



# “DNG YOUTH PROGRAM NEWS”

SPRING 2011



April is the "Month of the Military Child." Since it began in 1986, the Department of Defense (DoD) has teamed with various partners to recognize the sacrifices and applaud the courage of military children. More than 1.7 million American children under the age of 18 have at least one parent serving in the military. It is estimated the U.S. Army has more than 900,000 military children with one or both parents having deployed multiple times.

During the month of April, parents are encouraged to celebrate their military children by taking part in special Month of the Military Child programs, celebrations, certificates, and through personal contact to let our military children know that because of their unique courage, contributions to the Military Family, and daily sacrifices, they are "Everyday Heroes" in the eyes of the DOD and the nation.

Here's what's going on for Month of the Military Child

- Family Movie Night and other activities April 1, 2011  
Smyrna Readiness Center 103 Artisan Drive Smyrna, DE  
7:00-9:30pm  
Please RSVP by 3/29/11-registration information enclosed  
Sponsor: DNG Youth Programs
- Marksmanship Program April 2, 2011 (ages 8 and up)  
307 North 6th Street, Odessa, DE  
10:00 to 12:00 Noon (lunch provided)  
Registration by 3/29 (enclosed) for both Youth Programs & American Legion  
Sponsor: American Legion Post 25 Middletown, DE
- DNG Teen Council and Junior Counselor Meeting, April 3, 2011  
DAFB Bowling "Eagle Lanes"  
1:00-3:30pm  
Youth must RSVP so lanes can be reserved by 3/29/11  
Sponsor: DNG Youth Programs
- Children's Carnival April 16, 2011  
DAFB Youth Center  
11:00am - 2:00pm  
For more information call: 677-6376  
Sponsor: DAFB Youth Center
- Operation: Military Kids Month of the Military Child events all throughout April  
See the next page for all the details.
- Print out your own Month of the Military Child and present it to your youth  
Download available on our DNG website  
Sponsor: Army National Guard



## Free OPERATION MILITARY KIDS Programs

Contact Rhonda Martell: [delawaremilitary4h@gmail.com](mailto:delawaremilitary4h@gmail.com) or 302-730-4000

- If you would be interested in a babysitter/first aid/CPR training held in Sussex County, contact [delawaremilitary4h@gmail.com](mailto:delawaremilitary4h@gmail.com).
- Priority will be given to those who are currently experiencing a deployment or have experienced deployment in the past two years

### Month of the Military Child family trip to Lancaster, PA

April 2, 2011: Military youth and their parents will enjoy quality family time after their parent has recently returned from their war time efforts. In this beautiful Amish country, we will explore many of the areas famous food factories and other attractions.

### Military Family Fun Day in DC

April 9, 2011: Youth ages 5-18 will enjoy spending quality family time with their parents at the National Cherry Blossom Parade and Festival in Washington, D.C. There will be many opportunities to explore the Smithsonian's, sample some of the delicious festival street food, tour the capitol building and experience the Nation's largest Japanese street fair. **\*\*NOTE\*\*** First priority will be given to those who are currently experiencing a deployment or have experienced deployment in the past two years

### Speak Out for Military Kids Camp

April 16, 2011 from 9:00am-4:00pm: This camp will enable military youth between 13 and 18 years old to discuss the unique needs of the military youth, especially during times of deployment, with one another. Military teens will interview one another and make a video on the effects of deployment on the families, youth and the community so that they can go out and share this with community organizations, classmates, etc. to increase awareness about the effects of deployment on everyone. This camp will meet at the UDel Paradee Center at 69 Transportation Circle in Dover, DE.

### Archery Camp

April 17, 2011 from 3:00-5:00pm: Youth 5-18 are welcome to come learn the basics and try your hand at this time-honored activity. All equipment will be provided for you. Please meet at the UDel Paradee Center at 69 Transportation Circle in Dover, DE.

### Legislative Day

April 20, 2011 from 8:30am-1:00pm: Youth will have an incredible opportunity to tour Legislative Hall as well as see the house in session and meet some of our states representatives and senators. In addition, youth will be able to visit with a Judge, visit the Public Archives and much more! We will meet at Legislative Hall in Dover the morning of the program.

### Good Friday Kite Festival

April 21, 2011 from 4:00pm-5:00pm and April 22, 2011 from 10:00am-3:00pm: Families will love this two part camp. Join us at the Dover Air Force Base Youth Center on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:00-5:00pm to assemble your kite. On Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> meet us at Cape Henlopen State Park from 10:00am-3:00pm for the annual Good Friday Kite Festival. Families will enjoy flying the kites they made the day before as well as using GPS units for geocaching, hiking through this amazing park, and much more!

### Orienteering Race

April 23, 2011 from 9:30am-1:00pm at White Clay Creek State Park: Come participate in this fun, fast paced "treasure hunt". Join other competitors from across the state in this family activity that works on map and compass reading skills. Race to the finish line or work at your own pace taking in the scenery, everyone's a winner in this activity! Please meet at the Carpenter Recreational Area (the park's main entrance) off of 896 by 9:30am. We will have a brief intro on Orienteering as well as compass and map reading before registration.

