

# Guard En Of Youth

Winter  
Edition

To support the social, emotional, and academic needs of  
National Guard children and youth



Ryan Schmidt decorates a Christmas cookie on December 12 at the 442<sup>nd</sup> Yellow Ribbon Mid-Deployment event held at the Lexington Avenue Armory



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Kaitlyn and Angela Anthony with volunteer; Kelsie Melendez and childcare provider; Shaakira Jordan on December 4-5, 2010 at the 106<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing Yellow Ribbon Pre-Deployment event held in Riverhead, Long Island



# Extreme Make Over

## Youth Program Edition

We are on the hunt for a new Youth Programs state logo.

The Youth Program has been going through some new improvements these last few months, and one of our last steps is to put a new face and logo to our program.

Get as creative as you can and design our new NYS Child and Youth Program Logo. Contestant winner will be recognized at our Annual Volunteer and Youth Symposium in April 2011

### Requirements

- Main Colors are Purple and Silver
- Must be in Color
- Main Heading must include New York (or NY) National Guard Child and Youth Program
- Contestants must be 18 years old or younger

**Contest ends January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011.** Please send entries to Keri O'Neil at [keri.j.oneil.ctr@us.army.mil](mailto:keri.j.oneil.ctr@us.army.mil) (as a colored attachment) or to Family Programs Keri O'Neil 330 Old Niskayuna Rd Latham, NY 12110.

**The Current Logo**



Logo Contest Application:

Please send in with your **Colored** design to

[Keri.i.oneil.ctr@us.army.mil](mailto:Keri.i.oneil.ctr@us.army.mil)

Or

Division of Military and Naval Affairs

Family Programs

Keri O'Neil

330 Old Niskayuna Rd

Latham, NY 12110

(Please Print Clearly)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Army National Guard    **or**    Air National Guard

Military Members Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Military Member: \_\_\_\_\_

# SHRINE CIRCUS

MARCH 17<sup>th</sup> thru MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>

at

THE EVENT CENTER (AGRI-CENTER)  
ON THE HAMBURG FAIRGROUNDS

5820 South Park Ave., Hamburg, NY



## SHOW TIMES - FREE PARKING

- \* Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> ..... 10:30 am & 7:00 pm
- \* Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> ..... 10:30 am, 3:30 pm & 7:30 pm
- Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> ..... 10:00 am, 2:30 pm & 7:30 pm
- Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> ..... 1:00 pm & 5:00 pm

## RESERVED SEATING

Adults  
\$13.00

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\$6.00

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Military Families*





**CAMOUFLAGE KIDS, INC.** is a national non-profit organization that supports the children of our military by providing them an opportunity to attend and experience a college athletic event.

The U.S. Military Academy men's basketball game listed is available to families from all of our military branches in the New York – Connecticut – Massachusetts area.

**NAVY @ ARMY - SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2011**

**Christl Arena – West Point, N.Y.**

**Doubleheader Action - Men's & Women's Basketball Games**

**Women's game scheduled for 3:30 p.m.**

**Men's game scheduled for 6:00 p.m.**

Tickets are **FREE** (for adults & children), **LIMITED IN NUMBER** and provided on a **FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVE** basis.

**Camouflage Kids** will provide game tickets and t-shirts to all family members who register and are confirmed by Jeff Nix.

We request that each family limit their ticket request to a maximum of 6 tickets. All children must have adult supervision at the games and this is for **immediate military family members only**.

With this being a doubleheader, tickets for the families will be available for distribution starting one (1) prior to the women's game (2:30 p.m.) and continuing to the start of the men's game.

