot today! Ensure you coordinate with your unit Readiness NCO for orders/funding.

QUESTIONS & SUPPORT

Point of Contact: CH (LTC) Brian Daum

Phone: 406-459-4007 • Email: brian.j.daum.mil@army.mil

Sponsored by the Montana Army National Guard Chaplain Corps

BSRT Marriage Enrichment
Training 13-15 NOV 26



Registration Link:
<https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/2pJfmP8Ed8>

Registration Deadline:
30 OCT 26



WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Summer Camp Cabin Parent
- General Event Support
- Workshop Facilitator

Requirements:

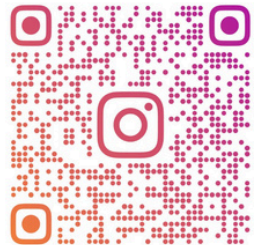
- Volunteer Application
- Background Check
- Training

The Perks:

- Food and Lodging During Event
- Supporting Service Members and Their Families!



@MTNGCYP_



MONTANAGUARDKIDS

FOLLOW US!

Montana Guard Kids



CONTACT US!



MTNG Child and Youth Program

1956 Mt. Majors

Fort Harrison,
MT 59636

406-324-5120
406-324-3925



KADEN HITCHENS
CHILD & YOUTH COORDINATOR

MONTANA CHILD & YOUTH PROGRAM

Available to school age dependents, ages 6 to 18 years, of National Guard Soldiers and Airmen, regardless of deployment status.

HAVE A TEEN? WE HAVE A SPOT FOR THEM!

State Teen Council

The MT Teen Council gives Montana's military teens a voice to support and improve the MT ARNG Child and Youth Program.



ANNUAL EVENTS

- Month of the Military Child
- Purple Up Day
- Fort Harrison Day Camp
- Teen Adventure Camp
- Camp Runnamucka
- Deployment Support
- Family Resilience Camp

SIGN UP FOR
EVENTS HERE



*PLEASE NOTE:
REGISTRATION WILL BE
HANDLED THROUGH JOTFORM
RATHER THAN CAMPSITE THIS
YEAR.

ArmyNationalGuard Weekend Drill Childcare

Care You Can Count On

Finding dependable child care for drill weekend can be one more thing to coordinate. Weekend Drill Child Care (WDCC) helps make it easier by connecting eligible Army National Guard Soldiers with licensed, vetted child care at no cost.



Sign-ups
begin in
November
2026!



Who is Eligible?

- Soldiers on T32 or M-Day status during drill weekends.
- Married soldiers with a working or in-school spouse. *
- Families with both parents serving in the Guard.
- Single soldiers.

What's Covered?

- Care during MUTA 1, 2, 4, and 6, including properly rescheduled weekend drill.
- Care from 0600 to 1800, based on drill duty hours plus travel time.
- Up to 12 hours of care per child, per day.
- One weekend period per month.
- Licensed, vetted child care near home of record or weekend drill location.

How to Get Started

Visit www.upwards.com/benefits/military to sign up. You'll provide a few documents to confirm eligibility and then submit a care request for the drill dates you need. Your Care Navigator will follow up with available care options and help complete enrollment.

Good to Know

- There is no cost to eligible Soldiers. Upwards pays approved providers directly.
- WDCC is separate from Army Fee Assistance and is designed specifically for covered, weekend drill periods.
- If you no longer need your reservation, notify Upwards in writing at least seven calendar days before your care date and copy your ARNG point of contact.
- Overnight care, care outside the program's prescribed hours, and annual training are not covered.

Why Choose Weekend Drill Childcare?

- No-cost care during covered weekend drill periods.
- Licensed, vetted child care providers.
- A Care Navigator to help with enrollment, provider matches, and tours.
- Options for care near home or the weekend drill location.
- One less thing to coordinate on a busy drill weekend.



