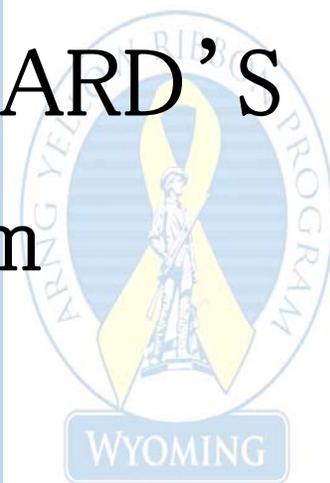
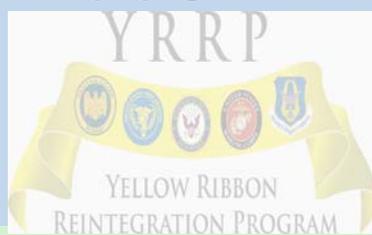


# WYOMING NATIONAL GUARD'S Yellow Ribbon Program

YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM



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## Support

Supporting service members, families, and communities before, during and after deployments is an important part of the Wyoming National Guard's success.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

### Community members show their support of Wyoming National Guard service members!

The Wyoming National Guard's Yellow Ribbon Program has many initiatives for community members to show their support of service members and their families.

**Soldiers Standing Tall:** Community members have the opportunity to show a deployed service member that they care and brighten their day by sending a care package with needed supplies. For information on deployed service members and addresses please contact the Yellow Ribbon Office @ 307-772-5457

**Adopt - A - Service Member:** Community members can connect with deployed service members by corresponding by letter, phone, and email. To adopt a service member, please contact the Yellow Ribbon Office.

**Red Shirt Friday:** Over 50 Wyoming businesses and 2,500 Wyoming workers state wide wear red every Friday to show their support of the Wyoming National Guard. For information on how to obtain your very own Yellow Ribbon red shirt, please contact the Yellow Ribbon staff.

**Soldiers Phone Home:** Yellow Ribbon teamed with Cell Phones for Soldiers and gave over 1,600 pre-paid phone cards to service members returning home. To support this initiative, contact the Yellow Ribbon Office or place your old cell phones in any Cell Phones for Soldiers drop box.

**Yellow Ribbon Employer Salute:** Wyoming National Guard Soldiers can nominate their employer for outstanding support and the employer will be eligible for a Yellow Ribbon Employer Salute Award.

**Yellow Ribbon Grass Roots Patriotism:** Community members in every community are encourage to join the Grass Roots Program to provide a support structure to military service members, families, and veterans.

**Facebook:** Like us on Facebook and connect with military families.

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# Wyoming National Guard Support Services

The valued service providers that support the service members and families are an asset that can not be replaced. These programs are put in place to make the lives of the service member and families easier through the deployment cycles. Whether it be pre-deployment, sustainment, or reintegration the dedicated personnel that are a part of these programs are always willing and ready to have an open ear to hear and help resolve any problem that comes along.

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## Survivor Outreach Services (SOS)



SOS demonstrates the Army's commitment to Families of the Fallen by providing both short and long term support and standardized services to Active, Reserve and Army National Guard families. The ARNG SOS coordinator provides a subject matter expert supporting programs and services to Survivors of Fallen Soldiers. The mission of SOS is to expand and improve services to survivors by connecting survivors with: benefit coordinators, financial counselors, and or life consultants. The Wyoming National Guard's coordinator is Bill Spellman. He is responsible for developing, administering, and coordinating SOS programs and services within Wyoming. He works closely with benefits coordinators at the Fort Carson Casualty Assistance Center, military family life counselors in the state, casualty assistance officers and long term family case management. Spellman acts as a liaison between families and the Army and any other agency that may have information or benefits available for the family. In short SOS is here to ensure survivors receive all the benefits to which they are entitled, and encourages survivors to remain an integral part of the ARNG family for as long as they desire. Services are not limited to Army survivors, but can be provided to all branches of the US military.

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# Military Funeral Honors

Providing Military Funeral Honors (MFH) to all veterans following the guidance published in Department of Defense policy will be continued to be supported in the Wyoming Army National Guard (WY ARNG). Wherever possible these honors will be conducted by members of the WY ARNG in partnership with a veteran service organization in communities across Wyoming.