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM VIA FAX OR EMAIL TO:**

**Jeff Nix  
President  
Camouflage Kids, Inc.**

**Office: (866) 435-1875  
Fax: (866) 614-2015  
E-Mail: [jeffnix.camokids@gmail.com](mailto:jeffnix.camokids@gmail.com)**

More information on **Camouflage Kids** can be found at their website at:

**[www.camokids.org](http://www.camokids.org)**



# CAMOUFLAGE KIDS

Support Through Sports



# of Tickets	Men's & Women's Basketball Game	Date	Location	Start Time	Ticket Pick Up Starts
	Navy @ Army	Saturday, January 22, 2011	West Point, N.Y.	3:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.
<b>Doubleheader - Women's game starts at 3:30 p.m. with men's game to follow at 6:00 p.m.</b>					

Upon your arrival, the Camouflage Kids organization will distribute FREE tickets and t-shirts.

Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Military Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Names Of Adults & Children Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ (S - M - L - XL)

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your completed form via fax or email as soon as possible to:

Jeff Nix  
 President  
 Camouflage Kids, Inc.  
 Office: (866) 435-1875  
 Fax: (866) 614-2015  
 E-Mail: jeffnix.camokids@gmail.com

\*\*\*\*\*REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15, 2011\*\*\*\*\*

# Guard En Notes

## *Special Offers.....*

Area ski facilities are offering military and other discounts for the 2011 season. Visit these websites:

Pennsylvania:

<http://www.discountlifttickets.net/liftticketdiscounts-pennsylvania.htm>

New York:

<http://www.discountlifttickets.net/liftticketdiscounts-newyork.htm>

New Jersey:

<http://www.discountlifttickets.net/liftticketdiscounts-newjersey.htm>

Connecticut:

<http://www.discountlifttickets.net/liftticketdiscounts-connecticut.htm>

Vermont:

<http://www.discountlifttickets.net/liftticketdiscounts-vermont.htm>

New Hampshire:

<http://www.discountlifttickets.net/liftticketdiscounts-newhampshire.htm>

### **Additional Discount Websites:**

<http://www.liftofia.com/>

<http://www.skicoupons.com/>

<http://www.snowtrax.com>



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Do you have school-aged children who play sports?

Or do they take dance, music or arts classes?

Maybe they would they like to try something new... like Karate?

Could your child benefit from a tutor to stay at grade level?

If the answer is **YES** to any of these questions,  
Our Military Kids grant program may be able to help.

Our Military Kids pays the fees for children of deployed Reserve and National Guard to participate in youth sports, fine arts, and tutor programs. This is a way of recognizing the sacrifices the entire family is making while the soldier is deployed overseas.

It is simple to apply to the program. . .

Just fill out the attached application. Send it in with a copy of the deployment orders and a flyer or other information that lists the activity and the fee for the activity. The child is limited to one grant for one activity. Grant will cover up to six months of instructions, lessons, tutoring with maximum award of \$500.00 per child.

If everything is in order and if funding is available, within two weeks a check will be sent to the organization and the child will be notified of the award.



*For further information, contact:*

Our Military Kids  
6861 Elm Street, Suite 2A  
McLean, VA 22101

[www.ourmilitarykids.org](http://www.ourmilitarykids.org)

# Guard En Notes

## Youth Volunteers

Youths needed for Family Readiness Groups ~ You count too! Contact your FRG

# ~YOUTH COUNCIL~

Youth council members will assist state staff, commanders and lead volunteers in all areas of Family Readiness. We are currently accepting applications for the New York National Guard Youth Council.

### **Applicant Guidelines:**

- Minimum age of thirteen years old (as of 1 Sept)
- Term will end upon graduation from High School
- Attend half of the Youth Council meetings during a two year term
- Zero Tolerance of drugs and/or alcohol
- Minimum of 2.5 GPA
  - 1<sup>st</sup> violation: Warning
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> violation: Dismissal

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# New York National Guard Teen Council

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## SECTION I: Applicant Information

Youth Name:

Name you prefer to use:

Date of Birth:

Age:

Gender:

Social Security Number:

Mailing Address:

Home Phone Number:

Youth Cell Number (if applicable):

Youth Email Address:

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## SECTION II: Parent or Legal Guardian Information

Name of Mother/Rank:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Name of Father/Rank:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Name of family member/Rank, if not a parent, in the NYNG:

