Get to Know the Operation Ready Families Program!

The California National Guard's Operation Ready Families Program (ORFP) is here to assist the military service member and their family before, during and after deployment.

Our mission is to establish and facilitate constant communication, interaction and support between Guard families and the Guard.

Due to the level of deployment, ORFP has established the Family Assistance Network (FAN), a group of coordinators located throughout California. These FAN Coordinators are available to answer questions as well as pass on essential information to families involved in any branch of the military.

Along with assisting volunteers and family members, the FAN also offers once a month "*We Care*" meetings, covering topics from tax preparation to understanding your military benefits. These meetings give families the opportunity to establish a local support network as well as learn new tools.

Participation from both civilian and military members is not only encouraged but essential; get involved– our program depends on it!

Operation "We Care" Meetings

Hosted by your local Family Assistance Coordinator, these once a month gatherings offer support and information for families of all military services.

Founded in July of 2004, these meetings give service members and their families, friends and employers the opportunity to deal with the challenges of deployment, establish a local social support group and keep up to date on military news and benefits.

"We Care" meetings are now held throughout the state of California.

For more information on meetings in your area or to find out more about the Family Assistance Network, please call a CA Regional FAN Coordinator near you or visit our website at:

www.calguard.ca.gov/readyfamilies

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Family Assistance Centers

Listed below are the Family Assistance Centers located throughout California:

- Bakersfield
- Camp Roberts
- Chico
- Elk Grove
- Fairfield
- Fresno
- Glendale
- Long Beach
- Modesto
- Oceanside
- Orange
- Palmdale
- Sacramento
- San Bernardino
- San Diego
- San Jose
- San Luis Obispo
- Santa Rosa
- Visalia
- ...More to Come!

Please visit our website or call a regional coordinator to find more information on the Family Assistance Center and We Care Meetings in your area!

Get The ORFP Advantage!

The California National Guard's Operation Ready Families Program offers a variety of programs to assist the soldier and their family before, during and after deployment:

- Operation "We Care" Meetings
- Special Benevolence Offers
- Volunteer Education Courses
- Guard Family Team Building
- Marriage Enrichment Seminars
- Youth Camp

We also offer educational articles on:

- Managing Combat Stress
- Understanding Military Benefits
- Coming Home
- Your Family Care Plan

...And Much More!

Visit our website!

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