

Public Affairs

As a civilian you have the right to say anything you would like to. You simply need to be prepared to face the consequences of what you say. It is extremely important **NOT** to give out too much information. When you are at your most vulnerable state, this is when the media will seek you out. Remember, they are there to get story lines. Keep your family safe during this time. If you are at the airport and they come up to you wanting to know what you're thinking and how you're feeling-don't tell them....*I don't know what we're going to do. My husband, SPC Smith, is always home after school with the children and now there won't be anyone there till 4:00pm when I get home. Even though we live in a small community like Plymouth I still hate leaving them like that.* You have just told them that you live in Plymouth and your children are home along. You've also just told them your last name is Smith. Though this is a common last name, it may not be in your small town. The **LESS** information you give out, the safer your family will be.

Family Assistance Centers

There are currently 11 Family Assistance Centers (FAC) throughout the state of Arkansas right now. This number could change at any time. A FAC is set up to assist the families of service members. Issues that people have contacted the FAC Specialist about have ranged from pay problems, as stated earlier, to TRICARE problems and budget counseling. They are there to help you become more self-reliant by referring you to the proper agency or person to help resolve your issue. We encourage you to call your local Family Assistant Center Specialist with any issue you encounter while your service member is deployed. Also, The State Family Readiness Office is available at 800-446-4645.

If all else fails contact the organization. If that fails, contact the Family Program's Office at 1-800-446-4645.