

DEPLOYMENT BEGINS.

D + 3 months: Rear D conducts BN Deployment Update. We did run 2 BCT updates because BNs requested this in order to maximize attendance. Each BN CMD Team and BCT CMD Team was up on VTC for the BCT ones.

D + 6 months: Rear D conducts BN Deployment Update if necessary

D +7 months: discuss Welcome Home plans with FRG Leaders. Do you want a Welcome Home Party? Will you have a Ball? Do you want some kind of Welcome Home paraphernalia for families to take to hangar (e.g., Tshirts, Hats, Terrible Towels, flags, etc.) Each BN did their own thing. At request of BNs, we had a BCT WELCOME BACK PICNIC and BCT conducted the FALLEN WARRIOR MEMORIAL in conjunction with uncasing of colors. It was a first class event- emotional, but the Gold Star families were grateful to have had a chance to see the Soldiers.

D +9 months- Reunion Briefs. At BN request, we ran a BCT REINTEGRATION WORKSHOP- it was a fun evening, very informative. I can send you more details if you want.

D+9 months- determine what kind of printed materials will be needed to mass produce and send out to parents and families.

D + 9 months- Order the Welcome Home items.

D+10months- printed materials submitted to print plant for mass production. We had a letter to parents and the Welcome Home Trifold Brochure that had lots of great Reunion Tips in it. BCT created the template and then each BN adjusted it to their liking. We had a mix of BNs on almost every flight.

D +10 months- BNs discuss if any Gold Star Families are coming to welcome homes and inform higher ups.

D +10 months- Determine best way to announce flight information (phone calls, email, website). We did website and then additionally, each BN did their own thing.

D+10 months- More Reintegration Education opportunities for families. We did a Walk in Your Soldier's Boots Day where families could see what the Reintegration week was going to be like for their Soldier. It was a good event.

D+10.5 months- Reunion info. mailed out to families. Stop Welcome Home item orders so you have time to mail them out once you receive them. We did not do any Welcome home items at Carson when RG was a BCT Cdr. We did have them at Campbell, when RG was a BN CDR because families wanted them and the FRG was willing to make it happen.

D +12 months- THEY'RE HOME!!