



Yellow Ribbon Ministry Newsletter

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PRAY FOR OUR DEPLOYED MEMBERS

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This month the book of James

Welcome

Welcome, all members of the Yellow Ribbon Ministry. This is a new ministry of Friendship Baptist Church and Friendship Christian School. Our mission is to provide a church centered ministry to military members of our church and school. The military community, as a whole, has made great strides in providing for the health and wellbeing of our nation's military in recent years. While there are many programs and groups available to help the military member, few can provide the personal and one-on-one assistance to the member and their family that can be accomplished by the local church.

To meet our objectives, it will take prayer, a commitment from the members of the Yellow Ribbon Ministry, and input from our members to make sure we are hitting the mark in providing this needed ministry. This ministry is not about me, our pastor, or any individual; it is about all of us.

On Veterans Day, I had the privilege of introducing the Yellow Ribbon Ministry to the

students and some parents at Friendship Christian School. Ric Nelson, the school administrator, strongly believes in our ministry and wants the school to become a part of the ministry. I wholeheartedly agree and look forward to the wonderful ideas he has for student involvement in our ministry.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Jeff Payne for his design of our ministry logo. As you can see in the upper left hand corner of this newsletter, Jeff did a fantastic job. With our national flag as the backdrop you can see the yellow ribbon displayed. In the foreground you can see the soldier, kneeling at the foot of the cross with his helmet in his hand and weapon over his shoulder. What a fitting design since prayer must be our cornerstone and our ministry leads to the cross. May we never lose sight of this.

This is the first of our monthly newsletters. I see the newsletter as a means to keep everyone aware of activities, benefits, and key issues to help the military family. Each month I will



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also include a "Together in Scripture Reading" section. This month it is the book of James. I hope everyone has a daily time of devotions, but if you don't, this is an excellent opportunity to start. If you already have a devotions program, this is a good supplemental reading from the scripture.

I look forward to the wonderful things the Lord has in store for the ministry he has given us. I know He will richly bless your efforts!

Mark the Date—November 15, 2009

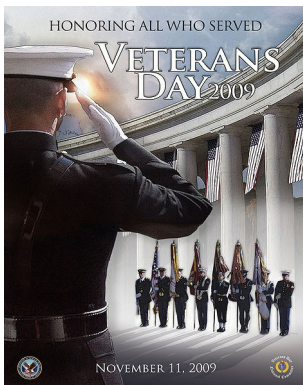
The Yellow Ribbon Ministry will be having our fourth social on November 15, 2009, following our Sunday morning service. This will be our third luncheon, and our other two have been a

great success. We ask that everyone who attends bring enough food for your family, plus a few more. This will ensure that we have enough food for everyone, including any visi-

tors who may be in attendance. If you would like to bring your food items with you as you come to church, we will have the kitchen open for you. Look forward to seeing you Sunday!



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Veterans Day—A History

Veterans Day gives Americans the opportunity to celebrate the bravery and sacrifice of all U.S. veterans. It is imperative that all Americans know the history of Veterans Day so that we can honor our former service members properly.

Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 with Germany signing the Armistice. In legislation that passed in 1938, November 11 was “dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as ‘Armistice Day.’” As such, this new legal holiday honored World War I veterans.

In 1954, after having been

through both World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd U.S. Congress—at the urging of the veterans service organizations—amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word “Armistice” and inserting the word “Veterans.” With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

In 1968, the Uniforms Holiday Bill ensured three day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington’s Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. Under this bill, Veterans Day was moved to the last Monday of October. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holiday on its original date. The first Veterans Day

under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971.

Finally on September 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. Since then, the Veterans Day holiday has been observed on November 11.

The difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Memorial Day honors service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle. Deceased veterans are also remembered on Veterans Day but the day is set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorably in the military—in wartime or peacetime.

November 19th—Gettysburg Address

On Nov 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln, gave an address at the dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery on the battlefield of Gettysburg, Pa. The cemetery commemorates soldiers who died in the Battle of Gettysburg, July 1-3, 1863. More than 51,000 Confederate and Union soldiers were killed, wounded or missing after the battle, counted as a victory for the Union.

The main speaker at the dedication was Edward Everett, “one of the nation’s foremost orators,” according to OurDocuments.gov, a Web site sponsored by the National Archives and Records Administration. While Everett spoke for more than two hours, Lincoln spoke for just two minutes, giving one of the most

significant speeches in American history.

Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that this nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate...we cannot consecrate...we cannot hallow...this ground. The brave men, living

and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us...that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.



Money Matters—Red Flags May Signal You're a Target

Clever crooks camouflage cons. It's their business. To make their living by stealing your earnings, they must maneuver you into a trusting relationship so you will volunteer to hand over your money. Their strategy is to get through your obstacle course of concerns as quickly as possible, before you can verify the information they give you.