✉ heroes@upwards.com

🌐 www.upwards.com/benefits/military



www.arngcys.com

OCTOBER

2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6  Ft. Benton	7 	8  Lincoln	9  Livingston	10
11	12 Columbus Day Indigenous People Day	13	14 	15	16	17
18	19	20  Great Falls	21	22	23  Helena	24
25	26	27  Havre	28	29	30  Ft. Harrison 2-5pm  Billings 5:30-8pm 	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN Belgrade 4-6pm



BOOYAH!

Indoor Halloween
Fun for All!



October 31st

4:00 - 6:00 PM

MT ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY
350 AIRPORT ROAD BELGRADE

BILLINGS AIR & ARMY NATIONAL GUARD FAMILY TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us for a night of Halloween fun featuring trunk-or-treating, military vehicles, a bounce house, and a food truck!



Billings Armory
2915 Gabel RD



OCTOBER 30, 2026 | 5:30PM - 8:00PM

Costumes encouraged

*No blood or Gore



Questions? Please contact

Anne Lory Barr

annelory.l.barr.civ@army.mil

406-324-5450

HALLOWEEN AT THE HAFRC

🕷️ Join us for a spooktacular night of family fun! 🕷️

Trick-or-treat your way through the HAFRC.
bounce around in the bounce house, and enjoy
Halloween activities on the drill floor.



FORT HARRISON

Friday
October 30th.
2026

2:00 PM-5:00 PM

CALLING ALL GHOULS & GOBLINS!

WANT TO HELP RUN ACTIVITIES DURING THIS EVENT?

REACH OUT TO THE CHILD & YOUTH PROGRAM.



406-324-5120 | 406-324-3925



COFFEE CHATS AROUND MONTANA



OCTOBER 2026

COFFEE CHAT

WITH MTARNG FAMILY PROGRAMS

**8 OCT @1000- VETERAN OUTPOST**
**VETERAN ASSOCIATION OF LINCOLN**
403 MAIN ST. MT -200, LINCOLN, MT

**23 OCT @ 0900-RED ATLAS / STAGGERING OX**
**400 EUCLID AVE, HELENA, MT**

 You grab some coffee; we provide the conversation.



For information please contact:
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Russell.R.Reed10.civ@army.mil
<https://www.montanaguard.gov/Family/Family.html>





CHAT WITH A MILITARY
AND FAMILY PROGRAMS
SPECIALIST

Coffee CLUB

TRU NORTH CAFE
OCTOBER 9TH
104 N MAIN STREET, LIVINGSTON

OCT 2026

OCTOBER 2026

MTARNG Military & Family Readiness Program

Coffee & Convo

**OCT 6 @11 - FORT BENTON**
Moon Eye Coffee - 1714 Front Street

**OCT 20 @1100- GREAT FALLS**
Crooked Tree Coffee Eastside - 4117 2nd Ave N

**OCT 27 @1030 - HAVRE**
Beaver Creek Perk - 137 Second St

You buy the coffee, and we will answer any questions you have about Family Programs!



**RSVP**
Jody Corner
O: 406-324-5573
Jody.L.corner.civ@army.mil



COME SEE YOUR LOCAL MFRS AT COFFEE CHAT AROUND THE STATE!

Montana Veterans
MEAT LOCKER

★ **Free** ★



★ **Free** ★

**MEAT
GIVEAWAY**

for Veterans and Families of

10/17/26

**Stockman Bank
6050 Jackrabbit Lane
Belgrade, MT**

1 pm - 3 pm



VETERAN TO BUSINESS

V2B Montana Stronger Businesses Stronger Communities

A veteran-led networking event during National Veteran Small Business Week.

For veteran entrepreneurs, and for the local businesses that hire them, buy from them, and build alongside them.



TUESDAY
NOV. 10, 2026



3 - 5 PM



BLACK RIFLE
COFFEE COMPANY
305 2ND AVE W



FREE TO ATTEND
OPEN TO ALL

WHAT TO EXPECT

Connect • Learn • Access • Grow • Execute



#NVSBW26

SUBMIT YOUR DIGITAL
BUSINESS CARD

Scan to RSVP

V2BMONTANA.COM

Want to contribute/support, go to V2BMontana.com/support and let us know.

