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Victory Occurring In Children Everywhere
Giving our Young Heroes a Voice in Military Life

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Youth Camp

by Adair Chase

Left! Left! Left! Right! Left! On June 21st-25th, 96 campers ages 10-13 invaded Cedar Canyon Wesleyan Camp in Rapid City. These kids all have one thing in common - that is that they have a family member in the military. Camp gives these kids the opportunity to have a hands on experience of what their family member does.

The kids are split up into different color teams (platoons). The colors are based on the character counts colors. The kids then get to come up with a team name and chant. With that they create a team flag which at the end of camp is given to the camper that showed the most leadership. In their teams, the kids learn how to form up on command, march, and chant. The kids get to show off their skills at Mount Rushmore on the stage and have skits to present to the Veterans Home in Hot Springs.

Another activity the kids participated in was archery. The kids got to shoot arrows and then had the top shooters in each group compete in a shoot-off; we then named the top shooters. This year the campers got to do a service project. This year's service project was cleaning the headstones at the National Cemetery in Sturgis. After their service project, the kids got to do a little swimming at the Spearfish Community Center Water Park. The kids also spent an afternoon at the Mammoth Site. They got to look at bones, make fossils, throw arrows, and learn about the land. Later that night there was a dance for all the campers. On the last day of camp, there is a graduation ceremony and the handout of the camper that showed the most leadership.



When asking the kids what was your favorite part of camp, it always varied, some said the dance, swimming or the archery. Every kid had a different favorite part! All the kids went in not knowing what to expect and came out with great friends and a great experience!



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IMPORTANT DATES

31 October - Happy Halloween



11 November - Veterans' Day



13-14 November - 211th 60-day event Sioux Falls

18-20 November - Youth to Youth Training Rapid City

25 November - Happy Thanksgiving



December - Happy Holidays to All!

Current Events: 2010 Oil Spill by Maggie Lambert

There is one topic that has been plaguing the headlines of all the newspapers and talk shows in America and Mexico, as well as many other parts of the modern world. On April 20, 2010, news of the BP oil spill began to shock the citizens of the world. With an estimated 210,000 gallons of oil being spilled into the Gulf of Mexico daily, many scientists are speculating on whether or not the gulf will be able to bounce back from the oil spill and whether the marine life residing inside the gulf will be able to survive.

Officials at BP have repeatedly stated that stopping the leak is their highest priority and have apologized publicly for the oil spills, although many citizens of the public are not accepting the apologies so easily. Engineers have said the oil has been evaporating gradually because it is lighter than heavy crude oil. Another method that seems to be helping the clean-up process go along smoother includes the use of dispersants, which help to break up the globs of oil and make them sink. With at least 250 eagles and 22 killer whales, along with tens of thousands of seabirds, otters and seals dead, some scientists fear for the wellbeing of these animals as well as the wellbeing of others, such as sea turtles, oysters, crabs, shrimp, and the larvae of blue fin tuna.

Some engineers, on the other hand, believe that the gulf is in full capability of making a resilient comeback quickly, saying that thousands of gallons of oil flow into the sea every day due to natural undersea well seeps. "The gulf is tremendously resilient. But we've always got to ask ourselves how long we can keep heaping these insults on the gulf and having it bounce back," says marine biologist Dr. Dokken. "As a scientist, I have to say I just don't know."



**Thank you for your
help with
Teen Camp!**

TEEN CAMP by Jeff Nelson

The 2010 SD Military Teen Camp, taking place at the Augustana College Campus in Sioux Falls, was a very adventurous event, consisting of a variety of activities. The camp took place Monday, July 19th, to Friday, July 23rd, with a very exciting amount of campers showing up for the camp.

Starting out Monday, campers arrived from all over the state and were registered by an excellent team of counselors. The rest of the day was spent getting to meet everyone, making team names, and doing team-building activities. As everyone retired to their dorm rooms, they were filled with the knowledge that they were now an Alpha Amazonian, Bravo Chips, or Charlie Brown, and had a phenomenal week ahead of them.

