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Retired Maj. Gen. George Goldsmith, a U.S. Army Reserve Ambassador for the state of South Carolina, speaks to the students of USAREC's Company Commander Course. 81st RSC Ambassador Coordinator Marty Wells, at far right, and Ambassador Goldsmith informed the students about the program at an April 21 briefing.

## Recruiting believers in Reserve Ambassadors

Story and photos by Gail E. Anderson, 81st RSC Public Affairs Specialist

Briefings, given to a group of recruiters, are “old hat” for the 81st Regional Support Command’s Strategic Outreach Coordinator, Marty Wells. You see, from September 2006 to March of 2008, everyone in the U.S. Army Recruiting Command referred to him as their CSM, but this time, USAREC’s former Command Sergeant Major has a new reason to speak to recruiters – to educate them on the U.S. Army Reserve Ambassador program.

As a civilian now, Wells is the Ambassador Coordinator for the 81st RSC, a job inherent to his Strategic Outreach Coordinator duties. That’s no small task considering it entails managing their speaking engagements, filing their quarterly reports and sometimes even arranging travel plans for his 20 ambassadors, most of them former two-star officers.

On April 21, Wells and one of South Carolina’s two ambassadors, retired Maj. Gen. George Goldsmith, spoke to a group of 17 students who were about to graduate from USAREC’s Company Commander’s Course. Many of the future company commanders were unaware that the Army Reserve even had such a program but were excited to learn that ambassadors could help them open doors to otherwise inaccessible venues.

Capt. John Ladson, of the San Antonio recruiting battalion, admits that prior to the briefing he knew nothing about the ambassador program but realizes how important it is to establish and use “networking” to reach his mission accomplishment.

“Now, with having the Army Reserve Ambassadors in our kit bag, it’s just another

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**George Goldsmith, USAR Ambassador speaks to Company Commander's Course students.**

tool that we can use to reach out to our communities," said Ladson.

Ladson said that now that he knows about ambassadors, he plans on using them at a minimum, quarterly.

"We'll have quarterly future Soldier events and I plan on inviting our ambassadors to speak at those events. In addition to that, I'd like to use my ambassadors as centers of influence within the community, to assist my recruiters in gaining access to schools and areas that were previously difficult for them to get into," Ladson said.

Before introducing Ambassador Goldsmith to the class, Wells told the students a little bit about Goldsmith's background and what qualifies him to be a subject matter expert. The students were mostly impressed with the fact that ambassadors are volunteers – unpaid champions of the Army Reserve.

Capt. Andrea Acosta, who is going to the Aguadilla Recruiting Company, in Puerto Rico, said "I've learned, we're not the only ones out there actually working in the community, that we definitely have help out there with these ambassadors and that they can go out there and help us increase the public's reception of what all we do."

Acosta said she thinks the public, generally, has a negative perception of the Army – "they think of what's going on in the Middle East as what represents the Army, but I think with these gentlemen going out into the community, they're not wearing a uniform, they can go in and be able to give the public better information

on the Army because either they've been there before, or they have a very strong understanding of all the opportunities the Army has to offer both Soldiers and their families," said Acosta.

Goldsmith, who was selected by the Chief, Army Reserve in 2002, is always eager to tell everyone why he wanted to become an ambassador.

"While I was still serving in the Army Reserve, I was a member of the Association of the United States Army and saw how effective AUSA was in servicing as the voice of the Army. I knew when the CAR established the USAR Ambassador Program, in 1998, that there was a critical need for the Army Reserve story to be clearly explained to all of our elected officials and to our community leaders. It was obvious that when a Soldier was in

uniform that there were limits to what could be discussed in the public arena. So when I retired, I wanted to serve as an ambassador to help present the real story of the success of the Army Reserve," Goldsmith said.

Goldsmith said that talking and getting to know USAR Soldiers and their families during Yellow Ribbon events and during Strong Bond weekends is his favorite part of his job because during those discussions, it gives him an opportunity to explain to Soldiers who are unemployed or underemployed how the Armed Forces Employment Partnership Program can help them in their search for a rewarding new career.

