

What is a Family Support Group?



Purpose

- “The NG recognizes and acknowledges the family as perhaps the single greatest contributor to the NG member’s ability to train, mobilize, and deploy in support of State and Federal missions.”
- “The NG family contributes immeasurably in time, commitment, and support of the NG member’s acquisition of skills and training.”
- “The family’s role in both readiness and retention is a critical one.”
- A partnership between the NG and its member’s families...is crucial and mutually beneficial to State missions and national defense.

VISION



- STRONG GUARD FAMILIES EQUIPPED TO HANDLE THE CHALLENGES OF LIFE IN THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD

Mission



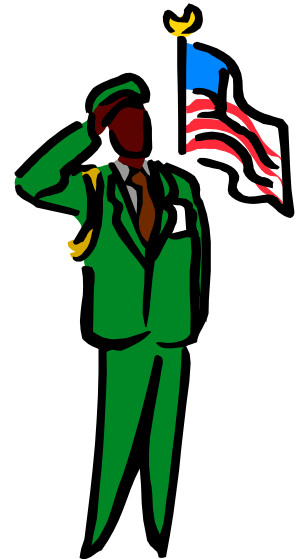
- To promote family readiness through improved communication, education and development of a mutual support network.

OBJECTIVES OF THE FSG ARE:

- ✓ Provide a network through which families mutually support each other
- ✓ Provide communication between unit, service members, and their families.
- ✓ Improve awareness and understanding of the military unit, its mission, training and operations
- ✓ Encourage participation of the family members in activities that support the unit and community.
- ✓ Educate family members on the benefits and entitlements available before, during and after mobilization.

Objectives—(Cont.)

- ✓ Provide assurance to service members that their families will have the support and assistance they may need in their absence.
- ✓ Be prepared for mobilization
- ✓ Assist in providing outreach and information to unit family members in the event of deployment.



Family Support Group (FSG) is:

- An officially sanctioned organization of officer and enlisted personnel and their family members. It is managed by families with command approval and support. **There is no rank in the FSG.**



Family Support Group membership:

- is not mandatory.
- Can include the Guard member's spouse, children, parents, grandparents, boy/girlfriends, significant others.
- Is highly encouraged for participation of retirees.
- Can be anyone who supports the Guard.

When and where are the meetings?



- We usually meet once a month on drill Saturday
- The meetings are held on the second floor of the Armory in the FSG room

Family Information Sheets are completed by Guardsmembers

- Contact person which is designated by the Guardsmember
- Birthday of the contact person which is recognized in the newsletter.
- County of residence. This information is used when calling tree designed to help with sharing information or rides etc.

FSG Information Sheets are used for:

- Develop a calling tree
- Establish a current database for family's in the event of mobilization.
- Plan our events and planning around family age groups
- Notify parents when child reaches age for ID

Note: we must have permission from the soldiers by signing the form before information will be shared with families

Without “**U**” we are just
a Family Support Group

Helps us be complete as the best
FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP and
participate...