





**Transition to Home – After Deployment**

Have you or a family member served since 2001?  
Did you experience a deployment?

**Would you be interested to come and:**

Meet others who have been deployed?  
Find a place to help answer the questions you may have?

**As a family member, would you:**

Like to meet other families who had someone deployed?

**Do you wonder:**

Am I the only one feeling like this?  
Can I help someone else?  
What works for others?

**Would you like to:**

Connect with others?  
Get advice from peers?  
Share your stories?



If you answered yes to any of the questions above, we invite you to join us for **Transition to Home – After Deployment**. Military Families Connect (MFC) has created this group to provide an opportunity to meet and connect with others sharing the same journey. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, 6–7:30pm. Pre-registration is appreciated for meeting planning. Childcare is available with registration. Contact Karen at (920)892-6706 or [mfc@excel.net](mailto:mfc@excel.net) to register, for meeting location or for additional information.

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**Care Packages to Troops**

**Do you know someone in the military who is serving outside the United States?**

MFC would like to include troops from the Sheboygan County area who are serving on Active Duty, in the National Guard or Reserves, of any branch of the service, in our troop care package mailings.

Contact Karen at the FRC with their APO or FPO information to have your loved one included in our next mailing!

All information submitted is confidential and not shared.

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MFC will be accepting boxes of donated Girl Scout Cookies to send to our deployed troops at our next mailing in March. Drop off your donated cookies & make the day of a deployed troop.

**A Thank You From Overseas:**

"I am stationed at a little base with less than 200 people. Because of our small size, the amenities are not like many other places in Iraq. I shared my package with my platoon and they enjoyed it as well. The PX we have does not have much of anything and so we rely on care packages like yours to fill the gaps. I appreciate your support."  
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**Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay Deadline Extended**

The Department of Defense (DoD) announced today that the deadline for eligible service members, veterans and their beneficiaries to apply for Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay has been extended to March 4, 2011.

To read the DoD news release go to: [www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=14162](http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=14162)

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**Strong Bonds Events Offered To All Service Members**

The core mission of the **Strong Bonds** program is to increase individual Soldier, Airmen and Family members readiness through relationship education and skills training.

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