



63d Regional Support Command Yellow Ribbon Program

General Information

Greetings, Yellow Ribbon Attendees,

Greetings! Whether as a Service Member or Family Member, your presence represents resilience, strength and honor. As one who serves, you have confronted challenges, both professionally and personally; you have experienced courses of events that others can barely imagine or even comprehend. Because of this, Yellow Ribbon (YR) is all about you, the Service Member, your Family and guests. There is no doubt you deserve the resources and information you will receive at our Yellow Ribbon Event. The 63d Regional Support Command, along with our support staff, instructors, and community partners have worked diligently to ensure you receive the tools you need for a successful Experience.

I am proud to serve you and offer these great resources!

Respectfully,
W.K. Jones
Family Programs Director
63d Regional Support Command

Hotel Location TBD:

The Welcome Packet with hotel information will be sent closer to the event date. You **DO NOT** need to add lodging information to your DTS authorization, we make all hotel reservations for you. If you have any questions please email the Yellow Ribbon Team @ usarmy.usarc.63-rsc.mbx.yellow-ribbon@mail.mil



63d RSC YRP

Mission Statement

What is Yellow Ribbon

The goal of the 63d RSC Yellow Ribbon Program is to assist in the deployment process of Service Members and their Families during deployment, redeployment or demobilization. It is our mission to provide relevant and up-to-date information in an exciting and innovative way, and in an environment conducive to positive information flow with community connections. We are committed to providing relevant and vital information, tools and resources.

It's not just an event,
It's an **Experience!**

For more information on what to expect at your Yellow Ribbon Experience go to YouTube or Vimeo to see our short videos.

Click on the Vimeo Icon or go to www.vimeo.com and Search: "63d RSC Yellow Ribbon"



Click on the YouTube Icon or go to www.youtube.com and Search: "Yellow Ribbon Experience"



Things to Know:



Travel Day:

The travel day for all attendees is the Friday, and Sunday of the scheduled event. **DO NOT** make any return flights on Sunday before 3:00 p.m.

Flight Information.

You will need to fly into the designated airport below, depending on what city the event is being held in:

- Anaheim, CA - fly into the John Wayne International Airport (SNA)
- Los Angeles, CA - fly into the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)
- San Diego, CA - fly into the San Diego International Airport (SAN)
- Dallas, TX - fly into the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) or the Dallas Love Field Airport (DAL)

Hotel Check-in :

Hotel check-in begins at 3:00 p.m. However, the hotel will accommodate as many early arrivals as possible based on room availability. Upon arrival at the hotel, you must check in with the hotel front desk before you register with Yellow Ribbon.

Yellow Ribbon Check In.

Once you have checked in with the hotel, only the Service member is required to go directly to the Yellow Ribbon Registration. The registration hours are from Noon to 6 p.m. on Friday. See the Yellow Ribbon Concierge if you need assistance. Service member **MUST** have a copy of their Orders.

Room Reservations :

All hotel reservations for attendees and staff will be made once you have been **APPROVED** for the YRP event on the Yellow Ribbon Event Portal website. You **DO NOT** need to call the hotel and make your own reservations.

Additional Rooms.

The 63d RSC generally authorizes ONE (1) hotel room per Service Member. If you have special circumstances and need additional assistance, please contact the 63d RSC Yellow Ribbon Staff. Additional rooming requests are not guaranteed and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact us at usarmy.usarc.63-rsc.mbx.yellowribbon@mail.mil

Uniform.

For all attendees (Service Members, Family Members and guests), the uniform is casual appropriate (no cutoffs, torn/ripped jeans, sagging or inappropriately revealing attire). Make sure you wear comfortable shoes as you will be walking.

Events.

Events 1-4, if applicable, (formerly 1-6) are all held during the same weekend. When you check in with Yellow Ribbon (YR) on Friday, you will be assigned to a group and a group leader for the entire week-end. Your group leader will be your liaison for all questions, concerns, or issues that you might have over the weekend.

Meals.

Friday's reception will have heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Breakfast and lunch are provided on Saturday and Sunday.

Shuttle and Parking

There will be complimentary shuttle rides for all YR attendees from the designated airport. The complimentary shuttle voucher will be provided in a follow-up email no later than the Monday prior to the event.

SELF-Parking is complimentary if you are commuting to and from the hotel. You will receive parking information at the Yellow Ribbon Registration Desk.

VALET parking will be at your OWN COST.

Reimbursement .

If you pay out of pocket for transportation or parking, keep all receipts for reimbursement through your travel voucher. You are responsible for turning in your travel voucher.

Class Agenda

(approximately)

Friday: Reception 6p.m. - 7p.m.

Saturday: 7:45 a.m. - 4:30p.m.

Sunday: 8:15a.m. - 12:30p.m.

Anyone who has been funded by the government to attend the Yellow Ribbon event must always be in their place of duty during the event hours; attendance in every class and General Sessions is mandatory. You may visit the local area after you have been released for the day.

Orders

Your command is responsible for publishing your orders and invitational travel orders (ITO/1610). If you have guests that will be attending, you must contact your chain of command for approval. Your command may contact the 63d RSC; however, if you have questions or issues, contact YOUR unit's Yellow Ribbon POC first.

