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Following the JSS

JSS has events and opportunities throughout the month that are available for all National Guard Air and Army Members as well as their Families. By following and encouraging your Soldiers and Airmen to follow our page you help them to take part in all the opportunities around the state. As the holidays approach



fun events for the family and holiday support programs for families in need will be available through JSS and its community partners. If you know of Soldiers and Airmen in need as the holiday months approach please contact or have the Service Member contact our Family Assistance Team with their full name and phone number at: 253-945-1869 or contact us through Facebook messenger and we will point you and your Service Members in the right direction!

Family Assistance isn't the only thing we have available, our facility hosts 13 different programs that are available to Veterans, Service Members and their Family Members.

Employment Transition 253-512-8540 | Child & Youth 253-512-7985

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Comicon Run & Haunted House



The Joint Services Support and Air Guard brought Camp Murray the Comicon Run and Haunted House which was a great success despite the gloomy weather. A large group came out dressed in their best costumes and offices teamed up to come out in theme. From super heroes to Disney characters, the The Haunted House was amazing and even had a terrifying room of DTS from Hell! Over 60 people attended the Haunted House which raised \$324 for the Minuteman Fund.

The run winners were:

Males– Michael Verdonk, Kent Matsuzawa, and Luke Granadosin

Females– Emily Collins, Sherry Gitau, Diana Tooker

Costume winners were:

Wrestlers, Alice in Wonderland Team, Lara Croft

Thanks to everyone that came out and participated, ew hope to see you all at our next event!



Holiday Magic!

December 20th & 21st from 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm

The WA National Guard Joint Service Support/Family Programs team has coordinated Holiday Magic 2016 to assist Service Members/Veterans who may need additional help during the holiday season (meals, toys, etc). Service Members can apply through this link for holiday support. Selected candidates will receive an official acceptance email from Lead Family Assistance Specialist Deborah Discolo with a date and time slot of when to come in to select items. Email will also contain the location of where to go on Camp Murray.

More details to follow once you have been accepted.

POC is Deb Discolo: 253-945-1869

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Please visit the follow link:

<https://jssholidaymagic2016.eventbrite.com>

Additional resources available upon request (financial, legal, medical, DEERS, programs for family, veteran's services, etc.)



LUNCH IS ON THE HOUSE

**Workshop in BLDG 91
November 18th**

**How to Navigate VA
Housing Loans**

**Lunch Provided
1 100-1230**

Trunk or Treat

National Guard Service Members and Veterans brought their families out for a fun filled events hosted by the WA National Guard Child and Youth at three locations, Camp Murray, Port Orchard and Marysville.

Camp Murray, Volunteers got very creative with their trunks. We even had a mini petting zoo with on of our Family Assistance Specialists who brought out a few horses to add to the fun. Vic's was in on the festivities with free hot cider for the kids.

This Port Orchard Trunk or Treat was a community event that was sponsored by WNG Youth Programs, AutoZone, That one Place Restaurant, The Kitsap County Food Bank, South Kitsap JRROTC, 4-H Clubs, Local Churches, and JSS Programs. Over 940 families attended with over 250 being military.

This annual event brings out so many families and so many participants yearly that its sure to be an ongoing event!





Gold Star Child Pays it Forward!

The 15 to 1 Jermaine Kearse foundation sponsored 15 Gold Star youth between the ages of 14-17 to attend the WILD excursion program through the organization GIVE. The program focused on leadership and building confidence in youth. During the 8 day experience youth were instructed in wilderness first aid & CPR, survival skill training, and outdoor wilderness leadership training.

Levi Cumpston and his brother were two of the youth selected to attend this excursion in July. The Cumpston family fell victim to a house fire on December 31, 2015 resulting in losing everything in the home. When it came time for Levi and brother Malachi to fulfill the packing list they were quickly overwhelmed. Survivor Outreach Support Coordinator, Sarah Vargo reached out to Tim Gatton, Family Assistance Specialist in Yakima, Washington for possible assistance in providing the gear needed to attend. Being proactive Tim took the list to Cabela's to price needed items. While in the store he was approached by a sales associate who asked if she could help, Tim explained why he was there. The associate asked him to wait where he was and came back shortly with the Store manager who then asked for the list and told Tim Cabela's would be happy to donate the needed items.



With the sponsorship from the 15 to 1 Jermaine Kearse Foundation, Support of Survivor Outreach Services, assistance of Tim Gatton, Family Assistance Specialist and donation of Cabela's, Levi and Malachi were set to attend the WILD Excursion. All involved in supporting these Gold Star Teens had no idea how much of an impact the skills obtained at this camp would have in the future.

On October 25th, Levi was with his Mom who was driving them home late that evening. While exiting the off ramp a man walked in front of their moving vehicle and was hit. Upon stopping Levi jumped out of the van to assess the situation. His Mother called 911 to report the situation.

In the time it took from the initiation of the 911 call to the arrival of police and emergency medics; it was Levi who confidently took control of the situation. He instructed the man to not leave the scene, asking him if he was okay? He calmly spoke to the man while examining him for serious injuries, prepared to perform CPR if needed. When the medics and police arrived to the scene they were impressed by Levi's actions, he was asked what kind of training he had received. Acknowledging the professional manner in which he handled this traumatic emergency situation. Levi told the first responders that he had attended a summer camp where he was taught First Aid and Survival skills and felt confident from the training he received.



Tim delivering the Cabela's donation

Levi's Mother reports his actions to be natural, he was confident and calm when taking charge of the situation. Emergency response looks to be a possible calling in life for him. This is a perfect example of paying it forward and believing in the value of investing in our youth.

-Sarah Vargo, SOS Support Coordinator

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Please join the Yakima Vet Center

for their 18th Annual
Christmas Holiday Buffet
Friday, December 16, 2016

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Yakima Vet Center
2119 W Lincoln Ave., Yakima

Hosted by the Vet Center staff.



2016 Christmas Carrousel

**Join us at the Loof Carrousel in Riverfront
Park for a night of free family fun! Santa to
arrive at 6:30 by police escort!**

December 2nd 6:00 to 8:00

Military, Veterans, and their Families

Questions contact Kim Cole @ 509-844-1115 or Kim.L.cole.ctr@mail.mil



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