Tuesday involved the Outdoor Campus; learning how to orienteer and properly maneuver a kayak. Next came the Washington Pavilion where we got to do very interesting science activities, such as a Snot Lab and getting to lie down on a bed of nails! We then learned the values of the Air and Army National Guard back at campus and went to Falls Park and got to witness the spectacular Light Show before retiring back to the college.

Wednesday we traveled to the Air Guard and experienced fly bys, jet tours, and a FAT simulator. We then went to the Civil Air Patrol and got to taste a little bit of what it would like to be in CAP. We went to the Outdoor Challenge Course afterwards and did very challenging team activities and then we utilized the high ropes course.

On Thursday, we learned the Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens, and left with a little knowledge we could include in our lives. Then, an activity much anticipated all week, Wild Water West. After the excitement of Wild Water West, we traveled back to the College and got ready for the dance! The night was amazing, with everyone enjoying the time with friends old and new, dancing the night away.

Finally Friday came along, with everyone exchanging information so they could keep in contact. After the farewells came the Closing Ceremony, with recognition to the campers that were involved and the wonderful volunteers that gave up their time for an exciting week, one filled with many great experiences. Teen Camp was a very awesome program that I encourage everyone to come to and expect those that did, to be there next year!

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Outdoor Challenge Course
Wild Water West
Knights Entertainment
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National Youth Symposium

by Danielle Griese

The National Youth Symposium this year was in New Orleans on August 2-4. There were 119 youth from all over the country, Guam, and Puerto Rico. Liz Foy and myself were sent from South Dakota.

The Symposium started with a group activity put on by the Backpack Journalist program. There were also break out sessions that focused on the following: Facebook safety and cyber bullying, eating disorders, suicide prevention, and life and leadership skills. One afternoon, the group took bus tours around the city and viewed the damage and repairs from Hurricane Katrina. There was also an outing to the National World War II Museum.

The Gaddis sisters, Cassy and Alyssa, did a short presentation one evening. They are two girls from a military family who are using their gifts as singers and songwriters to help other military youth. If anybody is looking for a good song almost all of us can relate to, check out "The Price of Peace."

After a very busy but fun-filled few days, we had a farewell party. The Symposium was a great way to meet other National Guard youth from around the country and gain ideas to bring home to our own NG Youth Program.

HOOAH

- A Definition of the Unexplainable -

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In the previous HOOAH article, Liz Foy challenged readers to nominate someone who is HOOAH.

The following people were nominated
by SFC Kristi Palmer:

Pam Teaney Thomas

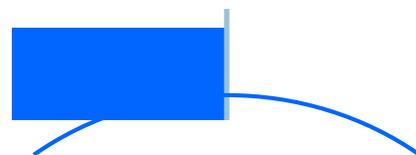
Rapid City Area Schools
Youth Development Office

"Pam is a huge advocate for the youth in Rapid City and the prevention efforts to keep our youth Drug and Alcohol Free."

SGT Cory Sterkel

SDNG
Counterdrug - DDR

"Cory is passionate about working with youth and helping them to make good choices and decisions in their lives."



RESOURCES

Sesame Street Family Connections

<http://www.sesamestreetfamilyconnections.org/>

Teens Against Bullying

<http://www.pacerteensagainstbullying.org/>



HOOAH by Liz Foy

There are thirteen alternating red and white stripes on the Flag and there are eight stripes on that Airman's arm. There's an Oak leaf on that officer. What is its significance? What does "E-4" or "O-6" mean? Each service branch has the same officer ranks and all have some sort of "enlisted" ranking system, but I'm going to be teaching you about the Air Force's ranking system.

