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**Operation Ready Families Program  
Family Assistance Network  
California National Guard**

# Our Mission

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**Mission First! Family Always!**

## Get The ORFP Advantage!

The California National Guard's Operation Ready Families Program offers a variety of programs to assist the guardmember and their family before, during and after deployment:

- Operation "We Care" Meetings
- Special Benevolence Offers
- Volunteer Education Courses
- Marriage Enrichment Seminars
- Youth Camp

We also offer educational articles on:

- Managing Combat Stress
- Understanding Military Benefits
- Coming Home

...And Much More!

**Visit our website!**

**[www.calguard.ca.gov/readyfamilies](http://www.calguard.ca.gov/readyfamilies)**

# The Mission of the Operation Ready Families Program



## Mission Statement

The Family Readiness Program's (titled "Operation Ready Families" in the California National Guard) mission is to assist units as they support the family members of the California National Guard during peacetime, training and deployment.

### **We Accomplish This By:**

- Supporting the mission of the National Guard Bureau and the California National Guard.
- Promoting a strong partnership in which the family, community, and Guard members participate.
- Establish a basic foundation of training and education through use of local and state resources that encourages an informed and knowledgeable Total Guard Family.

## Our Vision

*"A fully functioning family member chain of concern, working with a fully supportive military chain of command, to enhance the wellness and readiness of both"*

## Historical Background

The Family Readiness Program was developed in the early 1980s to provide both Air and Army Guard commanders with a tool to improve unit retention and readiness. As a result of successes during Operation Desert Shield/Storm, the State Family Readiness Program was given the mission to provide deployment family assistance to all military families within a state regardless of service.



### **Services For The Service member and Family**

**Military One Source:** 1-800-665-4545  
www.militaryonesource.com  
**VA's Vet Centers:** 1-877-222-VETS (8387)  
www.va.gov

## Our Goals

**The goals set for Operation Ready Families Program are:**

- An aggressive schedule of training for family member volunteers and any military member whose position gives them a role in Family Readiness.
- Establish Family Readiness Groups in 100% of California National Guard units Family Assistance Centers will be available to assist all military families within the state of California.
- Using current technology and resources, develop a Family Assistance Program that ensures no military family is left uncovered during deployments.
- Partner with local community and governmental agencies to ensure an exhaustive network of resources for military families as close to their home as possible.
- Develop a life-skills education and activities program for Guard youth that makes them familiar with themselves, their world, and the California National Guard.

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