



Military Families Connection

A bi-monthly newsletter of *Military Families Connect*
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The Family Resource Center of Sheboygan County will be closed for the holidays from Thursday, December 24, 2009—January 3, 2010. We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Meeting Information:

Location: **American Legion Post 243,**
40 Stafford St.,
Plymouth.

When: 4th Monday of
each month,
5:30-7:30 pm.

Please bring a dish to share and own beverage. Plates, napkins & silverware are provided.

Registration is appreciated for meeting planning. Child activities and care is provided.

January 25 -
Scrapbooking night

February 22 -
Sheboygan Area Red Cross

March 22 - Girl Scout Cookie Campaign

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Military Families Connect (MFC) received over 2200 cards for the troops from the community. On November 14, 102 troop care packages were sent to deployed troops from the Sheboygan County area. The packages were filled with brownies, cards, assorted items, and over 390 books donated through the Waldenbooks book drive this past August. Thank you to St. John the Baptist for use of the kitchen and cafeteria area, Thank you to the many community individuals, businesses and organizations making donations which made this mailing possible.

OIF/OEF Veterans & families

Military Families Connect (MFC) invites veterans and service members who have been deployed or served in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF)/Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) /Operation Noble Eagle (ONE) along with their family members for "Transitioning to Home," a peer support group. Come and meet others that have traveled this road.

Whether your transition to home has been smooth or bumpy, we invite you to join us. Share your successes and bumps in the road with others who have experienced the same transitions to life after deployment. Contact the Family Resource Center at 892-6706 or mfc@excel.net to register or for additional information. Childcare is available with registration.

When: Wednesdays
Dates: April 7, 14 & 21
Time: 6:30-8pm
Where: Plymouth

Military Families Connect (MFC) and the Family Resource Center (FRC) logo embroidered clothing is now available for MFC members. Members can purchase embroidered clothing for personal use with the FRC/MFC logo at Custom Craft Trophy in Plymouth. Clothing can be purchased at Custom Craft Trophy or members can take new clothing items in to have the logo added. For new items brought in for embroidery, Custom Craft Trophy will approve the weight, quality and style of the item. The cost to have embroidery added is \$13.70 plus tax. If clothing is purchased through Custom Craft Trophy, the embroidery fee is discounted. A permission slip is required for purchase and can be obtained at the Family Resource Center or at MFC meetings from the MFC Coordinator. Samples of the embroidery are also available to view. For additional information contact MFC.



Military Families Connect 2010 meeting dates

- January 25 – Scrapbooking Night—bring a picture of your service member and create your personal page for the MFC scrapbook. Supplies will be provided, just bring your favorite photos.
- February 22 – Sheboygan County Red Cross/Bob Davis - Find out what the American Red Cross has to offer to military families.
- March 22 – Cookie Campaign - Girls Scout cookie packaging for the deployed troops
- April 26 – Vet Center Overview - Find out what the Vet Center offers to veterans, military personnel and families.
- May 24 – TriCare Dental Program - Janice Belanger with UCCI will explain dental benefits available through TriCare
- June 28 – Ice Cream Social/Cards for area veterans - bring your favorite topping and create your ice cream masterpiece. Make a card of thanks for veterans in area nursing homes; all supplies will be provided.
- July 26 – Picnic in the Park - Join in the fun at the Plymouth City Park.
- August 23 – FRC Overview—Mary Jo Tittl, Executive Director of the Family Resource Center (FRC) will explain all the different projects that the FRC has to offer.
- September 27 – Military Kids Night - Join in celebrating our area military kids as heroes.
- October 25 – Cards for Troops - Card making for deployed troops from the Sheboygan County area. Supplies will be provided.
- November 13 – Brownie Bricks/packages - MFC members will join together to bake “brownie bricks” and create care packages to send overseas to the Sheboygan area service members that are deployed.
- November 22 – County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) - Charlene Cobb, Sheboygan County CVSO, will explain the services offered and answer questions you may have.
- December 20 – Holiday Meal - Enjoy a holiday meal with members of MFC.

If you know of a Sheboygan County service member deployed outside of the United States and you would like them included in our package mailings, contact Karen at the FRC with their APO or FPO information. All information submitted is confidential and not shared.