But the ambassador views his number one priority as "ensuring that our elected officials, community leaders, and employers understand the important role that our Army Reserve has in our War on Terror," said Goldsmith.

Speaking about his briefing to the students, Goldsmith explained "It was my intent to let these commanders know that there is help available to them in each of their recruiting areas. The Army Reserve has ambassadors located in each state and they have established a network of key leaders that can be called into action to advise and assist the commanders and their recruiters. The primary point that I wanted to make was that the commanders should not be hesitant to invite an ambassador to discuss key issues and ask for help," Goldsmith added.

Now armed with knowledge of the program, what will the new company commanders do next?

"I'm so excited!" The first thing I'm gonna do is contact my ambassador in Puerto Rico. Just as soon as I get there!" exclaimed Acosta.



# CYSS conducts first of four “Hero Packs” projects

By: Jennifer Stevens, 81st RSC Child and Youth School Services Community Outreach Specialist

The 81st RSC Child and Youth School Services program conducted its first “Hero Packs” project, partnering on April 14 & 15 with the Rosewood Elementary School’s “Club Edventure” after school program. This partnership is one of four planned collaborations to educate our children in the community about the Army

Reserve. The goal of the Hero Packs service learning project is to educate school age children (kindergarten – 5th grade) about the sacrifices of our military members and their families.

Each of the seventeen children who participated wrote letters to service members and their children sharing positive messages

and expressing words of gratitude for their commitment to our community and our nation. The children are encouraged to write their letters from the heart. This handwritten note of encouragement and thanks was written by a 3rd grader named Kelli from Rosewood Elementary School.

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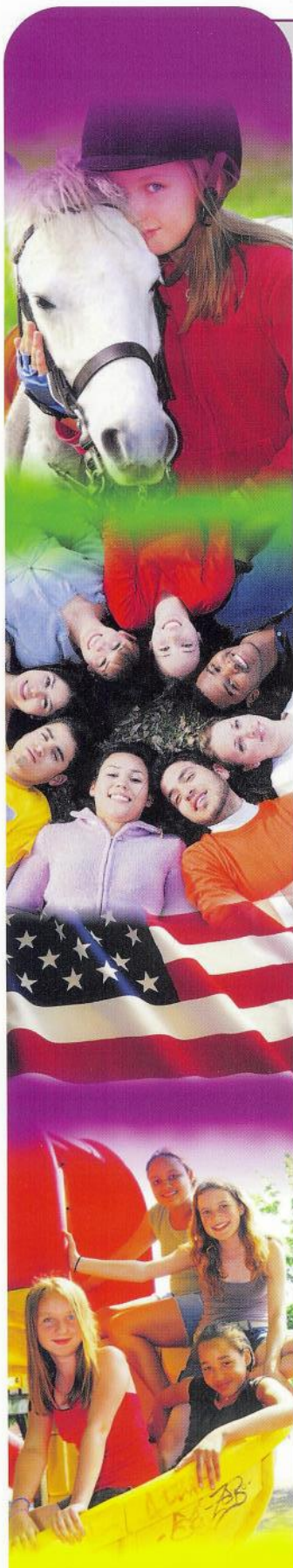
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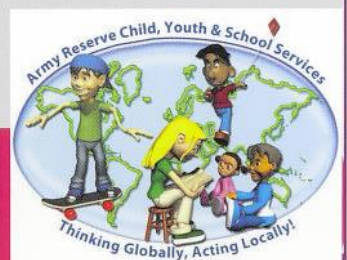
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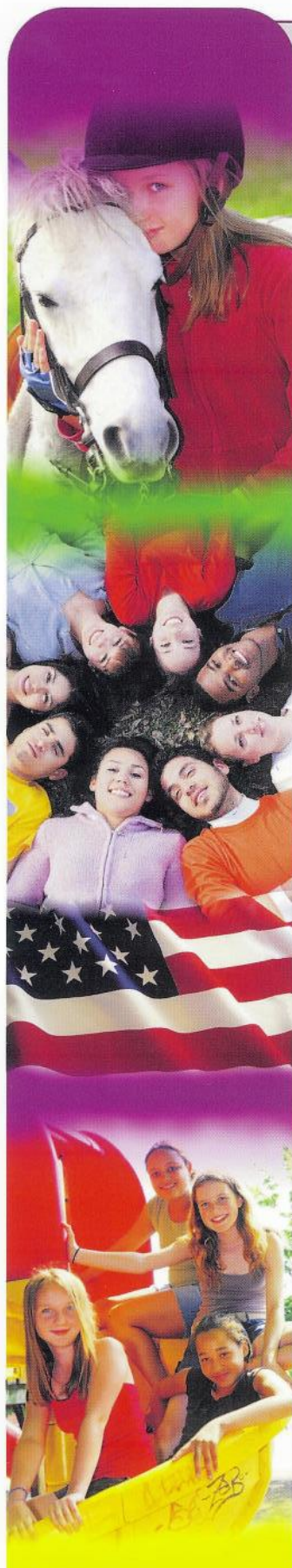
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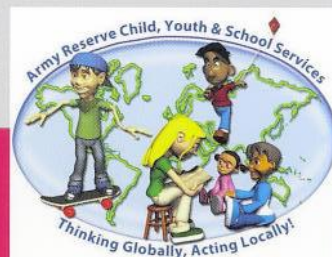


