Oregon National Guard
Service Member and Family Support
Corvallis’ Own
Company B 2-162 Infantry

• Only National Guard Unit to receive the Presidential Unit Citation (OIF)
• Selected by GEN Chiarelli, CDR of 1st CAV Div to perform duties as the (Air Quick Reaction Force)
• 23 Purple Heart recipients
• 4 Killed in Action
• More than 12 returned home and received a Bachelors Degree
• More than 5 returned home and received a Masters Degree
Transitioning back home

What I have seen

• YOU may never know who your Veterans are (they wish to blend in)
• MOST have a new lease on life and are very proud of their service
• MOST wish to get on with their lives and be a part of their community
• MOST strive for success
• SOME are in transition and in dire need of assistance
• SOME are broken
• SOME have lost motivation
• ALL can use a hand up in some way
• THEY are our next great generation
My personal transition

• Severely wounded 2004
• Helped organize the Oregon Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program (YRRP) WHY?
• Back to Dad, husband, son, neighbor, brother and citizen
• Twins are born
• YRRP modeled nationally 2008
• Chief Instructor Combat Arms/ NCOIC Camp Adair
• Training Advisor (Mongolia, Bangladesh, Cambodia)
• Finished 4 year Degree 3.86 GPA (Alpha Sigma Lambda)
• Graduated Mountain Warfare School (Commandant’s List)
• Plans and Operations NCO J-9/ Development and implementation of the Joint Transition Assistance Program (JTAP)
• JTAP is the only Joint Reintegration team in the US
• You showed me Americans love the comeback
Community Outreach

• SMFS is committed to fostering a wide range of community partnerships and educating the public on the unique needs of service members and their families.

• Programs and partnerships:
  – Joining Community Forces – 7 counties in process
  – Partners In Care – 22 churches to date
  – Joint Career and Benefits Fairs
  – Regional Veteran’s Resource Groups
  – Oregon Community Colleges and Universities
  – Police Department Veteran’s Issues Trainings
  – Governor’s Employer Executive Brief
Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program

• Events include informational services, referrals, and outreach opportunities that relate to each phase of the service member and family deployment cycle.

• Pre-Deployment (Service Member and Family)
  – Pre-Mobilization
  – Before They Leave

• During Deployment (Family Members)
  – While They Are Gone
  – Before The Welcome Home

• Post-Deployment (Service Member and Family)
  – 30 Day
  – 60 Day
  – 90 Day (Service Member only)

Service Member and Family Attendance at SMFS ORARNG Yellow Ribbon Events
 FY 11  2,186 «|» FY 12  3,561
 FY 13  1,333 «|» FY 14  15,211
The Joint Family Support Assistance Program (JFSAP) provides extensive support to military members and their families. JFSAP is an Office of the Secretary of Defense funded program that serves all branches of the military by providing a range of services specifically targeted to persons who are geographically separated from a military installation.

• **Military and Family Life Consultant**  
  *Jeffrey Lenker*

• **Child and Youth Behavioral Consultant**  
  *Alice Duffy*

• **Director of Physiological Health**  
  *Dr. DeAnn Smetana*

• **Military OneSource**  
  *Meloni Beauchamp*

• **Personal Financial Counselor**  
  *Russ McAlmond*
Ten Family Assistance Specialists (FAS) are located throughout Oregon to serve the needs of service members and their families by providing six essential services. Whether pre, during, or post-deployment, the FASs offer information and referral services to all service and family members regardless of branch or duty status.

- **6 Essential Services**
  - Legal Resource and Referral
  - Financial Resource and Referral
  - TRICARE Resource and Referral
  - ID Cards and DEERS
  - Crisis Intervention and Referral
  - Community Information and Outreach

- **Conduct outreach calls**

- **Productivity 1 Oct 11 – 30 SEP 12**
  - 58,302 Family interactions
    - 160 (Avg) Interactions per day
  - 49,079 Cases and referrals

**Top Issues**
1. Community Outreach / Resources
2. Financial
3. VA Benefits / Reintegration
4. TRICARE
5. Youth
Oregon Military Assistance Helpline

- The Oregon Military Assistance Helpline connects veterans in crisis and their families with qualified, caring counselors 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

- Professional counselors answer every call, every time with free, anonymous, and confidential assistance.

- Cascade Centers Incorporated has served the state of Oregon for 35 years.

800.511.6944  www.ORMAH.com
Transition Assistance Advisor (TAA)

The TAA is a liaison to organizations that provide resources for:

- Financial Education/Training Education
- Health and Welfare
- State Benefits
- Health Care (TRICARE and VA benefits)
- Retirement
- Pre and Post deployment
- Emergency Assistance
- Unemployment
- Communication Issues
- Line of Duty (LOD)
- MEB/PEB Process
- Counseling for Self or Family
- Homelessness
- VA Disability and Pension
- INCAP Pay

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The Joint Transition Assistance Program empowers returning service members, veterans, and commands with tools for reintegration back into their communities, careers, education, health care, and families.

The JTAP Team consists of 13 personnel (12.8 FTE) geographically dispersed across Oregon, and contains representatives from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.
Joint Transition Assistance Program

Locations
Joint Transition Assistance Program

Employment Partners

- Oregon Employment Department/WorkSource Oregon
- US Chamber of Commerce (HOH)
- US Department of Labor
- Oregon Department of Veteran’s Affairs
- Hire Oregon Vets
- ESGR/ Hero 2 Hired (H2H)
- Oregon Joint Apprenticeship and Training Council
- Oregon Dislocated Workers
- Oregon State Legislature
- Congress
- Select Oregon Employer Partners
  - Safeway
  - Securitas
  - Kaiser-Permanente
  - Regence Blue Cross
  - Platt Electric
  - Bonneville Power Administration
# JTAP Accomplishments

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JTAP Accomplishments

• FY12 – 18 Contract Employees
  • $1.83M Congressional Increase
  • Assisted 328 service members find employment
  • Saved $8.9M in unemployment

• FY13 – 13 Contract Employees
  • $1.14M Congressional Increase and NGB funding
  • Assisted 104 service members find employment to date
  • Saved $2.8M in unemployment to date

Every Veteran employed potentially saves $27,040/year unemployment compensation.
Smart Phone App

www.ORNG-SMFS.ORG