The first part of the chart below is a chart of the enlisted ranks. Enlisted are those who belong to the military, but not as a commissioned officer. Once those enlisted reach the rank of "Sergeant," they are referred to as "NCOs" or Non-Commissioned Officers. An NCO is a person of authority in the military who has not received a commission (a direct conveyance of authority from the sovereign government); as such they can have charge or control, but not command in the most technical use of the word. For example, when there starts to be trouble, those enlisted will look to the NCOs, who will look to the Officers. The next chart is the chart for Officers. One thing to keep in mind is that in every uniformed service, the insignia looks the same, but there are different names.

E-1	NONE	AB	Airman Basic	O-1		2d Lt	Second Lieutenant
E-2		Amn	Airman	O-2		1st Lt	First Lieutenant
E-3		A1C	Airman First Class	O-3		Capt	Captain
E-4		SrA	Senior Airman or Sergeant	O-4		Maj	Major
E-5		SSgt	Staff Sergeant	O-5		Lt Col	Lieutenant Colonel
E-6		TSgt	Technical Sergeant	O-6		Col	Colonel
E-7		MSgt	Master Sergeant	O-7		Brig Gen	Brigadier General
E-8		SMSgt	Senior Master Sergeant	O-8		Maj Gen	Major General
E-8		SMSgt	Senior Master Sergeant	O-9		Lt Gen	Lieutenant General
E-9		CMSgt	Chief Master Sergeant	O-10		Gen	General
E-9		CCM	Command Chief Master Sergeant				General Air Force Chief of Staff
E-9 Special		CMSAF	Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force	Special		GOAF	General of the Air Force

\$500 Grants for Extra Curricular Activities!

Our Military Kids offers grants to the children of our deployed Service Members for a number of extra curricular activities. To see the full list of eligible activities and to apply, please visit: www.ourmilitarykids.org. The following is a message on behalf of Our Military Kids:



Dear National Guard Families,

Our Military Kids wants to help your family through this deployment. If you have a child ages 3 to 18, and your spouse is currently deployed overseas with the National Guard or Reserves, your child is eligible for a grant. The grants, which can be up to \$500, will pay for up to six months of an extracurricular activity of your choice.

The process is simple. Visit our website at <http://www.ourmilitarykids.org/how-to-apply/apply-now.php> and select the appropriate one-page application. Once you download and complete the application, send it to us along with copies of three supporting documents:

- 1) A copy of the Title 10 deployment orders
- 2) A form of ID for your child - we accept a Military ID, birth certificate, or 1172 Deers form
- 3) Contact and fee information for the activity of your choice - a flyer, brochure, etc.

Once we receive your application and documents, a check is sent within ten days directly to the service provider of the activity.

If you have any questions, please visit our FAQ page at <http://www.ourmilitarykids.org/how-to-apply/faqs.php>. If you do not see an answer to your question, call our office at (703) 734-6654. Keep in mind - we can only provide grants to children with a parent who is currently deployed. If your Service Member has yet to deploy, or has already returned home, the child is not eligible.

We look forward to awarding grants to your children!

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Sittercity Membership at No Cost to You

