

Nebraska Family Programs Conference

March 30, 2007 Sand Hills Convention Center North Platte, Nebraska

Cracker Barrel

Name Origin-In the days before pre-packaged food and huge supermarkets, a trip to the nearest store was more than just an errand; it was also a chance to socialize and keep up with goings-on. The country store of yesteryear was the focal point of many rural communities, and the heart of the country store was the cracker barrel. Literally a barrel containing crackers, the cracker barrel was the spot where folks would gather to chat about weather and politics, or to swap stories, jokes, and learn about new resources.

| Organization | Representative/ POC |
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| State Family Program Office (SFPO) Wing Family Program Office (WFPO) – Family Programs exist to enhance Readiness, Retention and the Quality of Life of our military members and their families. | MAJ Ihm 402-309-7331 Jeanne Felker 402-309-1588 |
| National Guard Child & Youth Program (NGCYP) - The youth program exists to support the social, emotional, and academic needs of National Guard children and youth. | Sara Cease 402-309-7338 |
| Region 1 Family Assistance Center | Bob Reichwein 1-800-432-6778 Option 1 then Option 1 |
| Region 2 Family Assistance Center | Layne Beza 1-800-432-6778 Option 1 then Option 2 |
| Region 3 Family Assistance Center | Carey Wilson 1-800-432-6778 Option 1 then Option 3 |
| Region 4 Family Assistance Center | John Moyes 1-800-432-6778 Option 1 then Option 4 |
| Region 5 Family Assistance Center | Don Miller 1-800-432-6778 Option 1 then Option 5 |
| Region 6 Family Assistance Center | Amy Reinpold 1-800-432-6778 Option 1 then Option 6 |
| Transition Assistance Advisor | Bonnie Bessler 402-309-7433 |
| Military Life Consultants - The Military and Family Life Consultants initiative offers free, anonymous reunion and reintegration support to National Guard Families. | Holly R. Gardner, LCSW Clinical Liaison - Military Programs MHN Government Services 5525 N. MacArthur Blvd, Suite 800 Irving, TX 75038 Phone: 972.550.4590 |
| TRICARE -TRICARE is the Department of Defense’s worldwide health care program for active duty and retired uniformed services members and their | Kathy Lucero Beneficiary Education Representative TRICARE - Eastern KS/MO ph: 913-682-7609 Ext 53005 |

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| families. TRICARE consists of TRICARE Prime, a managed care option; TRICARE Extra, a preferred provider option; and TRICARE Standard, a fee-for-service option. TRICARE For Life is also available for Medicare-eligible beneficiaries age 65 and over | fx: 1-866-566-9897 cell: 602-617-5185 |
| UCCI - As America's premier dental insurer, we insure the world's largest dental contract on behalf of the US Department of Defense. | Annette Verna |
| Military OneSource - Whether its help with child care, personal finances, emotional support during deployments, relocation information, or resources needed for special circumstances, Military OneSource is there for military personnel and their families... 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. | Robert Bransford |
| USAA - USAA provides products and services dedicated to helping military members and their families reach their financial goals. | Richard Laporte richard.laporte@usaa.com |
| VFW - The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. | Cal Stratton |
| American Legion - A community-service organization which now numbers nearly 3 million members -- men and women -- in nearly 15,000 American Legion Posts worldwide. | TBA/Confirmed |
| Am vets - Veteran service and community service drive the commitment we have to make a difference in the lives of others. | TBA/Confirmed |
| Operation: Military Kids - (OMK) is the U.S. Army's collaborative effort with America's communities to support the children and youth of National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers impacted by the Global War on Terrorism. | Sara Cease 402-309-7338 Mark Simmons 402-561-7575 |
| EANGUS Auxiliary -We support and promote the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States. | Kellie Ten Hulzen |
| ARNG Recruiting and Retention- Career Counseling and force retention. | SSG Dan Nichols |
| Red Cross – North Platte Local Red Cross | Sherri Lehman |
| Female Veterans of America- A group addressing the needs and issues of women veterans. | Teresa Wickens 308-535-4735 |
| Vet Center- Specializing in Helping Combat Veterans return to a more peaceful place. Treating combat stress. | Roy Schoen 402-476-9736 or 1800-228-6838 |