

# FAMILY NEWSLETTER



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## NATIONAL NEWS



### SIGN UP FOR SUMMER CAMP NOW!

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NAVY WOUNDED WARRIOR – SAFE HARBOR

Spring is the best time to begin searching for summer camps that your children might like to attend. Keeping children busy during school vacation can be a difficult task, especially for the families of wounded warriors, who are consumed with many more pressing tasks. The resources outlined below may help alleviate some of the stress that can accompany summer scheduling.



Children from military families enjoy adventures at Operation Purple Camps.

Camps designed specifically for military children can be particularly enriching for wounded warrior families. There, children can connect with others just like them. The camps bring together children from all ranks and services, and provide a unique and memorable summer camp experience. Check out these great opportunities:

- **Camp Corral:** This camp offers a week of non-stop fun and excitement in the great outdoors for military children ages 8 through 15 (with a special focus on the children of wounded warriors). Visit [www.campcorral.org](http://www.campcorral.org).
- **Boys & Girls Club Camps:** Many Boys & Girls Club chapters offer summer camps for local children. Visit [www.bgca.org](http://www.bgca.org).
- **Military Teen Adventure Camps:** The Department of Defense's Office of Family Policy partners with several universities to offer Teen Adventure Camps for military children ages 14 to 18. Visit [bit.ly/1hah2lJ](http://bit.ly/1hah2lJ).
- **Operation Purple Camps:** These camps offer a free week of summer fun for military kids whose parents have been, are currently or will be deployed. Visit [bit.ly/1lwaeBy](http://bit.ly/1lwaeBy).
- **Other Resources:** Check out the online Summer Camp Directory at [www.campage.org](http://www.campage.org) or find local programs at [www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil](http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil).



NWW is pleased to welcome its new director,  
**Capt. Brent Breining!**

He is looking forward to assisting NWW enrollees  
and their families and caregivers.

Visit <http://safeharbor.navylive.dodlive.mil> to learn more about him!



### APRIL IS MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

Navy Wounded Warrior (NWW) – Safe Harbor joins the Department of Defense and the entire military community in celebrating April as the Month of the Military Child. Military children face many special challenges, such as having a deployed parent or moving frequently. April is a time to recognize their accomplishments and resilience.

In particular, the children of wounded warriors often face taller hurdles than other children. Their family dynamic is forever changed after their loved one is injured or diagnosed with a serious illness. They, too, have to heal, and to find a new normal.

NWW provides assistance to wounded warrior families, including children. From connecting them to scholarships and camps, to sharing mental health resources and literature on coping strategies, NWW is ready to help.

Learn more about the Month of the Military Child at [www.monthofthemilitarychild.org](http://www.monthofthemilitarychild.org).



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*BELOW IS A SAMPLING OF ADDITIONAL NEWS AND RESOURCES FOR WOUNDED WARRIOR FAMILIES IN NAVY REGION MIDWEST.*

### eKNOWLEDGE OFFERS SAT AND ACT PREP FOR NAVY FAMILIES



Do you have a family member who is preparing for college entrance exams? The Navy's eKnowledge program offers SAT and ACT PowerPrep programs for less than \$20. The programs are available online or on a single DVD. The programs include more than 11 hours of video instruction and 3,000 files of supplemental test preparation materials, such as interactive diagnostic tools, sample questions and practice tests. Students select the training they need, and study and their own pace. To get started or to learn more, visit [www.eKnowledge.com/USNavy](http://www.eKnowledge.com/USNavy) or call 951-256-4076.

### CAMP AMERICAN LEGION PROVIDES NEEDED RESPITE



*Wounded warriors relax at Camp American Legion.*

On the shores of Big Carr Lake there is a haven for Wisconsin military families who could use a little "help to heal." With fully furnished cabins, a restaurant-quality dining facility and many recreational facilities and activities, Camp American Legion is an ideal respite for those who could use a hand on the road back to health. The camp is available free of charge to any Wisconsin veteran with

a physical or psychological illness, injury or disability; any active-duty personnel in Wisconsin who recently returned from deployment; and any Wisconsin family that recently lost a service member. Camp American Legion is operated by the Wisconsin American Legion. An application and additional information can be found on the organization's website at [www.wilegion.org](http://www.wilegion.org).

### LEARN ABOUT THE MILITARY ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM



The Department of Defense has joined with the Department of Agriculture and Kansas State University to provide quality distance education

programs to service members, their spouses and children, and civilian professionals with the Military Academic Advancement Program (MAAP). Through MAAP, they can obtain an advanced degree in a number of areas and help support the military community. MAAP works through the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance to offer quality online programs geared toward military families who relocate frequently. Get your graduate degree – anytime and anywhere – and become a professional service provider who assists families like your own. For more information, visit [www.militaryonesource.mil/cyt/after-graduation?content\\_id=269474#.Ut6TxGyO8Sk](http://www.militaryonesource.mil/cyt/after-graduation?content_id=269474#.Ut6TxGyO8Sk). email.

### SPORTS CAMP OPPORTUNITY!

The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago Wounded Heroes Foundation is hosting a military sports camp July 24-27 in Chicago. The camp is specifically designed for injured military personnel with physical disabilities. Introductory-level athletes are invited to learn from elite level coaches and enjoy all Chicago has to offer. Local ground transportation, lodging, meals, and program activities are provided to military personnel at no cost. Online applications are now available at [www.ricsports.org](http://www.ricsports.org). For more information, contact Jason Stubbeman at 312-238-5010.

#### ARE YOU AWARE...

OF THE MANY SERVICES AVAILABLE TO ENROLLEES OF NAVY WOUNDED WARRIOR - SAFE HARBOR?  
*From adaptive athletics to a mentor program for transitioned wounded warriors, there is something for everyone! Learn more at*  
[HTTP://SAFEHARBOR.NAVYLIVE.DODLIVE.MIL](http://SAFEHARBOR.NAVYLIVE.DODLIVE.MIL)

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