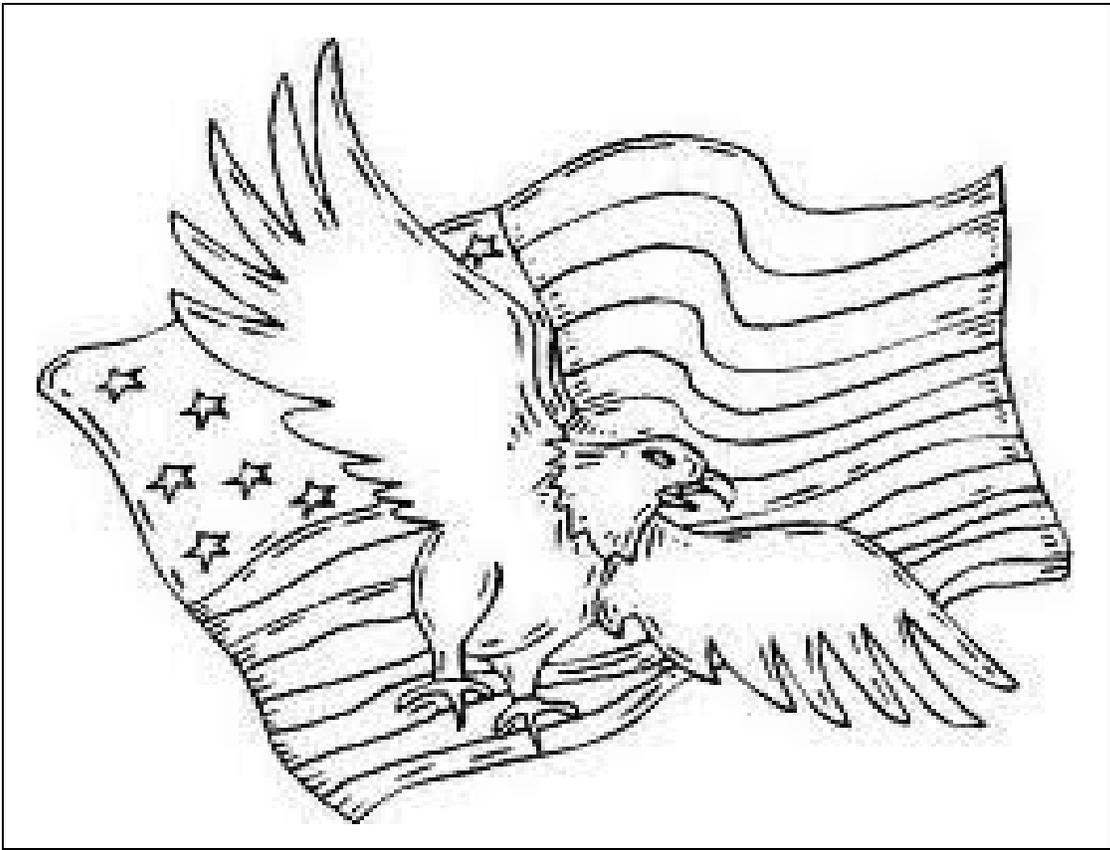
The Department of Defense is offering a new program to help all military families find in-home care. All Army, Marines, Navy, and Air Force families (active, reserve and guard) are now eligible for memberships to Sittercity. Memberships are paid for by the Department of Defense. Sittercity is the nation's largest and most trusted website for finding quality local babysitters, nannies, elder care providers, dog walkers, housekeepers and tutors. Military families can visit www.sittercity.com/dod to activate their paid membership today.

The Sittercity program provides military families with instant access to over a million nationwide comprehensive caregiver profiles which include background checks, references, reviews, pictures and much more. In addition, military families will be able to connect with Military Certified care-providers on Sittercity including Child Development Centers and Family Childcare Centers, as well as caregivers who are military subsidized and authorized access to a military installation.

This program can help you find child caregivers for a number of situations such as: after-school, hourly care, school vacations, respite care during deployment, planning for your next PCS, extended duty hours, weekend care, special needs children, or anytime a sitter is needed! The Sittercity program can also help military families who may not need childcare, but are looking for other types of care. You can find elder care providers for an aging loved one, daily dog walkers, pet sitters, tutors and even house sitters.

The Department of Defense is pleased to be able to offer this premium membership to military families at no cost. This is a web-based self service solution. You make all arrangements including the hiring decision and payment of caregivers. Sittercity's software system and quality assurance team look for "red flags" in the created profiles, but the bulk of the due diligence is on the customer. Families can background check any provider they are interested in using for FREE (the \$9.95 Background Check fee is waived for Military Families).

Go to www.sittercity.com/dod to learn more and activate your membership today.



Coloring Contest!

Please send in your entry with your name, age, phone number, and Service Member's name to:

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Last issue's solution.

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Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving ~
Thank You for all that you do!

~ SDNG Family Programs Youth Program ~