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Victory Occurring In Children Everywhere

Giving our Young Heroes a Voice in Military Life

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Youth Symposium by Casey Callies

The 2010 Youth Symposium was in Chamberlain at the Cedar Shores Resort on March 13th and March 14th. There were many youth from both the SD Air and Army Guard families. This year the theme for the Youth Symposium was: “Get a Clue-Volunteer.” Along with this theme, there was a murder mystery game in which everyone that attended the Youth Symposium had the opportunity to participate in. For this activity, the guests used clues given out during Saturday, March 13th, to see if they could find the “killer.” The answer to the murder mystery along with the award presentations were given at the Awards Banquet on Saturday. At the Awards Banquet, two members of the SD National Guard Youth Council were recognized for their selfless volunteering and the work they did for their community. The two that were recognized were Adair Chase and Danielle Griese.

While at the Youth Symposium, the South Dakota National Guard Youth Council taught kids from a variety of ages and military families. The Youth Council taught the kids about peer pressure through hands on activities – letting them have fun and learn at the same time. The Youth Council and the other military kids went to two breakout sessions to listen to speakers. The first speaker that talked to us was Mike Haugen with “An Interactive Exercise in Listening.” He told us how to listen effectively and he did a small listening activity with the listeners. I thought that he was a good speaker that he had a good topic and a good over-all point. Renee Oler was the other speaker we listened to during the breakout sessions. Her topic was how to talk with people to get them to understand what you are trying to say. My favorite part, along with most of the kids, was listening to Rick Nielsen on Sunday. Rick Nielsen not only taught us about respecting others and ourselves, but showed us magic tricks and juggling.

The Youth Symposium was a fun and enjoyable time for everyone on the Youth Council and everyone else that attended. I personally enjoyed teaching the other kids and listening to the speakers. It is always fun spending time with other military kids.



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Important Dates



11-13 June – Youth Council Meeting in Sioux Falls

20 June – Happy Father’s Day!

21-25 June – Youth Camp in Rapid City

1 July – Summer Nights in Rapid City

4 July – Happy Independence Day!

14-15 July – Zero to Three Training in Sioux Falls

19-21 July – Teen Camp in Sioux Falls

2-4 August – National Youth Symposium in New Orleans

* Look for upcoming info on Deployed Resiliency Trainings in June & July *

Current Events: Toyota by Maggie Lambert



As many of you already know, the ongoing Toyota epidemic continues to be a problem in the United States. The issue, which has recently begun being heavily publicized, started with a report of a problem with the accelerator pedal, and eventually moved on to other makes and models, because of a problem with the anti-lock braking systems. It was first brought to public attention in August 2009. The models that have been most affected are: the RAV4 2009-2010 models, the Highlander 2010 model, Tundra 2007-2010 models, Avalon 2005-2010 models, Camry 2007-2010 models, Prius 2010 model, and the Lexus 2010 model. The greatest problem regarding Toyota is that it was scantily publicized until the situation began to get out of hand, at which point, most of the owners didn’t find out until they were driving and it was too late to do anything other than to roll with the punches.

Jeff Bartlett, Deputy Editor Online for Consumer Reports has said, “The key is to be aware of what to look for. We know that this is a progressive problem, one that gets worse over time, so be mindful if your pedal begins to stick.” Bartlett says that Consumer Reports has done extensive testing on how to regain control of vehicles experiencing sudden acceleration, and that drivers who experience sudden acceleration should put the transmission into neutral, and that they should not pump the brakes. “If you put it into neutral, you will retain full steering and full braking capability. This will save your life,” he stated.

It seems that at this point, the hardest thing to fix for Toyota will not be the cars themselves, but rather the company image, because prior to the failures, Toyota had had a nearly flawless consumer image and standing in their industry. They also represented some of America’s best-selling models, which include the Camry and the Corolla.

As Bartlett said, “They did even better this year, just months after the acceleration issues came into light [last August]. For Toyota, that’s a promising indicator that if they’re acting with transparency, earnestness, and swiftness, that they may weather this storm as good as can be expected.”

HOOAH

HOOAH—A Definition of the Unexplainable by Liz Foy



The word has been bellowed at Basic for who knows how long, been said at graduations, repeated before, after, and during formations and Drill. The word is thundered by all reaches of the US Armed Forces - the US Marine Corp, US Air Force, US Army, Security Forces, and Para rescue personnel, Navy SEALs, US Navy, and just about any other US Uniformed Service. It even reaches the US Civil Air Patrol and ROTC and JROTC units. The history isn't agreed on, and nobody really cares. Some people even vary how it's said and how it is spelled. But what everyone does agree on is what the word HOOAH embodies: courage, self-sacrifice, high morale, and the strength of all those who wear the Uniform. HOOAH has no boundaries as to what it means, and when it is bellowed from the depths to create a resonating, overly proud, overwhelmingly loud tone of voice, HOOAH seems to stomp out any boundaries of being bound and defined in the written word.

Former Army Chief of Staff Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan has his interpretation. "I don't know how exactly to spell it, but I know what it means," Sullivan said. "It means we have broken the mold. We are battle focused. Hooah says 'Look at me. I'm a warrior. I'm ready. Sergeants trained me to standard. I serve America every day, all the way.'"

My challenge to you, my dear reader, is to nominate someone who is HOOAH and send in who they are, what they do, and why you nominate them. Nominations can be sent to:

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*** Zero To Three Training

The National Organization Zero to Three and the South Dakota National Guard will be hosting a training in Sioux Falls on July 14th and 15th, entitled "Coming Together Around Military Families – Duty To Care I – Supporting Young Children Through Challenging Times." This educational opportunity is free of charge, offers free CEU's, and provides the opportunity to gain an understanding of the following:

- Core Needs of Infants and Toddlers
- Impact of Stress and Trauma on Very Young Children
 - Resiliency in Families
- Collaborating with Military and Civilian Agencies
 - Professional Self-Care

Hilton Garden Inn, 5300 South Grand Circle, Sioux Falls, SD 57108

Register online at www.zerotothree.org/ctamf (registration closes June 4th)

For Registration Questions, Contact: Secely Smith at 202-638-1144

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Top Ten Best Amusement Parks in the United States

10. **Legoland** in Carlsbad, California
9. **Six Flags Great America** in Gurnee, Illinois
8. **Knoebels Amusement Resort** in Elysburg, Pennsylvania
7. **Universal Studios** in Orlando, Florida
6. **Busch Gardens Williamsburg** in Williamsburg, Virginia
5. **Disneyland Resort** in Anaheim, California
4. **Schlotterbahn** in New Braunfels, Texas
3. **King’s Island** in Mason, Ohio
2. **Walt Disney World** in Orlando, Florida
1. **Cedar Point** in Sandusky, Ohio



Last issue’s solution.

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Thank you for all that you do – don't hesitate to contact us!

Have a GREAT summer!

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