### UD Lacrosse Service Appreciation Night

April 23, 2011 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm: The University of Delaware has invited OMK families to attend the men's lacrosse game vs. Penn State. The game will be held at the University of Delaware Stadium in Newark

### Weeklong Robotics Camp

April 25-29, 2011 from 9:00am-4:00pm each day: Youth ages 8-18 will learn about GIS/GPS and how to use their creative thinking skills, the OMK mobile Tech Labs and Lego Robotics kits to make a "creation" that will perform a certain task. Teams will compete against each other on Friday. This camp will be held at the UDel Paradee Center at 69 Transportation Circle in Dover, DE

### UD "Ag Day"

April 30, 2011 from 10:00am-4:00pm: Spend the day exploring the University of Delaware farm and Agriculture campus. There will be demonstrations, live animals, plant sales, crafts, live bands, and plenty of food! Ag Day will be held at Townsend Hall at 531 S. College Ave in Newark, DE.

**Please call Rhonda Martell for more events happening in May!**



## Delaware National Guard Teen Council & Leadership Program

The DNG Teen Council and Leadership Program is an opportunity for DNG Teens to work together with key adult volunteers to create the programs they want to participate in. The DNG Teen Council meets three times a year to plan Teen Weekends and other events. The council meets generally the same time as the JC Corps for Camp Colwell. The last council meeting was discussion on having the next Teen Weekend at a location other than Cape Henlopen. Also discussed were Month of the Military Child events and Volunteer Hours for Guard Youth. They reviewed the Camp Colwell After Action Reports and then watched a movie! We consider every teen who participates in the DNG Youth Program activities part of the council. Everyone has input!

Next DNG Teen Council and Junior Counselor Meeting  
April 3rd 1:00-3:30

### **Dover Air Force Base Bowling “Eagle Lanes”**

Game and shoes paid for by DNG Youth Programs.  
You may need cash for snacks and games at the alley.  
Please call/email/text Pat Crilley if you are attending!

## National Guard Teen Panel Member and Region 3 Youth Representative

Hello my name is Hawa-Maya Bangura I'm the GTP member for region 3, I am a junior in high school which means I have one more year on the panel. My father has been in the Army National Guard for almost 18 years, and my mom has been apart of the family support program for over 8 years at DC Armory National Guard Headquarters. I have been apart of the youth program for 10 years

Name: Hawa-Maya Bangura

Region: 3

States Included: DC, DE, MD, PA, VA & WV

Home State: DC

Service Branch: Army Guard

Email: hawa5513@yahoo.com

I've been a part of the DCNG Youth program for over 10 years, and I am also the photographer for the Family Readiness Program.

**Guard Teen Panels -- Established at the national and state level to educate and empower National Guard youth locally, regionally, and nationally to become ambassadors of patriotism, diversity, moral character, intellectual achievement and service to others.**



## JOINT WARRIOR AND FAMILY READINESS PROGRAM

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Smyrna Readiness Center  
Smyrna, DE 19977



**Teen Weekend  
March 2010**

Website:  
[www.delawarenationalguard.com/  
familyreadiness/youth/](http://www.delawarenationalguard.com/familyreadiness/youth/)

## More Good Stuff:

- **Camp Colwell** is a weeklong youth camp for DNG Youth ages 9-17. The dates for 2011 are July 10-16th! Applications will be available in late April or May on the DNG website! Keep checking the youth site
- **Operation Purple Camps**  
The National Military Family Association (NMFA) has announced plans for the 2011 Operation Purple Summer Camp season, including 40 weeks of camp in 25 states plus Japan. This free summer camp program was developed to support military children dealing with the stress of war. Information about the camp program and eligibility is available at [www.militaryfamily.org/op](http://www.militaryfamily.org/op). Specific camp locations, dates, and contact information will be available when registration opens on March 31, 2011. Until then, interested families can sign up to receive email notices and announcements on the website.
- **DNG Children's Egg Hunt**, Saturday, for children ages 12 and under. April 16, 2011. 12:00pm to 2:00. This is a great opportunity for older DNG Youth who need volunteer service hours.
- **Air National Guard Teen Leadership Summit** locations this summer are in Dahlonga, Ga.; Estes, Colo.; and Washington.  
  
The summits combine high-adventure activities with leadership classes to allow teens to tap into their leadership potential and discover hidden strengths while developing a sense of belonging to the Air Force community, officials said.  
  
Teens with a parent in the Air Force Reserve or ANG can attend one of the free summits. April 8 is the application deadline. Participants must be 14 to 18 years old.  
  
Application instructions are available at [www.georgia4h.org/AFRANGTeenSummit](http://www.georgia4h.org/AFRANGTeenSummit). Teens must answer essay questions and complete code-of-conduct and transportation forms to attend one of the sessions.  
  