VETERAN-OWNED. COMMUNITY SUPPORTED. STRONGER TOGETHER.



MILITARY CHILD OF THE YEAR[®]



**Help us find
Operation
Homefront's next
award recipients!**



For more information,
scan the QR code or visit
operationhomefront.org/mcoy

WHAT

Operation Homefront's Military Child of the Year Awards celebrate and recognize the tremendous achievements of outstanding military children.

WHO

Each year, hundreds of military teens (ages 13–18) are nominated by a parent, teacher, mentor or guardian. Candidates for the Military Child of the Year Awards demonstrate resilience, strength of character, and the ability to thrive in the face of the challenges of military life.

WHEN

The Awards Gala will be held in Washington, D.C. in April 2027 during the Month of the Military Child.

RECIPIENTS

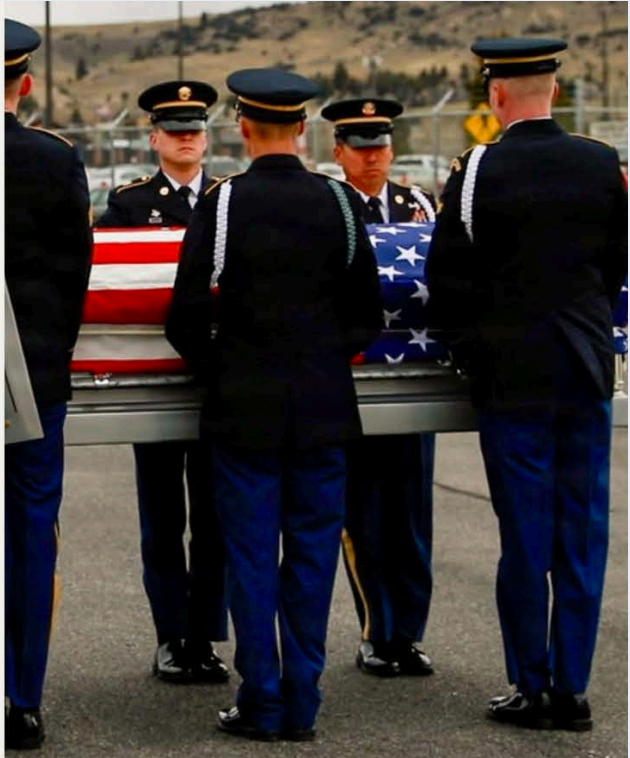
Military Child of the Year Award recipients receive a \$10,000 cash award, a laptop, and are flown with a parent or guardian for a 3-night stay in Washington, D.C.

**Nominations accepted
September 2 to
December 1, 2026**



MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD

JOIN THE HONOR GUARD PROGRAM



The Montana National Guard's Honor Guard Program is seeking motivated individuals to perform funeral honors for eligible service members, veterans and retirees, as well as conducting Color Guard ceremonies.



★ FUNERAL HONORS



★ COLOR GUARD CEREMONIES

THE MISSION



Funeral Honors

Render a dignified final tribute to eligible service members, veterans, and retirees.



Color Guard Ceremonies

Present the colors with precision at official and public events across Montana.



Standard of Excellence

Train to the highest level of drill, bearing, and attention to detail.



Get your **dress tab** after completing the **Level One** course.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR



MOTIVATED INDIVIDUALS



DEDICATED SOLDIERS



DISCIPLINE & ATTENTION TO DETAIL



PRIDE IN REPRESENTING THE GUARD

★ INTERESTED? ★

Contact your coordinator or command leadership today!



SPC Schmele



406.390.6684

✉ jackson.n.schmele.mil@army.mil

HONOR THE FALLEN. SERVE WITH PRIDE. STAND FOR MONTANA.



