

Family, Children, Military Spouses

www.operationhomefront.net (offers volunteer opportunities and resources)

Through generous, widespread public support and a collaborative team of exceptional staff and volunteers, this organization is the provider of choice for emergency financial and other assistance to the families of our service members and wounded warriors. Where there is a need for which they do not provide, they will partner with others for the benefit of our military families. In San Antonio, they can be reached as follows:

1355 Central Parkway S, Ste.
100 San Antonio, TX 78232
Phone: (210) 659-7756

Emergency Assistance:
(877) 264-3968

www.militarychildrenscollaborativegroup.com (resources)

The **Military Children's Collaborative Group** organization provides essential home front support for our military children and their care-giving families during training or deployment. They are composed of governmental agencies, school administrations, teachers, faith based organizations, nonprofits, and child/family advocates. Their website offers good resources for those supporting military families, such as the booklet "Ten Things Military Teens Want You to Know."

<http://www.militaryfamily.org/> (resources)

The **National Military Family Association (NMFA)** is the voice of military families because, for 46 years, they have proven that they stand behind service members, their spouses, and their children. The Association is the "go to" source for Administration Officials, Members of Congress, and key decision makers when they want to understand the issues facing our families. They know NMFA has "boots on the ground" with military families and understand better than anyone that "military families serve, too." This website has resources and information to help the military families in your congregations.

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When you hear "Operation Purple camp" you should think: Kids Serve Too! **The National Military Family Association's Operation Purple Camps** are a time for having fun, making friends, and reminding military kids that they are the Nation's youngest heroes. The mission of the Operation Purple program is to empower military children and their families to develop and maintain healthy and connected relationships, in spite of the current military environment. The program is joint or "purple"— and open to children and families of active duty, National Guard or Reserve service members from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or the Commissioned Corps of the US Public Health Service and NOAA.

http://www.mirecc.va.gov/VISN16/docs/Resources_OIF_Families_090319.pdf (resources)

Compiled by Michelle D. Sherman, Ph.D. (Revised March 2009), the Resources for Global War on Terrorism: Military Families provides a useful guide to publications, websites, videos and other tools that

may help families, or those wishing to support them, deal with the issues resulting from military service, particularly post-deployment challenges.