They may ambush you with promises, phony verifications and double talk. But with a little basic training, you can be on guard for these warning signs of fraud:

1. Promises of high returns—
"Too good to be true" is still as true as the first time you heard it. Be suspicious of even a modest return if the promoter claims it is fixed at a certain rate, because the stock market always fluctuates.
2. Guarantees or claims of "no risk" - ALL investments carry risk. Be on guard against investment promoters who pitch their ability to guarantee high returns with little or not risk to the investor.
3. High pressure to make a decision—if the offer is now or never, your best choice is *never*.
4. Psychological tactics: using fears, greed, guilt, intelligence—promoters using this type of ammunition to break through your defenses are highly suspect.
5. Demands of secrecy as a condition of investing—legitimate investments will never be "for your eyes only."
6. Patterns of deception—these involve vague details, "inside information," suspicious method of payment, difficulty reaching the promoter. All of these indicate subterfuge and should be investigated with diligent scrutiny.
7. Claims that the investment is not a security—most frequently used when the promoter is not registered/licensed to sell securities. The scam may work if you simply accept their word as fact, without verifying the information with the Securities Division.
8. Online offers that refer you to sites that will "authenticate" the offer—computer savvy fraudsters can easily create very authentic looking Web sites. Verify information with known sources.
9. Deals that require you to recruit friends as investors—this flare signals affinity fraud. While any type of commission based sales person hopes for referrals from their clients, legitimate promoters do not pressure their clients to continually enlist others to invest.
10. Offshore investments—don't let your money go TDY without you! Offshore investing means keeping money in jurisdiction other than one's country of residence. It is illegal for offshore investment providers to advertise their products in the United States without compliance with the Securities laws. However, it is not illegal for U.S. residents to invest in off-shore enterprises. This type of investment may provide confidentiality, tax benefits and diversification not available domestically. But the same laws that provide these benefits may in turn prevent our government from regulating investments or providing assistance to investors. Without expert advice from tax attorneys on the extremely complex tax issues, investors could find themselves in very deep trouble. The NC Securities Division recommends you contact them at (800) 688-4507 if you have questions.

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USAA Insurance—Now Open to All Veterans

United Services Automobile Association (USAA) Board of Directors has opened membership to anyone who has honorably served in the U.S. Military.

Starting with our first eligibility expansion in 1923, the USAA family has grown by embracing

an ever-larger portion of America's active duty, retired, retired and separated military members. Each time, we have been careful to ensure that USAA has the financial strength, the staff and the technology to maintain our high standards for exemplary member service, competitive pricing

and value. Opening our doors today to all veterans who have honorably served, regardless of dates or length of service, fulfills our mission and leaves no one behind.

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NOVEMBER BIRTH-DAYS:

- Olivia Shaut—5 Nov
- Edith King—7 Nov
- Don King—11 Nov
- Gary Johnson—16 Nov
- Timothy Johnson—21 Nov
- Shaphaun Parchue—26 Nov
- Tammy Huskey—27 Nov

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

- Charlie & Jennifer Atkins—18 Nov
- Gary & Therry Johnson—21 Nov
- Gene & Jeanne Hayden—29 Nov

WHO WE ARE

YELLOW RIBBON MINISTRY Friendship Baptist Church

Mission Statement

To provide a church centered ministry to military members of Friendship Baptist Church and Friendship Christian School.

Target Audience

Any active, reserve, or retired military member and their immediate family associated with Friendship Baptist Church or Friendship Christian School. Any parent or child of an active or reserve military member is also welcome.

Goals

1. Minister to the unique needs of military families through personal contact, information updates, and periodic meetings.
2. Provide a resource to assist military families during the deployment of a family member.
3. Provide a resource for military families to stay informed of entitled benefits and how to obtain these benefits.
4. Provide an avenue for pastoral staff and school administration to stay informed of needs associated with military members and their families.

Scripture Reference: Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10, 12

"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

INFORMATION WEBSITES/RESOURCES AND CONTACTS

Military One Source DEERS ID Card TRICARE	www.militaryonesource.com www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl www.nationalguard.mil www.tricare.osd.mil www.healthnetfederalservices.com	1-800-342-9647 1-800-538-9552 1-919-664-6250 1-877-874-2273
Red Cross	www.redcross.org	1-800-696-3873
Department of Veteran Affairs	www.va.gov/nc www.vba.va.gov/ro/winston-salem/index.htm	1-800-827-1000
NC Division of Veteran Affairs	www.doa.state.nc.us/vets/index.htm	
State & County Veterans Services Officers	www.doa.state.nc.us/vets/locations/	
Employer Support of the (National) Guard and Reserve (ESGR)	www.esgr.mil	1-800-336-4590 1-704-904-5783 (State)
Women's Veterans Health And Benefits Information	www1.va.gov/womenvet/	
Veterans Employment Service	www.dol.gov/vets/	
Military Links	www.military.com	
PTSD & OEF/OIF Veterans	www.ncptsd.va.gov www.ncptsd.va.gov/ncmain/veterans/	
Vet Centers	www.va.gov/rcs	
NC Care Link	www.nccarelink.com	