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## SECTION III: School Information

Name of School:

School Address:

School Phone Number:

Name of Principal:

Name of Guidance Counselor:

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**SECTION IV: Teen Council Commitment**

Answer the following questions:

1. *The Teen Council will do presentations to help educate the community about life as a military teen. If you were asked, "What is life like as a military teen," how would you respond?*
  2. *If you could do three things to improve life for National Guard teens, what would they be?*
  3. *What is your definition of a role model?*
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**SECTION V: Leadership Opportunities**

Leadership roles are offered on the Teen Council. Circle the position you would like to serve as:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Historian

General Council Member

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**SECTION VI: Signatures**

*I have prepared this application and certify that it accurately reflects my work,*

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

*I fully support my teen's application to the New York National Guard Teen Council,*

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature:

Date:

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Submit all applications by fax or email to:

Colleen E. Casey  
NY National Guard Youth Coordinator  
Fax: 518-786-6060  
Email: [colleen.e.casey@us.army.mil](mailto:colleen.e.casey@us.army.mil)

# Save the Date!

## Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming professional development training! The purpose of this course is to educators and professionals to reach out in a support network to the children and families of the National Guard and Reserve. This training is open to guidance professionals, school administration and other caring adults interested in learning more about the military child.

### Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute

*Date: January 31-February 1 2011*

*Registration and Breakfast: 8:00-8:30 am*

*Institute Training: 8:30-4:00 pm*

*Place:*

Holiday Inn Rochester Airport  
911 Brooks Ave  
Rochester, NY 14624

*Attendance Requirement:*

95% attendance is required to receive  
institute credit and course materials

*Cost: Funded by OSD/DA*

No cost to participants.

For more information about this training or other professional development opportunities, please contact Jaime Cahn at 254-953-1923 or [Jaime.cahnd@MilitaryChild.org](mailto:Jaime.cahnd@MilitaryChild.org). Please visit [www.MilitaryChild.org](http://www.MilitaryChild.org), click the [Upcoming Trainings](#) tab to register.

**Log on to [MilitaryChild.org](http://MilitaryChild.org) to register!**

*Participants will have the opportunity to earn educational credits in the form 1.2 CEU's for \$25.00 and/or 1 hour of graduate credit from Texas A&M- Central Texas for \$175.00, payable at the completion of the training.*

***Limited Seats Available! Register Early!***



# ATTN: ARMY KIDS\*

## You've Got... math homework

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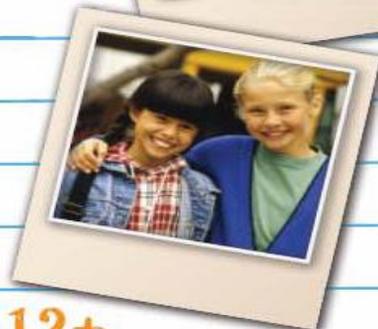
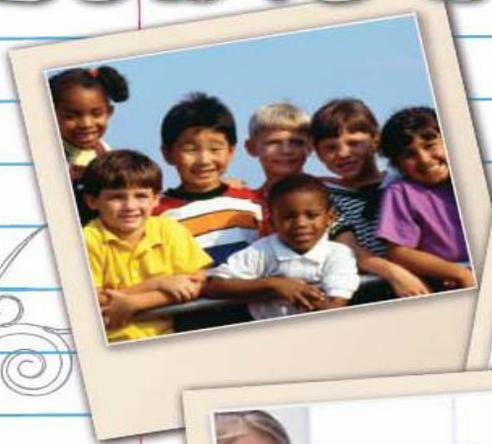
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## Questions???

