

# Events



## Tax Season

### Military OneSource

Military OneSource provides assistance to service members and eligible family members with tax preparation.

**Trained Military OneSource tax consultants assist service members and eligible family members by helping them make informed decisions about their tax situations. Assistance includes:**

- Sharing information about the unique tax requirements and issues related to military personnel and their families
- Identifying applicable Internal Revenue Service and state tax regulations, definitions and forms
- Providing electronic copies of tax forms and helping service members and eligible family members understand how to complete tax forms
- Reviewing options for using a refund, including how to use the refund to pay down debt
- Explaining additional tax services available to the military community such as Volunteer Income Tax Assistance clinics
- Helping service members and their families access the Military OneSource no-cost tax preparation and filing services
- Connecting service members and their families to other Military OneSource services, such as confidential non-medical counseling, as needed

[www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil)



176 TX EN BDE

- COL Tracey Norris  
Brigade  
Commander

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# February 2015

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Presidents Day Holiday	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 454 Yellow Ribbon Ft Worth

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- Popular Children, Youth & Teens Web Links

[4-H Military Partnerships](#)

[Boys & Girls Club of America](#)

[Child Care Aware of America \(Formerly NACCRRRA\)](#)

[Children, Youth & Teens Products](#)

[ChooseMyPlate](#)

[FOCUS On the Go!](#)

[Learn the Signs. Act Early.](#)

[Military Child Education Coalition \(MCEC\)](#)

[Military OneSource Tips](#)

[Military Youth on the Move](#)

[National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities](#)

[Sesame Workshop](#)

[Sittercity](#)

[Tutor.com](#)

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**TXANG: CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAM**



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## SFP Volunteer Recognition Program

The Nomination Period for recognizing the outstanding efforts of the Volunteers, Commanders, MPOCs, and Community Partners who support the men and women of the Texas National Guard is now open.

Please see the attached Memorandum of Instruction, Standard Operating Procedure and Award Nomination form for the 2014-2015 State Family Program Volunteer Awards.

All nominations must be received by the State Family Program Office no later than 15 February 2015, in order to be considered for an award.

To nominate the volunteer or key military personnel for an award complete the enclosed Texas Military Forces State Family Readiness - Award Nomination Form.

Send the nomination form along with required (or supplemental) supporting documentation via one of the three methods of collection:

**Mail:**

State Family Program Office  
ATTN: CPT Shayla Ray  
2200 West 35th Street  
Building 34  
Austin, Texas 78703

**Email:**

[shayla.n.ray2.mil@mail.mil](mailto:shayla.n.ray2.mil@mail.mil)

Email Title: Volunteer Award Nomination-BDE/Unit

Ex: Volunteer Award Nomination-72IBCT/1-112CAV B-Troop

Document Title: Volunteer Award Nomination-BDE\_LastNameFirstInitial

EX: Volunteer Award Nomination-36 CAB\_SmithR

**Fax\*:**

(512) 782-6953  
ATTN: CPT Shayla Ray

\*please include a cover sheet.

Please contact me for a nomination form or if you have questions  
[chelsea.d.daughtry.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:chelsea.d.daughtry.ctr@mail.mil) 972-343-5865

Award recipients will be selected by an awards panel.

**Award Nominations are for the**

**Following:**

Adjutant Generals Family Spirit Award

Freedoms Table Award

Outstanding Commander of the Year

Military Liaison of the Year (MPOC)

1 Air/1 Army Volunteer of the Year

Family Readiness Group of the Year

FRG Volunteer Rookie of the Year

## Upcoming Family Readiness Trainings:

### 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER SFP UPCOMING TRAININGS

**FRG Advanced Training in San Antonio – February 7, 2015**

Rose Montano, at 210-808-5800 512-636-6789 or [rosa.m.montano.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:rosa.m.montano.ctr@mail.mil)

JSS Registration link:

<https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Events/EventDetails.aspx?Id=6757f81d-0df1-4cce-ba6c-7a9c9faf86f2>

**FRG Basic Training in Austin – February 28-March 1, 2015**

Diana Ransom, 512-782-5001 ext 4847 or [Diana.k.ransom.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:Diana.k.ransom.ctr@mail.mil)

JSS Registration link:

<https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Events/EventDetails.aspx?Id=a96e8be2-b045-49e4-83c4-aa032119f6f7>

**FRG Advanced Training in Ft. Worth – March 21, 2015**

Chelsea Daughtry BB(512)590-2061 Office(972)343-5865

JSS Registration link:

<https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Events/EventDetails.aspx?Id=39544478-5f18-41f3-859e-8c0729f0a36f>

**Registration for all trainings can be done on JSS**

**[www.jointservicessupport.org](http://www.jointservicessupport.org)**



**Who  
Texas Army National Guard and Families**

**What:**

**Strong Bonds Seminars are a weekend Work Shop for TXARNG Single Soldiers, Married Couples, and Families to focus on their relationships. For the Marriage Enrichment seminars, the Chaplain covers topics such as expectations, communications, reunion and friendship. He provides tools for the couple to use in the future. The Family Wellness seminar is for the entire Family to come to an off-post retreat and gain skills to help sustain healthy interactions, relevant teaching and training. They will also have time for relaxation, recreation, fellowship and fun.**