AIR FORCE BAND AND SINGING SERGEANTS TOUR MONTANA

The United States Air Force Band and Singing Sergeants from Washington, D.C., are embarking on an 11-day community relations tour to Montana. This tour honors the service of Airmen past and present through a showcase of musical excellence. All concerts are free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Free tickets for each posted concert date are available on our website at:

<https://www.music.af.mil/USAFBand/Events/National-Tours/Concert-Band/>

Wednesday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Alberta Bair Theater
2801 3rd Ave. North
Billings, MT 59101

Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Hamilton High School
327 Fairgrounds Rd.
Hamilton, MT 59840

Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Wilson Auditorium
404 W. Main St
Bozeman, MT 59715

Thursday, October 22 at 5:00 p.m.

Big Sky High School
2100 South Ave.
West Missoula, MT 59804

Saturday, October 17 at 3:00 p.m.

Wilson Auditorium
404 W. Main St
Bozeman, MT 59715

Friday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Flathead High School
644 4th Ave. West
Kalispell, MT 59901

Sunday, October 18 at 3:00 p.m.

Helena Civic Center
340 Neill Ave.
Helena, MT 59601

Saturday, October 24 at 3:00 p.m.

Polson High School
1712 2nd St. West
Polson, MT 59860

Monday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts
2 Park Dr.
Great Falls, MT 59401

Sunday, October 25 at 3:00 p.m.

Lincoln County High School
340 9th St. East
Eureka, MT 59917

Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Dennison Theater
College of the Arts and Media
32 Campus Dr.
Missoula, MT 59812





Fellow
**WOMEN
VETS**

of the Flathead

Hey, ladies!
Let's get together!

3rd Saturday of Each Month

COFFEE HOUR

10 - 11AM

@Black Rifle Coffee
305 2nd Ave W., Kalispell

Contact:

Catherine Lerner, USAF @ 406.270.3582

Sandee Haats, AZC(AW) USN Ret. @ 406.465.5202



Join the Women Veterans Network

WoVeN is an 8-week, online or in-person program led by women Veterans that explores life transitions, balance, connections, and more!



"WoVeN has given me a sense of friendship and belonging with other female Veterans — a sisterhood."

Interested in joining WoVeN?

1. Go to www.wovenwomenvets.org/join to sign-up
2. WoVeNpeerleaders will be in touch with you about the time and date of your WoVeN group!

Questions? Get in touch!

Contact Your State's Peer Leader!