Contact: 1LT Katie McGovern  
NYARNG Education Officer  
Phone: (518) 272-6349

[katie.a.mcgovern@us.army.mil](mailto:katie.a.mcgovern@us.army.mil)

To sign up for updates on Education and Incentives, please visit our Education page at  
<http://dmna.state.ny.us/education/education.php>

To apply for TAP:  
[www.hesc.com](http://www.hesc.com)

**DeVry University** offers special tuition pricing for the military and scholarships and grants for veterans, their families and children of active duty, guard, and reserve military personnel the opportunity to pursue or enhance their college education with a scholarship valued up to \$9,000. For more information on scholarships, visit [www.military.devry.edu](http://www.military.devry.edu) or call 877-894-6388

## Scholarship for Military Daughters

For the third year in a row, The Julie Foudy Leadership Foundation will continue to honor and support families who are serving our country by offering full scholarships to military daughters interested in attending the Julie Foudy Sports Leadership Academy. These scholarships have been generously funded by TriWest Healthcare specifically for military families. Applications for 2011 will be available the first week of January at the Foundation's website, [www.foudyleadershipfoundation.org](http://www.foudyleadershipfoundation.org).

## 2011 Scholarships for Military Children

Scholarship applications are available in commissaries worldwide and online at <http://www.commissaries.com> choose the "News & Info" tab and then the "Scholarship Info" tab. Applications are also available at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>

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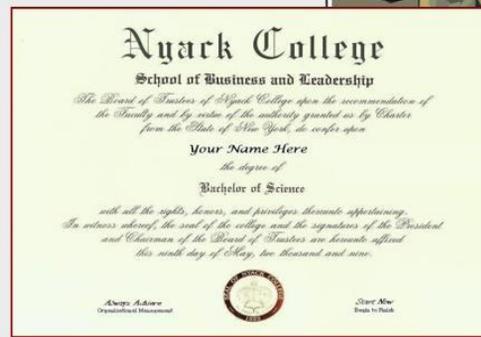


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The online application is free:

<https://www.nyack.edu.al.apply/ADCApplication>

**Classes are forming in:** Manhattan, contact Carmen Del Pino at 646-378-6196

Queens, contact Christine Davis at 718-526-2991

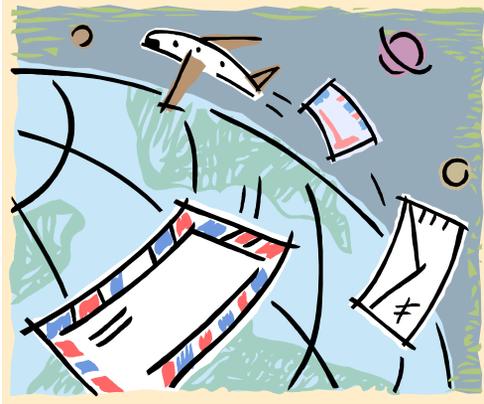
Brooklyn, contact Nancy Nunez at 646-378-6134

Latham DLS, contact Traci Piescki 800-876-9225

**Nyack College is a proud participant in the Yellow Ribbon Program**

# PROJECT PEN PAL

Connecting Military Children around the Globe



With Project Pen Pal you will meet other military children around the world. You can make friends, learn about their traditions, culture's, how they feel about their schools and their hobbies. In addition, Project Pen Pal encourages you to write about the challenges you face being a Military Youth, and share those feelings with children from different backgrounds who are dealing with similar issues like, military life, deployments and relocation, just to name a few.

**For more information contact:**  
**Colleen Casey~NY National Guard Youth Program Coordinator**  
[colleen.e.casey@us.army.mil](mailto:colleen.e.casey@us.army.mil)  
**Or call: 518-786-4614**

**ALL AGES WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE!!**

**We have Pen Pals from New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Illinois, New Jersey, Nevada, Vermont, California, Connecticut, Ohio, Wyoming , New Mexico and now MAINE is now on board!!!**

**UNITY IS STRENGTH!!**

If you are interested in becoming a Pen Pal, please fill out a Permission Slip



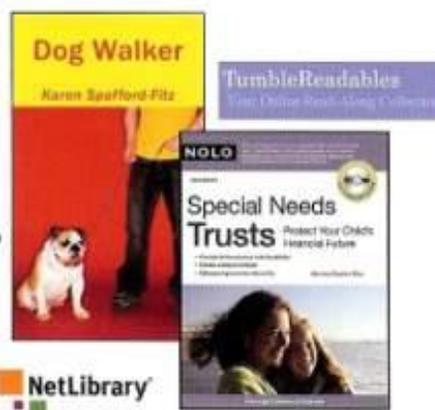
# Military OneSource Online Library Resources & Safari Books

Military OneSource provides library resources available at no charge to service members and their families – a particularly helpful benefit for Guard and Reserve members and their families who may not have access to installation libraries.

