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- Support military kids coping with the stress of a parent's deployment

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Call for a list of appropriate items to donate, to organize a donation drive, or host an RSG! Training: OMK Project Director, Caroline Dettle (406) 994-6241. Visit [www.operationmilitarykids.org](http://www.operationmilitarykids.org)



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