

# THE FAMILY CONNECTION

## 1. Krista's and Caren's Corner

Caren and I appreciated the great turn out at the last FRG Meeting. CPT Agent (the new rear detachment commander) shared valuable insight on the daily lives of our deployed husbands. The banner we made will be sent to Afghanistan by the end of next week. If you were unable to purchase a Battery t-shirt from Caren please feel free to contact either of us to rectify that situation! Remember Caren and 1sgt purchased these shirts out of their own pockets... so... please respect their cash only policy to ensure all monies are reimbursed. Be on the lookout for details for our next meeting!

## 2. Upcoming Events

**Video messages will be done in the family room in the basement of Bldg. #600. Here is the breakdown for days:**  
**Tuesday, 9 March: B Battery, 377th PFAR, Saturday, 6 March: Open to all, Friday, 12 March: Make up Day.**

1 April 2004- Afghanistan briefing with Col. Wood at the Post Theatre, 7pm. Child care drop off at 6:30 pm. Call 384-7483 for child care.

**School Age Services (SAS) Saturday Open Recreation – March 6 & 13**, Bldg 337, 10 am - 4 pm, for all CYS registered youth 1st-6th grade. (Limited to 60 youth). SAS, Bldg 337, has no snack bar. Children welcome to bring their own lunch. Closed March 20 & 27.

### **First Termer's Financial Readiness Training – March**

**16.** Bldg 600, Rm A10, 8 am - 5 pm. Registration required, seating is limited. Contact Elaine Holloway, 384-7509.

### **Parent's Night Out – March 19.**

Child & Youth Services (CYS) is sponsoring child care for children 6

weeks thru 12 years of age, in Bldg 337, 5:30-9:30 pm. Enjoy an evening out while your children participate in fun filled activities with CYS. Cost \$12 per child. Reservations required NLT 1 week prior to event. Call 384-7483.

**Youth Services (YS) Little League Baseball Registration February 17 - March 15.** Late Registration March 16-19. Call Jeff Nunley for more info 384-1508

**Free Mommy & Me Yoga Fit (ages 3-5 years old) – February 27, Buckner Physical Fitness Center, 9:30-10:15 am. Call AI to sign up 384-1304.**

**NEW Yoga Classes** – Monday & Wednesday: 6-7:10 pm, Tuesday & Thursday: 9:30-10:40 am. Individual session \$4. Purchase an 8 session punch card for \$24 and save. For more info, call 384-1308.

**Women's Support Group – every Friday**, Bldg 600, 10 am. Supporting women through difficult times. Communications, personal support, encouragement in moving forward. Call Family Advocacy 384-1006 or 384-0405.

**"Together, Listening, & Connecting" (TLC) with Families – every Thursday**, Bldg 600, 6 pm. A support group for families of deployed women and men. Call 384-1006.

**Tax Center Open.** Located in Bldg 1, Headquarters, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Rm 311. Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 9 am – 4:30 pm (closed 11:30 am – 1 pm), and Thursday: 1-8 pm thru April 15. Appointments required, call 384-1040.

**EAFB Information, Tickets & Travel (ITT). Regal Cinemas - \$5.75; H2Oasis - \$16.95 adults, \$12.95 children ages 3-12; Imaginarium - \$4.50 adults, \$4 children ages 2-12; Alaska Experience Theater - \$9 adult combo, \$6.30 children combo ages 5-12.**

## 3. Additional Notes

1. 1-501st will be featured in Time Magazine March 8th issue. In addition, check the Wall Street Journal March 4<sup>th</sup> edition for another article on the 1-501<sup>st</sup> PIR.

2. I will be e-mailing you information on how to order 1-501st polar fleece. Kimberly Keaveny will be heading up this project. Be on the lookout for details. Kimberly has offered to attend our next FRG meeting.

3. 1-501st t-shirts will also be sold (don't get them confused with the task force shirts or the battery shirts); these are for the battalion. Catharine Turnbull is running this project. As soon as I receive further guidance I will pass the information onto you guys!

4. The OSC is selling prayer boxes (\$15) and prayer box charms (\$10). I can be your contact person if you are interested in purchasing any boxes or charms.

5. The next FRG meeting will be Wednesday, 24 March 2004 at 6:30 PM, Bldg #600. Topics to be discussed: YS Easter Egg Hunt, April Battery bowling night... Caren is itching to bowl, plans to prepare for the deployed soldiers' return, AFAP conference, Volunteer Recognition Ceremony with ACS, and polar fleece sell.

6. On 19 March ACS is hosting a Block Party at Buckner Gym from 5-7pm. There will be free food, games for the children etc. More details to follow...

7. Army Family Action Plan (AFAP): If you have any concerns or issues you would like discussed please e-mail Caren at [b377ak@yahoo.com](mailto:b377ak@yahoo.com). She is compiling the questions then will hand them over to the appropriate representatives.

8. On April 8, 2004 there will be a volunteer recognition ceremony. This is just a "heads up". I do not have a specific location or time yet. If you have volunteered/helped the

battery in any capacity this year you should be recognized. Caren or I do not send out the invitations... that is the job of the ACS... details to follow....