**All Service Members will receive a performance certificate upon completion of the seminar (IF NEEDED). Per the FY14 Strong Bonds Guidance, Strong Bonds will no longer reimburse mileage or per diem. Service Members and their Families are highly encouraged to attend Seminars hosted within their surrounding cities.**

**Strong Bonds will continue to provide Hotel Accommodations, Breakfast, and Lunch as long we can still meet per diem requirements at events locations. Family Wellness events will continue to have child care. Hope this does not discourage you attendance.**

**Below is a listing of upcoming events:**

Dec 13-14	Marriage Enrichment	Fredericksburg
Jan 9-11	Marriage Enrichment	El Paso
Jan31-Feb 1	Family Wellness	DFW
Feb 28-Mar1	Marriage Enrichment	San Antonio
Mar 21-22	Marriage enrichment	DFW
Mar 28-29	Single Soldiers	South Padre
Apr 25-26	Family Wellness	South Padre
May 30-31	Marriage Enrichment	TBD
June 6-7	Single Soldier	TBD
June 27-28	Marriage Enrichment	TBD
Jul 4-5	Family Wellness	DFW
Jul 18-19	Marriage Enrichment	TBD
Aug 1-2	Single Soldier	TBD
Aug 15-16	Family Wellness	TBD

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**\*\* April 25-26 South Padre has been changed to Marriage Enrichment due to lack of childcare funding**

**As of Feb 1, 2015 childcare will no longer be provided at any Strong Bond Seminar**

## 176 Engineer Brigade FRG

### Volunteers

**HHC 176 EN CSB (ME)/112th S&D**

\* Ashley Elrod—FRG Leader

**111 EN BN — HQ/HSC/327 Quarry**

\* Open

**FSC 111 EN**

\* AshiDawn Bradshaw—FRG Leader

**236 EN Co/211 Concrete**

\* Brenda Holden—FRG Leader

**454 EN CD/111 ACP**

\* Mary Lou Porter—FRG Leader  
 Brittany Aguilar—Treasurer  
 Shree Custred—Phone Tree Chair  
 Hope Lowery—Youth Coordinator  
 Delores Garcia—Hospitality Chair  
 Lauren Mitchell—Phone Tree Key Caller

**822 HORIZ/ 936 ASPHALT**

\* Rhonda Murphy—FRG Leader

**840 MAC EN CD**

\* Jacquelyn Brack—FRG Leader

**HSC 386 BN**

\* Open

**627 Hvy Dive Team**

\* Open

**FSC 386 EN BN**

\* Edith Gonzalez—FRG Leader  
 Stephanie Taylor—Secretary  
 Cecy Mochel—Treasurer

**272 VERT EN**

\* Deanna Sides—FRG Leader

**342 HORIZ**

\* Jeanette Lamb—Treasurer

**442nd MAC**

\* Deborah Lozano—FRG Leader  
 Rebecca Cosime—FRG Secretary

**551 EN (-) MRB**

\* Pamela Cavazos - FRG Leader  
 Rebecca Cook—Phone Tree Chair  
 Shannon Moreno—Secretary  
 Josette Rhea—Treasurer

**DET 1, 551 MRB**

\* Gwen Rangel—FRG Leader  
 Monique Rangel—Secretary  
 Sylvia Hall—Treasurer

Contributions to this newsletter are encouraged. We wish to feature a different unit or battalion along with their FRG staff each month. Your events with pictures are needed. We want an informative and encouraging newsletter that reflects the uniqueness of the 176th Engineer Brigade!

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### IMPORTANT NUMBERS & SERVICES

**American Red Cross**  
 Armed Forces Emergency Services  
 877-272-7337  
[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)  
**TRICARE Service Center**  
 800-444-5445  
[www.tricare.mil](http://www.tricare.mil)  
**Military One Source**  
 800-342-9647  
[www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)  
**Veteran's Affairs**  
[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)  
**American Military Retirees Association**  
 800-424-2969  
[www.amra1973.org](http://www.amra1973.org)

**United Concordia**  
 800-866-8499  
[www.TRICAREdentalprogram.mil](http://www.TRICAREdentalprogram.mil)  
**Army Behavioral Health**  
[www.behavioralhealth.army.mil](http://www.behavioralhealth.army.mil)  
**Texas National Guard Family Support Foundation**  
[www.txnfgfoundation.org](http://www.txnfgfoundation.org)  
**Military Homefront**  
[www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil](http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil)  
**Chaplain**  
 1-866-822-7685 select 8#  
 Email: [TexasChaplain@ng.army.mil](mailto:TexasChaplain@ng.army.mil)  
**Hope for Heroes**  
[www.samaritan-counseling.org](http://www.samaritan-counseling.org)

**Military Spouse Center**  
[www.military.com/spouse](http://www.military.com/spouse)  
**National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies**  
[www.naccrra.org](http://www.naccrra.org)  
**Employer Support of Guard and Reserve (ESGR)**  
[www.esgr.mil](http://www.esgr.mil)  
**Army National Guard Pay**  
 877-ARNG-PAY  
**Child Care Aware**  
 800-424-2246  
[www.childcareaware.org](http://www.childcareaware.org)  
**NGB Family Program Online Community**  
[www.jointservicessupport.org](http://www.jointservicessupport.org)

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Start accessing information, resources, and tools, for Servicemembers & Families, Volunteers, Staff and the Community.

**Register Now**