The WY ARNG Honor Guard has been established to support this program. The Honor Guard members represent American Armed Forces in rendering Military Funeral Honors to our deceased veterans. Grieving families are comforted by the professionalism and dedication of an Honor Guard as they pay their final respects to our veterans. Soldiers take great pride in upholding their high standards and fulfilling their mission of “honoring those who served.”

Department of Defense policy requires the playing of taps, the folding and presenting of the U.S. Flag to all families on request when the deceased is entitled to military honors. Additional honors may be provided when resources allow, at the discretion of the adjutant general.

Additionally, on the last work day of each month, the WY ARNG Honor Guard in partnership with veteran service organizations, conduct a monthly memorial service where all known deceased Wyoming veterans for that month are honored with prayer, roll call and military honors. These services have been conducted in various communities around the state and can be conducted in your community with an advance request.

The office of primary responsibility for this memorandum is deputy chief of staff, personnel and the point of contact is Jim Burnell (772-5136).

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YELLOW RIBBON  
REINTEGRATION PROGRAM

## Yellow Ribbon 30/60 Day Reintegration Event, March 18-20, 2011

Service members and their families attended a Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Event, March 19 and 20, in Cheyenne, at Little America Resort. This Yellow Ribbon Event provided them with an excellent opportunity to gain knowledge of important information about state and federal benefits and entitlements that the service members and their family have earned.



Linda MacNeal's (photo to the left) presentation on "Using Humor to Practice Safe Stress" is nationally recognized. MacNeal has spent many years in the field using laughter to help release stress. Her presentation got the audience involved in stress relief techniques using humor and laughter.



The teens were instructed by Linda Dennis (above photos) the manager of the "A Backpack Journalist" and her team of educators. The core of the program helps youth develop their writing skills and expand their education, while underneath it also helps youth find their "voice" and a means to express themselves. Also encouraging creative expression through a variety of media applications has shown to be successful in the trainings to date, and is one of the goals of the program. The teens had a great time and some of the stories that were written and the photos that were taken were awesome. The teens were pleased with what they had learned and accomplished in such a short time.



Marti Salas (photo to the left) was one of the 35 service providers that attended to help inform the service members of the federal benefits they have earned. Salas enrolls service members with the VA for medical benefits.



The 153 AW flag team members (above) were waiting to retrieve the colors at the end of the Yellow Ribbon Event. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated group of individuals to call upon for our events.



## **Yellow Ribbon 60 Day Reintegration Event held May 14, 2011.**

Service members and their families attended a Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Event, May 14 in Cheyenne, at Little America Resort.

This was another informative event with good speakers and numerous service providers to visit with. There was ample time for service members to talk with the service providers on an individual level for questions on a more personal basis.

This was an Army and Air Guard joint Yellow Ribbon Event. Yellow Ribbon Events are to provide the service member and their families with quality speakers on subjects that are pertinent to the deployment stage that the service member is in. If they are just getting ready to deploy the subject matters are a lot different than if they have been home for 60 days.

By combining events for Army and Air Guard, we can provide quality information and share the service providers who work with all branches of the military. There are so many benefits and entitlements that are available for service members who have deployed to take advantage. We highly encourage service members to talk with the numerous service providers to see what might be of benefit to them and their families.

## **Yellow Ribbon 30 Day Reintegration Event to be held July 10, 2011.**

The July 10, 30 Day Reintegration Event will be held at the new Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF), on F.E. Warren Air Force Base. This Yellow Ribbon Event will be joint with both Army and Air Guard attending. This means the Army and Air National Guard will be sharing the facility, food and service providers.

We have an excellent group of speakers attending this event. We will have a breakout session where the single service members and the married service members will separate and have individualized briefings. The rest of the time they will all be in a general session together.

Designated times to visit with the service providers will be during the breaks and at lunch.

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# Wyoming Yellow Ribbon Program



## 2011 Yellow Ribbon upcoming events:

### Army National Guard

July 10 ~ Pre Deployment Event for the Soldiers of DET 3, 777 ~ Cheyenne, Wyo.  
joint event with ANG

Sep 17 ~ Quarterly Sustainment Event for the families of Charlie Med Ro. 3 & 197th PAD ~ Cheyenne, Wyo.

Sep 21 ~ Quarterly Sustainment Event for the families of 197th PAD ~ Casper, Wyo.

## 2011 Yellow Ribbon upcoming events:

### Air National Guard

July 10 ~ 30 Day Reintegration for the 153 ANG. ~ Cheyenne, Wyo.  
joint event with ARNG



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