### Automobile:

- O Automobile key (and spares)
- O Get garage key (and spares), if applicable
- O Have vehicle(s) serviced to include: change, new oil and air filter installed, and check of all vital equipment.\*
- Review your insurance policy; know the renewal date, cost of renewal, who to contact to renew the policy (name, address, and telephone number)
- O Consider road service policy (if desired) to provide assistance with flat tires, towing, stalled engine, being locked of your car, and other emergencies.\*
- O Look into the renewal of state and on-post vehicle registration (year, cost, where to go, what to do)
- O Check your state driver's license expiration date, cost to renew, where to go, what to do
- O Locate all important of automotive papers
- O Decide where to go, who to see/call when there are issues with the automobile
- O Learn what alternative transportation is available (on post, car pools, taxis, city buses)
- \* REMEMBER: Spouses of Deployed Soldiers receive Free NY state inspections, oil changes, road worthy check & POV lock out support through the Auto Craft Shop: 772-5785

# Prepare for Deployment Now

- Resolve Family problems before the they may be worse at reunion. Work out differences you may have with each other. Time does not heal all wounds or necessarily make the heart grow fonder
- Sit down with the whole Family and talk about feelings. Let each member of the Family express how they feel about the separation
- Set reasonable expectations concerning communication during the deployment
- Encourage Family Members to get involved during the deployment. Help them identify on-post & community resources, services, and locations



Your efforts to prepare can help make a positive difference.

With some careful preparation and an understanding of how to handle the challenges ahead, you can help make the deployment process easier on you and your loved ones.

Best of luck to you and thank you for your service!

# Pre-Deployment Checklist for the

# MARRIED SOLDIER



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# **Family Considerations**

- O Make sure the unit has your Spouse's & Parent's name, address, & telephone numbers
- O Get the name, address, and telephone number of your landlord, mortgage company, or government housing office
- O Get the names and telephone numbers of the Family Readiness Group, unit's rear detachment command, FRSA & chaplain
- O Make sure military IDs are up to date for each member of your Family. Know when ID cards expire, and have required forms signed by sponsor before departure
- O Develop a Family Care Plan to handle emergencies

#### <u>Important Documents</u> (if appropriate):

- O Marriage certificate
- O Birth certificates/Social Security Numbers
- O Insurance policies (life, home, auto)
- O Rental, lease or mortgage papers
- O School registration papers
- O Copies of deployment orders and all amendments
- O Any relevant court orders
- O Copy of allotment requests
- O Naturalization papers
- O Divorce decree
- Adoption papers

## Finance:

- O Discuss the use of MyPay and decide how you will use its services
- O Talk about an make a financial plan; budget, savings, pay offs
- O Decide how to use ATM cards, checkbook & credit cards
- O Create separate checking accounts, if possible
- O Keep a list of automatic deposits & withdrawals
- O Discuss using the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP)
- O Prepare a list of outstanding payments, loans, and other obligations with due dates, amount owed, who to pay, contact person, address and telephone numbers
- O Get copies of the past 5 years' state & federal income tax returns and everything needed for the next filing, including due dates and who to contact for assistance in preparing the returns
- O Prepare a list of military & community organizations that offer financial advice, counseling information, and assistance

#### <u>Legal:</u>

- O Obtain a Power of Attorney (general and/or special) if you will need to sign documents on your spouse's behalf during the deployment
- O Secure a list of military and community organizations that offer legal advice, counseling, information, and assistance

# Medical:

- O Make sure all Family Members are enrolled in TRICARE
- O Make sure you have shot records for all children
- O Get a list of military, community, state, & federal organizations that offer medical, mental or emotional, dental, and optical assistance

# Housing:

- O Decide whether or not your Family will remain in the local area during deployment
- O Place your Family's name on the Military Police Quarters Checklist (or notify the local police if you live in a civilian community) if you will be away from home for an extended period of time
- O Check all smoke detectors
- O Install a fire extinguisher (or inspect existing extinguisher) in key areas of your residence (also recommended for your automobile)
- O Get a list of military and community organizations that offer security/safety advice, counseling, information, and assistance