Name: **Kristen Correll**

Contact: **kristen.l.davis2@gmail.com**



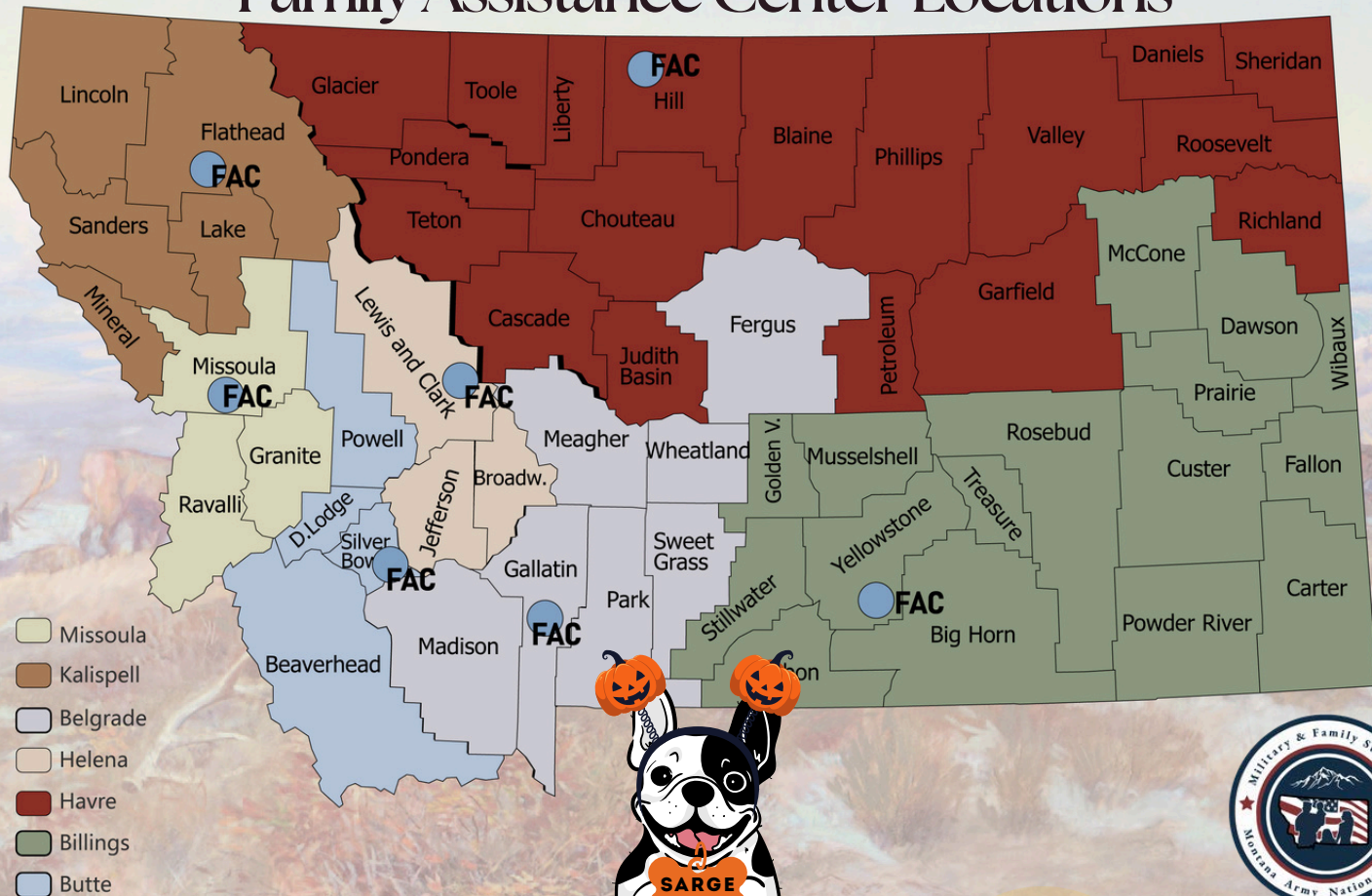
www.facebook.com/wovenwomenvets



[@womenveteransnetwork](https://www.instagram.com/womenveteransnetwork)



Family Assistance Center Locations



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STATE FAMILY PROGRAMS
DIRECTOR
HELENA
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DEAN BELCOURT
LEAD MILITARY AND FAMILY
READINESS SPECIALIST
HELENA
406-324-3232