## 2011 LOCATIONS AND DATES

## Army Reserve Enrichment Camps

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New York	Camp McAlister/Talcott	6 - 15	26 June - 1 July
Washington	Ocean Park Camp	8 - 14	26 June - 1 July
Virginia	Camp Silver Beach	8 - 16	26 June - 2 July
North Carolina	Camp Hanes	6 - 15	10 - 15 July
Georgia	Camp Toccoa	7-16	10 - 16 July
California	Camp Marston	7-15	17 - 22 July
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# Early termination of housing lease possible

By: Maj. Bradley O. Wood, 81st RSC Judge Advocate General Office

Like our civilian counterparts, active and Reserve component service members enter into residential leases across the country every day. However, military members face many circumstances that our civilian neighbors do not – mobilizations, deployments, permanent changes of station (PCS), or separation (whether voluntary or involuntary) to name a few. Tens of thousands of Soldiers have experienced signing a twelve-month lease for an apartment only to receive orders sending them hundreds or thousands of miles away just a month or two later.

Whether the Soldier is single and will no longer be living in the apartment for the duration of the deployment, or his or her spouse desires to move back home with family for support until the Soldier returns, the prospect of being trapped in a long term lease can be frightening.

Fortunately, federal law protects Soldiers and their family members in situations such as these.

Section 305 of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) allows active duty service members who receive PCS orders or deployment orders for a period of 90 days or more to terminate a residential lease before the expiration of the term of the lease (this provision also applies to leases for business, professional or agricultural real property).

Similarly, this provision entitles Reserve Soldiers and National Guardsmen who are mobilized for more than 90 days to terminate real property leases if the servicemember entered into the lease

before being mobilized.

In addition, military members entering active duty service for the first time (such as to attend Initial Entry Training) may also lawfully terminate a residential lease before the expiration of the term of the lease.

To be able to terminate the lease, the servicemember must be a party to the lease. It is ok if a spouse is also a signatory in addition to the Soldier, but the Soldier's signature on the lease is an absolute requirement.

To terminate the lease, the servicemember must provide written notice (verbal notice is not sufficient) of the early termination of the lease to the landlord either by hand delivery or U.S. mail, along with a copy of the servicemember's military orders.

For month-to-month leases, the termination of the lease will be effective 30 days after the next rent payment is due. For example, if the rent is due on the first day of each month and the Soldier hand delivers the notice of early termination on May 14, then the next rental payment is due and payable on June 1.

Thirty days after that date would be July 1, the date that the lease will be effectively terminated. For all other leases (such as yearly leases), the termination is effective on the last day of the following month after the notice of termination was given.

For example, if the lease provides for a yearly rental and notice of termination is mailed on April 14, the effective date of termination would be May 31.

Essentially, you will need to pay just one more month of rent



before the lease is terminated.

