

Wisconsin
Operation: Military Kids
December 2007



The Grant County 4-H SOMK Team conducted deployment activities with youth at Wisconsin Joint Forces Headquarters in Madison on December 15.

1. OMK State Team

- The Wisconsin OMK Team met by phone conference on December 10. Most of this meeting was dedicated to plans for the Wisconsin School Board Conference in January and two family readiness group events.
- The OMK Fund Raising Committee also met by phone on December 10.

2. OMK Ready, Set, Go

None

3. OMK Informational Meetings/Briefings

- Presentation on OMK to Milwaukee Superintendent Bill Andrekopolous and his management team along with school board member Charlene Hardin, Milwaukee, Dec. 5 (eighteen participants)
- Presentation to Mark Neubauer and staff of Wausau Insurance Company about possible financial support for OMK, Milwaukee, December 5 (seven participants)
- Meeting with Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, OMK promotion, Madison, December 7 (eleven participants)
- Presentation to Cooperative Educational Service Area 5 (CESA) Professional Advisory Council, Portage, (thirty- eight participants)
- Meeting with the Wisconsin Education Collaborative Council at the Concourse Hotel, December 11, Madison (twenty-six participants)
- Meeting with the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control and spoke about support for OMK, Dec. 14, Stevens Point (twenty-three participants)
- Mobilization Brief of 150 soldiers of the 395th ORD Co. and family members, Dec. 8, Wausau.
- Meeting with Wood County Agriculture & Extension Committee, Dec. 17, Wisconsin Rapids, (twelve participants)
- Meeting with Nekoosa High School Guidance Staff, Dec. 12, Nekoosa, (three participants)

4. Youth Focused Programs

- Topic of Program: Precollege Conference
 - Location: Lake Geneva. December 12
 - Audience: High school students
 - Presented by: Eight UW-Parkside OMK Youth
- Topic of Program: Holiday Cheers
 - Location: Lake Geneva, December 27
 - Audience: Ten adults and fifteen youth
 - UW-Parkside OMK

5. SOMK Trainings/Presentations

- Topic of Program: SOMK Training Planning Meeting,
 - Location: Wisconsin Rapids, December 17
 - Audience: OMK Team Members

6. Mobile Technology Lab

- Wisconsin does not have a mobile technology lab.



Youth receive Hero Packs at Joint Forces Headquarters in Madison

7. Hero Packs

- Hero Packs were distributed to the Madison 115 FW on December 20 in Madison.
- Youth received Hero Packs on Dec. 15 at Joint Forces Headquarters in Madison.

8. Publicity and Recognition

- In December Wisconsin OMK was featured in a three page article in Wisconsin School News authored by Steve Horvath. The article included a photo of the OMK Team and from the October Kickoff. This article is included on the state and national OMK websites.
- An article was included in the Washburn County Register promoting a January OMK event scheduled for Spooner.