KRISTEN CORRELL
MILITARY AND FAMILY
READINESS SPECIALIST
MISSOULA
406-324-5121



MELISSA COPPOCK
MILITARY AND FAMILY
READINESS SPECIALIST
KALISPELL
406-324-5182



JODY CORNER
MILITARY AND FAMILY
READINESS SPECIALIST
HAVRE
406-324-5573



ANNE LORY BARR
MILITARY AND FAMILY
READINESS SPECIALIST
BILLINGS
406-324-5450



KRIS NICHOLS
MILITARY AND FAMILY
READINESS SPECIALIST
BELGRADE
406-324-5021



RUSS REED
MILITARY AND FAMILY
READINESS SPECIALIST
HELENA
406-324-3202

Butte Family Assistance Center 406-324-5280



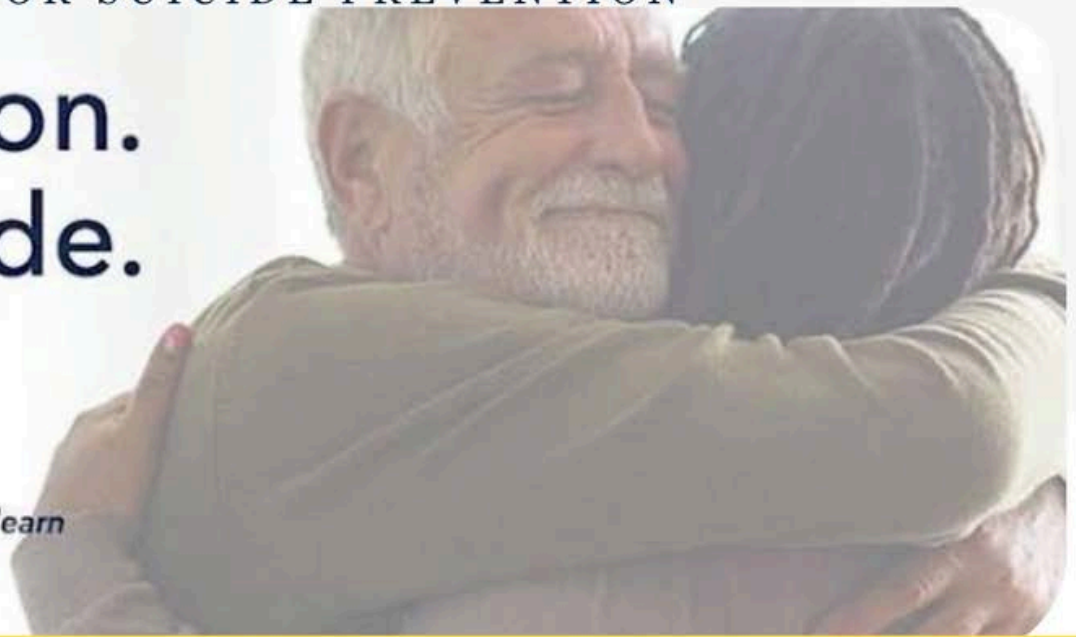
VETERANS NAVIGATION NETWORK

FREE TRAINING

QPR + FIREARM SAFETY
FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

Question.
Persuade.
Refer.

*Three steps anyone can learn
to help prevent suicide.*



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 | 3–5 PM.

VETERANS NAVIGATION NETWORK 7 N 31ST ST, BILLINGS | HRDC BUILDING

QPR

Question, Persuade, Refer

QPR is a suicide prevention training that teaches people how to recognize warning signs, ask directly about suicide, persuade someone to seek help, and connect them to appropriate support.



Lock it



Store securely

Firearm Safety

for Suicide Prevention

Firearm Safety for Suicide Prevention (FSSP) is a training that teaches participants how to have respectful, practical conversations about temporarily reducing access to firearms during periods of elevated suicide risk.



ATTENDEES ARE ELIGIBLE TO WIN A STOPBOX COMPACT

Secure, mechanical firearm storage with instant access—no batteries, keys, or electronics to fail.



FREE TO ATTEND - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Email Mike@VeteransNavigation.org to register or with questions.

Introducing the new MWR online leisure travel program, the American Forces Travel site!

www.americanforcetravel.com

The American Forces Travel site will include a wide range of discounted, leisure travel offerings including flights, hotels, rental cars, travel packages and cruises.

[Get more information here!](#)



Where to?

American Forces Travel is the official leisure travel website for the Department of Defense.

4 Simple Steps

GET STARTED:

- Visit www.americanforcetravel.com
- Click "Get Started"
- Verify Eligibility
- Start Traveling



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For more details, contact your Tickets and Travel Office or visit

www.americanforcetravel.com

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Strengthen Your Family's Financial Future



MilSpouse Money Mission delivers resources specifically created for you and your family. Visit www.milspousemoneymission.org and explore:

Share on Social

Check out our regularly updated and post-ready content and images curated for MilSpouse communities.



Money Ready – Tackle a variety of financial topics relevant to your situation with our handy guide.

MilLife Milestones – Make smart money moves during life's big moments.

MilKids – Explore engaging tools and videos to help you discuss money with your kids.

MilCommunity – Learn and share insightful tips from other MilSpouses to help in your journey.

Blogs and eNewsletters – Learn the latest about resources available to you and your family.

Videos and more – Find [videos](#), [wallet cards](#), [calculators](#), and other helpful resources to stay financially fit.



