



IN THE NEWS

▶ New YRRP Event Curriculum

The YRRP Center for Excellence has rolled out five new courses for use at YRRP events. The courses were developed in collaboration with the Clearinghouse for Military Readiness at Penn State University. See reverse for course information and availability.

▶ YRRP Toolkit Development

DoD YRRP is developing several toolkits containing quick training, tips and templates for Event Planners. The toolkits will be available in early 2013. Stay tuned for toolkit updates in the next issue of The Ribbon.

▶ YRRP Website Update

YellowRibbon.mil is undergoing maintenance and format upgrades and will be fully enhanced in the coming months. A temporary site providing links to program information and resources is available. Your patience and understanding are greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 20, 2013

YRRP Advisory Board Meeting
Pentagon, Washington D.C.

View upcoming YRRP events at:
www.yellowribbonevents.org



YRRP Celebrates Five Years of Dedicated Support

A Message from Mr. Glenn F. Welling, Jr. Executive Director of the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program



It's with great admiration that I salute the men and women who have supported the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program over the last five years.

Since joining YRRP in 2010, I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact that the program has had on the lives of our Service members and their families. I'm honored to work alongside such a talented group of individuals for such an important cause and look forward to new opportunities to help those who sacrifice so much for our country.

Thank you for all the great work that you do!

Since January 28, 2008, National Guard and Reserve Service members and their loved ones have benefited from the hard work and dedication of the individuals who deliver resources through YRRP. Event Planners, Program Specialists, Office staff, and Cadre members are commended for their selfless efforts and outstanding achievements over the last five years to ease deployment cycle transitions for our military members.

More than 1.1 million National Guard and Reserve Service members and their families have been impacted by the program. YRRP conducted 660 events in its first year and reached 8,524 total events by the end of FY 2012. The widespread influence that YRRP has had across the Reserve Component cannot be understated. Most notably, YRRP events consistently earned high levels of satisfaction with a majority of participants expressing positive changes in their life and personal skills.

Significant progress has been made and new milestones lie ahead. With the expected redeployment of a substantial number of Reserve Component Service members in FY 2013 and FY 2014, the efforts to reintegrate returning members with their families, employers and communities continue at a high

tempo. Deployment cycle support for those who volunteer to go where the country needs them is of utmost importance to the long-term security of the Nation. It's for this reason that YRRP is committed to ensuring that National Guard and Reserve members receive the support they need to continue protecting our freedoms. Congratulations to everyone who helps the program honor that commitment every day.



Fostering Resilience Through the Years: The YRRP Historical Timeline



2008

January 28. YRRP is established by the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and becomes Public Law 110-181.

March 17. The DoD YRRP Office opens and moves permanently to the Pentagon in January 2009.

The first of seven Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Policy Academies is conducted to help States develop strategic action plans to reintegrate veterans and their families.

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2009

Each Guard and Reserve Component (RC), as well as the Department of Veterans Affairs, assigns a Liaison Officer to the DoD YRRP Office.

The Program Specialist initiative begins as a pilot with 10 Program Specialists and expands to 27 full-time Specialists nationwide within two years.

October 28. The 2010 NDAA is signed by the President assigning YRRP responsibility for RC Suicide Prevention.

2010

The Cadre of Speakers initiative is introduced offering a pool of 40 dynamic speakers and facilitators for YRRP events.

The first YRRP Advisory Board meeting is held at the Pentagon.

YRRP publishes the inaugural edition of its program newsletter, *The Ribbon*.

YRRP conducts the multi-Service "Good to GREAT" training seminar for Event Planners and other professionals.

2011

January 7. The 2011 NDAA expands authority of the Joint Travel Regulations to provide travel and transportation allowances to Service members and their designated representatives at YRRP events.

The RC Suicide Prevention Stakeholder Group is formed to expand suicide prevention resources and community healing opportunities.

March 30. Department of Defense Instruction 1342.28 for YRRP is signed.

YRRP's Employment Initiative Program introduces Hero2Hired (H2H) to connect job-seeking RC Service members and veterans with employers.

The YRRP FY 2012-2015 Strategic Plan is published.

2012

H2H teams with the Chamber of Commerce's Hiring Our Heroes program to sponsor 40 job fairs nationwide. Additionally, the H2H Mobile Job Store visits 64 sites enabling the H2H.jobs website to register over 45,000 job seekers.

The RC Suicide Prevention Stakeholder Group publishes the *Suicide Prevention and Resilience Resource Inventory and RC Suicide Postvention Plan: A Toolkit for Commanders*.

YRRP launches its new Event Planning Tool: EventPLUS.

YRRP marks 1 million Service members and family members supported since inception.

2013

January 28. YRRP celebrates five years of dedicated support to Service members and their families.

New YRRP Event Curriculum

The YRRP Center for Excellence in collaboration with the Clearinghouse for Military Readiness at Penn State University has developed the following evidence-based YRRP event curriculum:

- Address Your Stress
- Make Your Money Matter: Use a Budget
- Resume Essentials: Crafting an Effective Resume
- DEERS
- Creating a Family Communication Plan

Contact your Service Program Manager or Program Specialist to request the courses for your upcoming YRRP event today.