## Online Library Resources

Links to electronic databases, e-books, and audio books

- Electronic books (Safari, NetLibrary, My iLibrary)
- TumbleReadables online books for kids K-12
- Prep for standardized tests like the SAT, ACT, GRE, and CLEP
- Customized college and distance-learning search
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# While you're \*\*\* deployed...



Finding and paying for child care can be a challenge.

## Operation: Military Child Care



can help **YOU!**



## Operation: ★★★★★★★★ Military Child Care

### Operation: Military Child Care

is a Department of Defense (DoD) initiative to support the child care needs of parents who are **activated/deployed**.

### WHY is Child Care needed?

When military parents are **activated/deployed**, their needs for child care often increase and so do their **out-of-pocket** child care expenses.

### HOW does Operation: Military Child Care support activated/deployed parents?

- ★ Helps eligible families locate child care options in local communities
- ★ Reduces child care fees for eligible families who are already using licensed or legally operating community child care programs and providers

### WHO is eligible to participate?

- ★ Families/Child Guardians of National Guard & Reserve Service Members who are **activated/deployed**
- ★ Families/Child Guardians of **deployed** Active Duty Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines who are unable to access child care on military installations are eligible during the deployment period and for **60 days** after the return of the Military Parent

#### Note:

The fee assistance program is intended to help support military spouses' employment, education, or special medical circumstances. Fee assistance will only be provided to single military families, dual military families, and military families with a spouse who is working or enrolled in school. It will also be provided to military families where the spouse is looking for work for a period of up to **60 days**.

### HOW much will child care fees be reduced?

Fee assistance will vary for each family depending upon total family income, location, DoD child care fee policies, and available funding.



For more INFORMATION contact

the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies  
(NACCRA)

Call Toll-Free 1 (800) 424-2246

Log on at [www.NACCRA.org/Military](http://www.NACCRA.org/Military)

Question? Send an email to: [DMCC@naccra.org](mailto:DMCC@naccra.org)

**Note:** Operation: Military Child Care services are not an entitlement and are subject to geographic availability of child care and DoD/Military Service Funding.

## Military Child Care Programs



**Caring...while you are away**

Guard En of Youth is now online. Go to:  
<http://dmna.state.ny.us/family/yprogs.php>

# Guard En Notes

## Meet your State Youth Coordinators

I am Keri O'Neil. My mother is SGM O'Neil, she has been in the National Guard (active duty) for more than 32 years, including one tour in Iraq. I have an older brother Kason(29) and younger brother Tadd(23) or SPC O'Neil. I love being with my friends, the summertime and reading. I am NYS certified in elementary and special education. My favorite saying is "Everything is ok in the end, if it's not ok, it's not the end."



I am Colleen Casey. I have been married to MSG Tim Casey for 21 years. We have three children; Chanleigh 20, Kayla 17, and Luke 10. We have two dogs; Bailey and Kahlua. My hobbies are running and reading. I have a masters degree in elementary education. I am NYS certified in elementary education and business. My favorite saying is "shine like the star that you are."

### Looking Ahead:

2011 Volunteer & Youth Workshop  
This years theme: "Empowering FRG's and Key Volunteers to Succeed"  
April 15-17, 2011



The National Guard Army in Queensbury held its 7th annual Christmas Eve Road March in support of deployed soldiers held on Friday, December 24, 2010. More than 300 people, both soldiers and civilians, participated in the four-mile march.

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