MILITARY ONESOURCE

Military One Source is a confidential Department of Defense-funded program providing comprehensive information 24/7 on every aspect of military life at no cost to active duty, guard, and reserve component members and their families. Information includes, but is not limited to; deployment, reunion, relationships, grief, spouse employment and education, parenting and childhood, and more.

Montana Military OneSource
www.militaryonesource.mil
or call: 800-342-9647



Personal Financial Counselors

Are you eligible? All active-duty, National Guard and reserve service members, their family members and survivors are eligible to receive no-cost financial counseling services. If a counselor is not available within 50 miles of your location, PFCs can provide virtual appointments. While you'll see service branch affiliation listed, you are welcome to work with any PFC.

- Support and Counseling Services:
- Confidential financial consultations for individuals & families
- Referrals to military and community resources
- Help with credit management and budgeting

Helena, Montana
Laura Leck
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406-202-4276



Direct liaison to VA health and disability benefits and Vets Center Information. Serves as a first line of support for returning veterans to help troubleshoot concerns surrounding their benefits, education assistance, employment and other issues they may encounter when they return home from deployment or transition back into civilian life.



The Montana National Guard Family Support Fund

MTARNG Family Support Fund provides grants and zero-interest loans for emergency/urgent situations for Montana Army National Guard members and their families whom have exhausted other avenues of help.

Contact your local Soldier and Family Readiness Specialist for more information about how to apply for the Family Support Fund.



NOTICE



DID YOU KNOW?

Sponsors can now renew their eligible dependent's ID Card online and have it mailed directly to them without having to visit an ID Card office!

The dependent must have already been enrolled in DEERS.

- The sponsor cannot replace their own ID Card (just the dependent's Card).
- Dependents 17 years and under need a photo that is less than 12 years old in DEERS.
- Dependents 18 years and over need two forms of ID, must already be in DEERS, and need a photo that is less than 12 years old.

Scan the QR code below or visit <https://dwp.dmdc.osd.mil/dwp/app/id-management/id-cards> for more information.



MONTANA ID CARD STATIONS

LOCATION	PHONE	HOURS
HELENA - FT HARRISON 1956 MT MAJO ST. FT HARRISON, MT	406-324-3263 SITE: 620755/620336	WALK IN ONLY M-TH 0830-1630 F 0830-1500
BILLINGS 2915 GABLE RD. BILLINGS, MT	406-324-5409 SITE: 153314	BY APT HTTPS://IDCO.DMDC.OSD. MIL/IDCO/ 0800-1600
BELGRADE 350 AIRPORT RD. BELGRADE, MT	406-324-5057 or 5026 SITE: 620171	BY APT TUES-THURS 0900-1300
KALISPELL 2989 US HWY 93 N KALISPELL, MT	406-324-5168 SITE: 620172	WALK IN ONLY WED & THURS 0900-1200/1300-1600
BUTTE 415 SUGAR LOAF LOOP BUTTE, MT	406-324-5217 SITE: 620173	BY APT WED & THURS 0800-1600
MISSOULA 9383 RUNNING W RD. MISSOULA, MT	406-324-5113 or 5100 SITE: 620335	WALK IN ONLY TUES & WED 0900-1100/1300-1500
GREAT FALLS 2800 AIRPORT AVE B GREAT FALLS, MT	406-791-0284	WALK IN ONLY MON- THURS 0800-1200/1300-1530
GREAT FALLS - MALMSTROM GOODARD AVE GREAT FALLS, MT	406-731-4155	WALK IN/ APT MON-FRI 0730-1630



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For reporting, questions, support or
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contact the 24/7 Helpline at **406-
465-9928**.

to reach a credentialed SAPR/Victim
Advocate.

Personnel can also contact the
DoD SafeHelpline for Anonymous
and Confidential
24/7 assistance at
1-877-995-5247.



Confidential CHAT
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Employment Assistance, employer recognition, resume writing.

