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278 ACR Support Squadron HHT News

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278th Family Support Group - Here to serve each other...



Upcoming Meeting Dates

11:00 a.m.

March 5th

Liberty Tax Services

*Meeting will be held at Calhoun on Bearden Hill.

April 16th

Day at the Zoo

10:00 a.m.

Bring your Military I.D.

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I want you to close your eyes and picture in your mind the soldier at Valley Forge, as he holds his musket in his bloody hands. He stands barefoot in the snow, starved for lack of food, wounded from months of battle and emotionally scarred from the eternity away from his family surrounded by nothing but death and carnage of war. He stands tough, with fire in his eyes and victory on his breath. He looks at us now in anger and disgust and tells us this

I gave you a birthright of freedom born in the Constitution and now your children graduate too illiterate to read it; I fought in the snow barefoot to give you the freedom to vote and you stay at home because it rains; I left my family destitute to give you freedom of speech and you remain silent on critical issues, because it might be bad for business. I orphaned my children to give you a government to serve you and it has stolen democracy from the people.

It's the soldier not the reporter who gives you the freedom of the press.

It's the soldier not the poet who gives you the freedom of speech.

It's the soldier not the campus organizer who allows you to demonstrate.

It's the soldier who salutes the flag, serves the flag, whose coffin is draped with the flag that allows the protester to burn the flag!!!

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.

Protect them as they protect us.

Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."

Nationwide Circle of Prayer:

Please stop for a moment and say a prayer for our U.S. troops in Iraq at this very moment.

Of all the gifts you could give a US Soldier., prayer is the very best one (from nowyouid.com)



ELECTIONS

We are so happy that the elections are over and they went very well. This was due to all the prayers that were sent to our soldiers from the people back home. Thanks to all of the churches who opened their doors to allow time of worship through the wee hours of January 30th. As we have witnessed time and time again, there is so much power in prayer. KEEP PRAYING!!!

GERMAN FLIGHTS

We would still like to know how many people are interested in flying to Germany to visit their soldier on leave. If you are planning to go to Germany, please contact Paula Suchomski at psuchomski@triad.rr.com.

"TAKEABREAK" with HHT Family Support Group at The Mandarin House on Merchants Dr. on Monday February 21st at 5:30 (or as soon as you can). Take a break from cooking and join us for good food and conversation with people who really understand. Second Baptist Church on Broadway is donating childcare and dinner for our children. Please call Barbara Golec at 525-1478 after 5:00 p.m. or email golecb@yahoo.com by February 19th. This will allow us to give Second Baptist an approximate number of children to expect and to be sure the restaurant has plenty of room for us. Mark your calendars. We plan to meet each month on the third Monday and hope you will join us as often as you can.

NEWSFLASH

Is your RED candle still in your window to show support for our troops until they come home? Pass this on to all your friends and neighbors so they also show support for our loved ones. We are wearing RED on Fridays and would like to pass this on also. Let's not forget these soldiers who are sacrificing so much for us.

SERVICES - On March 5th, Jennifer from Liberty Tax Services will be at the meeting to discuss new tax laws applying to military families. She will answer all tax questions. A reminder that Liberty is offering free services to military families. Vouchers of \$20.00 will also be given at the meeting for non-military families and friends.

HELP??? Many people are calling and emailing and asking how they can help. What we need as a group is your attendance to the meetings. Cherokee Health Systems came and let us talk at our last meeting. It was an emotional day, but a lot of healing took place that morning. We would love for you to attend your meetingsyes, your meetings. These meetings are for you! We do not live on a military installation, therefore it makes it so hard on all of us because we feel like we are alone. Come to the meetings and meet some friends and you will see that you are not alone. The person who brings the most friends or family members will receive a free gift!! We really are trying hard!!!

A big Thank You to Cherokee Health Systems! Four counselors came for the adults and children last meeting and we hope to have them back in the near future. They did a wonderful job.

Remember on April 16th DAY AT THE ZOO. Anyone with a valid military ID will get into the zoo for FREE! Expect to pay \$3.00 for parking. Meet at 10:00, bring your lunch, and let's have some fun together at the zoo. Wear your 278th shirt or something similar so we can show support for our troops.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE, www.hhtsupportgroup.com, OFTEN AS IT IS UPDATED ON A WEEKLY BASIS

"I Volunteer Sir!"



***Meeting in March will be held at Calhoun's on Bearden Hill at 11:00 a.m.
Please call Calhoun's if you need directions. 865 -673-3377.
We look forward to seeing you all there!!***
