

Don't Miss This Upcoming Event

We would like to invite you and your family
to our **Fall Festival** to be
held on Saturday, October 29th from
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Malesus United Methodist Church
448 Old Malesus Road
Jackson, TN
427-9195

FREE ADMISSION

FREE FOOD AND GAMES

Hot Dogs

Games

Lots of Candy

Cookies

Prizes

Chili

Chips

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Kids Awaiting Returning Soldiers

Last Mail Date Notice

Don't Forget the last date to mail to your soldiers is October 25th. If there is anything mailed after the 25th there is no guarantee they will receive it. So hurry and send those Thanksgiving Cards!!!

McCall Scates Wins 3rd Place with "Soldier Bob" at her schools pumpkin contest.



In Spirit

Though you don't live next door,
Though your 8,000 miles away.
Your still here in my thoughts,
Every week, every day.

When events of the day
Cause this soul to despair,
Just the sound of your voice
Makes them easier to bear.

When I don't have the luxury
Of feeling your soft touch
Or taking in your scent
Which I appreciate so much.

I need only look back
At the times we have had
To wonder if I've
Any right to be sad.

You're truly a blessing
I want you to know
That I care for you deeply
Wherever I go.

Author Unknown

20 WAYS TO KNOW YOU'RE A MILITARY SPOUSE

1. You yell at your kids by saying, "Don't make me email your mother/father".
2. Your neighbors know you but have never seen your active duty spouse.
3. Your conversations are sprinkled with the acronyms LES, FRG, MPOC, etc., and you know what they mean.
4. You know what a webcam is and how to use it.
5. The front hall closet of your home is designated the uniform closet.
6. Your spouse will be gone for two weeks for his job and you think, "Is that all? No problem".
7. The radiator blows up on the car and the washing machine dies just as your spouse leaves for temporary duty.
8. You don't know your own social security number, but you know your spouses by heart.
9. You are in a disagreement with a bill collector and you say "Let me speak to your commander!"
10. You spend your second wedding anniversary in a row alone.
11. You have your cell phone on your hip hoping for a call from your spouse.
12. You've done more oil changes and mowed more lawns than your spouse because he/she is never there to do it.
13. You remember milestones by before or after the last deployment.
14. All your kids, including your two year old, stop what they are doing and put their hands on their hearts whenever they hear the national anthem.
15. You reach for your ID card whenever entering a civilian store.
16. You ask someone to hold on a second by saying "Stand By"
17. Your kids point at anyone wearing cammies and boots regardless of race or gender and yell "Mommy!" or "Daddy!"
18. You notice when Hollywood makes mistakes in movies portraying the military.
19. Military homecomings on TV bring tears to your eyes because you can relate.
20. You start reading Army Times in place of Cosmo or Sports Illustrated

CD Project of Our Troops

A CD is being compiled of pictures taken throughout the deployment. It has started with the day the soldiers left the armory in November and will end on the day they come home. Please submit pictures you would like me to use to wantlm@charter.net We will have enough CD's for all families to have as a keepsake when they return.

Pictures At Home

Email pictures from your soldiers R&R time at home along with the information to wantlm@charter.net and I will include it in the upcoming newsletters. Don't forget-as long as you can present a valid military ID you can meet your soldier at the gate when they get home.

Pictures At Home....

Hello everyone,

Time is passing pretty quickly. Especially those 15 day passes. Doug came home in Aug for his leave. We had a good visit. I went to Nashville and picked him up. We stayed there for a few days so that he could get readjusted to our time and to have some alone time. It was a very pleasant stay.

Then we came home and Doug immediately got back into Scouts. The night we came home he went with me to a District meeting. He saw many of his Scout friends. Then on Sat we went with our troop to float the Buffalo River. We had a great time. (As you can see, Will was really excited to have Dad on the trip.) Then Doug took back over his spot as Scout Master for our Monday night meeting. All of the boys were really glad to have him for the float trip and the meeting. Then the Sat before he left, Doug and Will went to Camp Mack Morris for Beaver Day. (This is when they close the camp down and is usually a lot of work.) Doug truly enjoyed all of his time back with the Scouts.

While home Doug got to see Will head off to 7th grade at JCS. Doug and I went to school for the first full day and had lunch with Will. We visited with many of the students that followed him last year in Mrs. Tuckers class. We visited Shannon Fawcett's class, who also have been following Doug is his time overseas. Then we headed down the hill to Mrs. Tucker's room. Doug talked to the kids about what our soldiers are doing in Iraq and answered many questions. He had a great time and I think that the kids did too. He looks forward to visiting with them again when he gets home for good. Doug and I got to go to Will's first middle school football game. Will got to play several times in the 7th grade game. Of course we were very proud parents, as always. Doug had a great visit with us while home and got to spend a lot of quality time with our family.

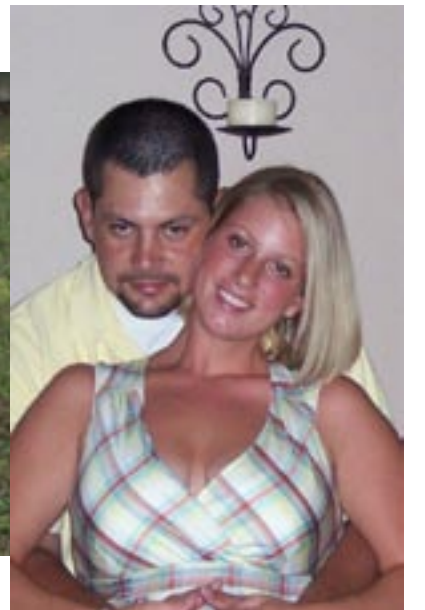
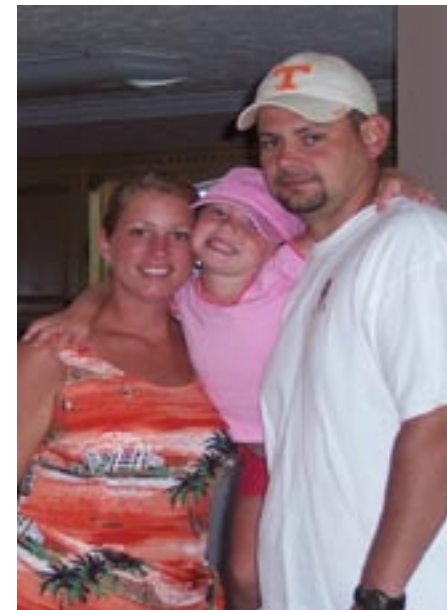
Doug and I decided to go to Atlanta for him to leave so that it would hopefully be easier on all of us for him to leave. It was a good decision for us. Doug and I visited all the sites downtown Atlanta. We went to the Coca Cola museum and to CNN. We went to the airport and I got to send a plane full of soldiers back to Iraq. I would not trade that experience for anything. It was hard to see Doug get on that plane! But, it was a little easier knowing that this time it should only be for a few more months. Kim Brantley



More Pictures From Home

Here are some pictures of us with John, during his visit. John was home the first two weeks of July. We were so happy to have him home for the 4th. The first picture is of me (Amanda), John, and Kaitlyn taken at our house. The second is John and Kaitlyn together. She really enjoyed her daddy being home and would not let him get out of her site. The third is of me and John on our anniversary. It was July 6th. We had a nice romantic dinner and wonderful conversation. I can't wait for us to be complete again. I can't wait for everyone to be complete again!!!

Amanda Edwards



Lanie recently came home for his R & R and Shellie and I really enjoyed the visit. As you can see Shellie had lots of fun with Daddy and then relaxed a while with cousin Lanie. Jamie