For more information, send an email to [Stacey.young@us.af.mil](mailto:Stacey.young@us.af.mil) or call 800-223-1784, extension 70971
- **Air Force (and Air National Guard) Youth Programs** website:  
<http://afyouthprograms.com/>
- **Army (and Army National Guard) Youth Programs** website:  
<http://www.armymwr.com/family/childandyouth/default.aspx>
- **National Guard Child and Youth Program** website:  
<http://www.jointservicessupport.org/FP/Youth.aspx>
- **Free Trevor Romain Books** from Military OneSource!  
"Under the Big Sky," "Taking the Duh out of Divorce," "What On Earth Do You Do When Someone Dies" and other titles.
- **Army National Guard "Trash to Treasures" Contest** for Earth Day  
Army youth use 3 recyclable items to create a treasure, take a photo and submit to ARNG for contest and display. See the DNG website for the memo and flyers.



# Delaware National Guard Joint Warrior and Family Readiness **Family Fun Movie Night**

**April 1, 2011**

**6:30-9:30 pm**

**Smyrna**

**Readiness Center**

(103 Artisan Drive, Smyrna, DE)

*Movie and activities will be geared for young children and their families.*

- **Indoor Movie**
- **Popcorn and snacks**
- **Cookie decorating**
- **Scrapbooking/Card Making**
- **Zoom albums** (bring 12 digital pictures on disc)
- **Cornhole Game and Wii Games**
- **Tattoos**
- **Seed Planting**



## Registration Information

Service Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages of youth: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone or email registration information to:

**RSVP by 3/29/11 to Pat Crilley, DNG Child, Youth and School Support Director**

**Office: (302) 326-7518; Cell: (302)-943-0752; Email: patricia.crilley@us.army.mil**



American Legion Post 25 & Delaware National Guard Youth Program  
Celebrates Month of the Military Child  
American Legion Marksmanship Program April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Delaware National Guard Youth ages 8 and up  
American Legion Post 25, Middletown, DE (307 North 6th Street, Odessa, DE)  
10:00 am to 12noon Lunch provided! (An afternoon session maybe possible, please call for details)



Return forms below by 3/29/11 to: Patricia Crilley, Child, Youth and School Support Program Director  
103 Artisan Drive, Smyrna Readiness Center, Smyrna, DE 19977  
[patricia.crilley@us.army.mil](mailto:patricia.crilley@us.army.mil) Office: 302-326-7518 Cell: 302-943-0752

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Name of Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Total number participating \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact number \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parent(s) or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/Squad Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address of Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address of Youth \_\_\_\_\_

**Hold Harmless**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the parent (or legal guardian)  
of \_\_\_\_\_ who is my minor child, hereby jointly and severally  
agree to indemnify and hold harmless the United States of America, the State of Delaware, and the Delaware National  
Guard, as well as all agents and officials thereof, of and from any and all claims, demands, causes of action and judgments,  
and all expenses (including attorney fees) incurred in connection therewith, for death or any injuries to or caused by  
(child's name) \_\_\_\_\_ or for the loss or damage to property arising out of or in connection with  
the use of any property owned by the Delaware National Guard on or about (date) \_\_\_\_\_. In the event of  
any such claims made or suits filed, I shall give the Delaware National Guard prompt written notice thereof.

Emergency Medical Care

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the parent (or legal guardian)  
of \_\_\_\_\_ who is my minor child; hereby authorize emergency medical  
treatment for my child in the event I cannot be contacted to give permission to treat. I understand I will be financially re-  
sponsible for the cost of such treatment.

Photo Release Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the parent (or legal guardian)  
of \_\_\_\_\_ who is my minor child, hereby authorize the Na-  
tional Guard Bureau Family Program (NGB-FP) and the Delaware National Guard Family Program the irrevocable and  
unrestricted right to use, reproduce and publish their image on the NGB-FP web site and in official printed publications,  
and to alter the same without restriction. I hereby release NGB-FP from any and all claims, actions and liability relating to  
its use of said photographs for an unlimited point of time unless otherwise notified in writing.

Youth (Signature) agreeing to attend display proper age appropriate behavior \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian (signature) \_\_\_\_\_

The American Legion Middletown Post 25  
Marksmanship Program

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:** In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate by execution of this en-  
try form, I hereby and discharge the The American Legion, Middletown Post 25, and all sponsors of and their officers, em-  
ployees, directors, agents and representatives and anyone else connected the management, promotion of presentation from  
any and all known or unknown damagers, injuries or losses, judgments and/or claims from any cause that may be suffered  
by an entrant, participant to his or her person or property. Further, each entrant expressly agrees to indemnify all the fore-  
going entities, firms, persons and bodies from any and all liability occasioning or resulting from the conduct of any entrant,  
participant or spectators assisting or cooperating with entrants under the direction or control of the entrant.

Agreed to and signed by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_