

## **YMCA Camp H.R. Erdman Chosen to Host National Military Family Association's Popular *Operation Purple*® Summer Camp**

The National Military Family Association announced that YMCA Camp H.R. Erdman was chosen to host their popular *Operation Purple* summer camp in 2010. The Association developed this free summer camp program in response to the need for increased support for military children, especially those whose parents are or will be deployed.

“Our mission is to empower these military children – our youngest heroes – to develop and maintain healthy and connected relationships, in spite of the current military environment. Kids attending *Operation Purple* camp will have the opportunity to learn the skills to cope the stress of a deployment and make friends with other kids who are also missing their mom or dad,” said Mary Scott, the Association’s Chairman of the Board. “The National Military Family Association is excited to work with Camp Erdman on this very worthwhile program.”

**Registration for *Operation Purple* camp begins March 15, 2010.** Applications will only be accepted online. Sign up at [www.operationpurple.org](http://www.operationpurple.org) to receive email notices and camp updates. Each camp is “purple” and open to children of service members of any branch of Service, active duty, National Guard or Reserve, as well as children of members of the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration.

Camps are free to all participants thanks to support from the Sierra Club and The Sierra Club Foundation.

### **About the National Military Family Association**

Military families serve our country with pride, honor, and quiet dedication. The National Military Family Association is the leading nonprofit organization committed to strengthening and protecting the families of the men and women currently serving, retired, wounded or fallen. We provide families of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Commissioned Corps of the USPHS and NOAA with information, work to get them the benefits they deserve, and offer programs that improve their lives. Our 40 years of service and accomplishments have made us a trusted resource for military families and the Nation's leaders. To learn more, visit [www.MilitaryFamily.org](http://www.MilitaryFamily.org).