The 63d RSC does NOT publish orders or make attendee travel arrangements. All attendees are required to bring a copy of their orders DTS authorization, or ITO/1610 with them to the event. You will receive a copy of your signed orders and YR certificate upon completion of the YRP Event.

Family Registration & Activities

Please ensure that your Family Members and guests are all registered online with the Yellow Ribbon Event, including infant children. All Family members and guests must be registered to attend the Yellow Ribbon Event to ensure that they are placed in the same group as you, and that your children are placed in the appropriate age group for activities.



Child and Youth Activities.

The 63d RSC YRP Child and Youth Activities staff and child care service providers incorporate a variety of interactive programs for youths of all ages to reintegrate with Family members coming back from deployment.

The Child and Youth service is provided to you at NO cost.



The program helps to develop better mental, physical and social skills, and relationships between Family Members and peers. Children and teens learn to share their thoughts and feelings in group settings. On Saturday and Sunday, certain children and teens will be interacting using skits and role playing.

Youth Activities, 6–12 and 13–17. Specific areas will be designated for age appropriate youth activities during the Yellow Ribbon Event on Saturday and Sunday. This includes group activities as well as team video game competitions.

Child Care, Infants – 2 and 4 – 5 years old. Child care is available during the Yellow Ribbon Event on Saturday and Sunday at no cost to the attendees. We **MUST** know if you are bringing a child, under 5 years of age, in order to ensure the proper number of licensed providers.




Special Needs.

If your child or youth has special needs, medical conditions, or allergies, let us know in advance so that we can provide the proper care. Please make sure that you identified these needs when you registered your child/youth on the Yellow Ribbon Events Portal website at www.yellowribbonevents.org. All information will be regarded as confidential in nature.

Check In and Check Out.

You must sign your child/youth in and out every day. You must have valid Government ID to sign your Child in and out.



Q: What is movie night?
A: Saturday evening from 7:00p.m.— 9:00p.m., we will be hosting a **FREE** movie night. There will be a choice of a Family movie or an 18 & up movie for your viewing pleasure.



Classes offered:

Event 3: Post-Deployment

Core Classes

TRICARE: Medical & Dental
Safety Awareness
Resiliency
VA Benefits
Financial
Communication

Event 4: Post-Deployment

Core Classes

Substance Abuse Awareness
Behavioral Health
Resiliency
Benefits and Entitlements
Communication
Life Skills



These are some of the classes that might be offered at the event

Q. What are elective classes?

A: Elective classes are informative and interactive classes that have been designed to expand on key areas that are affected by a deployment. You will have the opportunity to attend elective classes during the weekend.

- **Advanced Financial Planning.** Do you have your finances in order and know the basics on how to manage your finances? Here you will learn advanced finance planning that will help you with your future investments.
- **Ahead Of The Class & How to Use Your Military Education Benefits.** What does it take to get to the Head of the class? Learn how to distinguish yourself from the rest of the competition.
- **Chapel Service.** All religions welcomed! A non-denominational service for ALL. (Available on Sunday)
- **Come Play With Me.** Parent-youth/child interaction group activities to promote strong family relationships. Activities will help provide reassurance, security and comfort for children of pre-deployed, deployed and post-deployed parents. You do not have to have your youth/children with you to attend. Ages 0-3, 4-6, 7-10, & 11-17. (Saturday only)
- **Covey's 7 Habits.** This is based upon the world-wide program of Stephen Covey and his research on the types of things that successful families do daily. Proven principles of fairness, integrity, honesty and human dignity will be discussed and how they can be used by families today.
- **Parenting to Go.** Parenting tips and practical information to help parents with their children before, during and after deployment. An interactive discussion on many subjects to include: communication, discipline, sleep patterns, school issues, siblings, dieting, and much more.
- **What's In Your Resume.** Building a career; writing a resume. Learn what employers are looking for in interviews and resumes and how to find a job.

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Yellow Ribbon Program Checklist

Prior to event:

1. _____ Register yourself and all guests who are attending, if applicable.
2. _____ Contact your unit or command for orders & travel arrangements.
3. _____ Received orders & travel arrangements for all members attending Yellow Ribbon.
4. _____ Verify that all travel arrangements/DTS have been approved PRIOR to your day of travel.
5. _____ If flying, you MUST make your roundtrip YR complementary shuttle reservations 24 hrs prior to the event. You MUST have the shuttle voucher printout with the confirmation number in hand upon travel.

For cancellations:

1. _____ Email the 63d RSC Yellow Ribbon team at usarmy.usarc.63-rrc.mbx.yellow-ribbon@mail.mil, with the following information:
 - Subject: YR Cancellation (MONTH)
 - First and Last name of all attendees cancelling
 - Event number you and your guests were registered for
 - Reason for cancelling
2. _____ Contact your unit or command and inform them you are cancelling your attendance to the YR event and all travel reservations.

At the Event:

1. _____ Check into hotel and have a credit card for incidental expenses. If you do not have a credit card, the hotel will shut off the incidentals to your room.
2. _____ Check into the YR Event at the YR Registration Table. Please have the following items with you:
 - _____ Assigned hotel room number
 - _____ Copy of your orders and your guests' DTS (DD 1610) with you to the event. AGR/ADOS Service members will need to bring a copy of their DTS (DD 1610) printout.
 - _____ Valid government issued ID for you and all of your guests, if applicable.
 - _____ Copy of you and your guests' itineraries in hand.