In addition to the federal SCRA, several states have similar state statutes that allow servicemembers to break their lease due to military orders. In any event, read the lease very carefully before entering into it. Be sure to look for what is commonly called a "military clause," a specific provision written into the lease that expressly allows military servicemembers to terminate a lease early due to military orders.

Although the protections of the SCRA will take precedent regardless whether there is a military clause or not, the existence of a military clause in the lease will help will help to smooth out any potential situation that may arise down the road. It is also advisable to notify your prospective or current landlord of your military service and to discuss with them the potential of your being mobilized, deployed or PCSing during the term of your lease.

Contact your servicing legal office if you have any concerns about your ability to terminate a lease early due to military orders.

Judge Advocate attorneys are available to review potential leases prior to your signing it or to assist you in terminating a lease by helping to draft appropriate notices of termination, coaching you on how to handle the situation with the landlord and, if necessary, contacting uncooperative landlords on your behalf.



## **Did you know?**

### **That the 81st Wildcat Association needs your recipes?**

The 81st RSC Wildcat Association needs your help in putting together a new cookbook.

Requests have been mailed to association members to solicit their favorite recipes. The new Wildcat cookbook will feature favorite recipes from Soldiers and civilian employees of the 81st RSC as well as photos from community relations events, association events, historical events and a listing of all association members. As a fund raiser for their cause, the Wildcat Association will sell these cookbooks at their next reunion, September 15-18, in Stone Mountain, Ga.

Please help by emailing your favorite couple of recipes to Command Sgt. Maj. James Wills, james.wills1@usar.army.mil or Dr. John Boyd, john.alan.boyd@usar.army.mil

Please remember to send with sufficient time for us to receive, compile and include your recipe in the master copy before the cookbook goes to the publisher.

### **Where you can buy military clothing at reduced rates?**

A military clothing reclamation sale is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 2 & 3 at 2570 Warehouse Road. The sale is cash only. For more information, call 751-7213 or send email to Thomas.W.Jones1@conus.army.mil

### **That now is the time to elect long term care insurance?**

Open season for the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP) will run through June 24. For more information on the program, call 1-800-582-3337

### **That ID cards will no longer have social security numbers?**

Beginning in June, social security numbers will no longer be printed on DoD ID cards. The new ID card will feature a DoD ID number in place of the social security number. Current ID cards should not be replaced until the card is within 30 days of its expiration date. For more information, visit [www.dmdc.osd.mil/smartcard](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/smartcard)

## ***Chaplain's Corner***

On May 29th, 1790 the state of Rhode Island became the 13th of the original colonies to ratify the constitution of the United States. With their ratification we have the document that has governed our country for over 220 years. Notice that the constitution wasn't the basis for our government since the American Revolution but that it took time afterwards for us to come up with this important document.

Even though it is an important and very simple document, it has not been a document that hasn't changed over the years. We had the Bill of Rights and then other amendments to make changes to it. In one case, on prohibition, one amendment did away with an amendment creating prohibition. So it has been a document that has grown and changed as we have seen the need for change and improvement.

For all these years the constitution has been our nation's roadmap and how we as a nation are to operate. But what is amazing is that many people do not really know this important document to our country or what it really says. We fail to take the time to study it and to know it and how we as a country are to operate because of it.

It is that way with our lives also. We start out with our path set and planned out and then we have to make adjustments as life goes along.

When we are born our parents have certain dreams and aspirations for us. As we go through our childhood and then teenage years we have other dreams and aspirations – it is amazing at how often they change when we are in our younger years – but these dreams and aspirations are what drive us and keep us focused in our lives. These dreams and aspirations give us our roadmap and to be included in this is our values and guiding principles. Without these we would be wondering around aimlessly and without a purpose. Hopefully you will take some time to look over and reaffirm your values, dreams, and aspirations in your life and to check where you are going and make sure you are staying true to your values and aspirations.

One thing that we need to constantly be refocused on is our relationships in our lives. One tool that can help you with that is our Strong Bonds program for couples and singles. We give you tools that can help your relationships in your lives.

#### **Strong Bonds Upcoming Dates:**

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