USERRA - Uniformed Services
Employment and
Reemployment Rights Act
Case Call:
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option 1 -or-
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Vet Center Call Center
1-877-927-8387 is a free, around the clock
confidential call center where Veterans,
service members and their families can talk
about their military experience or any other
issue they are facing in transitioning after
military service or trauma and get
connected to their nearest Vet Center. Our
call center team is comprised of combat
Veterans from several eras as well as family
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24/7 for help

Transition Assistance Advisor



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DSmart.ctr@gapsi.com



Defense: Adverse Actions,
Separation, & Investigations
Contact Trial Defense Services (TDS)
by calling: ARNG TDS: 703-601-2214
ng.ngb.tdsfts@army.mil
TDS will connect you with JAG in
Montana



Office of the Staff Judge Advocate
Support: Wills, powers of attorney,
advanced medical directive,
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Call: 406-324-3325



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<https://montanaguard.gov/Family/Family.html>



Montana National Guard Family Programs

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VOA NORTHERN ROCKIES FREE VETERAN RETREAT

2026 MORAL INJURY MENDING WOUNDED SOULS RETREATS

Moral injury results from perpetrating, failing to act, or witnessing an act that goes against your sense of right and wrong. 40% of combat veterans have experienced it.

Moral injury isn't PTSD but it is related. Moral injury is an invisible wound of the soul that can result in intense shame, agonizing guilt, grief, depression, substance abuse, relationship struggles, anxiety, and suicide.

SOUND LIKE YOU? YOU ARE NOT ALONE. WE CAN HELP.

Hamilton, MT

**Lost Horse
Lodge**

June 5-7

In the heart of the
Bitterroot Valley

Burgess Junction, WY

**Bear Lodge
Resort**

June 12-14

Beautifully located in the Big
Horn Mtns.

Cody, WY

**Absaroka
Mtn. Lodge**

June 26-28

Peacefully located
near Yellowstone.

Centennial, WY

**Table in the
Wilderness**

July 24-26

Snowy Mtns. Comfortable
but more rugged setting
with limited accessibility.

Cody, WY

**Absaroka
Mtn. Lodge**

Sept. 25-27

**Women Only
(military
sexual trauma)**

Most retreats start Friday afternoon around 2pm and conclude Sunday after lunch.

Lodging, meals, and experience fully covered by SSG Fox Suicide Prevention Grant program.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE RETREAT AND TO APPLY,
CONTACT US AT:**

 **EMAIL: Moralinjury@voanr.org**

 **WEB: VOANR.org/Services/MI-Retreats**

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INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR YOUR SERVICE MEMBERS UNIT?



SFRG Members

Soldier and Family Readiness Groups (SFRG) are SEEKING FAMILY MEMBERS to join in and become an active SFRG Volunteer for their Soldier's unit. Family members include; spouse, mom, dad, sister, brother, girlfriend, boyfriend and extended family!



WHAT ARE THE GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS OF THE SOLDIER AND FAMILY READINESS GROUP?

TO VOLUNTEER OR
HEAR MORE,
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- ▶ Act as an extension of the unit command in providing official and accurate command information to Soldiers and their Families.
- ▶ Connect Soldiers and Families to the chain of command and provide support between the command and SFRG members.
- ▶ Connect SFRG members to available community members.
- ▶ Offer a network of mutual support.
- ▶ Provide outreach, unit readiness activities and Family educational programs.



WESTERN MT MOBILE VET CENTER



OUTREACH WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE MOBILE VET CENTER ON THE FOLLOWING DATES / PLACES*:

* ALL DATES, LOCATIONS AND TIMES SCHEDULED COULD CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER OR OTHER REQUIRED EVENTS OUT OF THE VET CENTERS CONTROL



1st Tuesday of the month: Plains MT- VFW Post 3596 at 201 Lynch St, Plains, MT 59859 (Parked in the back lot behind the VFW.)



2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Tuesday of the month: Stevensville MT- American Legion Post 94 at 754 Middle Burnt Fork Rd, Stevensville, MT 59870 (Parked up front of A.L. hall)

Serving Montana's Veterans

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