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OPERATION WE ARE HERE RELEASES 'BRAT TOWN BUGLE' - A FREE RESOURCE FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

FORT LEWIS -- April 9, 2010 -- In conjunction with the Month of the Military Child, Operation We Are Here announced it's release of a free, downloadable newspaper for children.

Brat Town Bugle: A Publication of Non-Recruits in Big Boots was developed by Benita Koeman, the founder of Operation We Are Here to bridge the gap between her children and their deployed father. Following her husband's recent R&R (rest and recuperation), she was blatantly aware of the memories continuing to take place at home that her husband was missing out on and that the kids weren't verbalizing over the phone.

With her husband's impending birthday, the home school mom had the idea of creating a newspaper, a concept that allowed their children to have fun writing and drawing for their dad in portions that weren't overwhelming to them.

What's up with "NON-RECRUITS IN BIG BOOTS?" Military children are not recruited to be military brats; they just are. They have "big boots" to fill, and this Month of the Military Child, we celebrate and pay tribute to all military children who serve along with their parents!

Operation We Are Here has a reputation of having a clearinghouse of resources for the military family and for military supporters. Also check out their exhaustive list of resources for military children and teens!

For more information on Operation We Are Here or *Brat Town Bugle*, visit www.operationwearehere.com.

About Operation We Are Here:

Our mission is to create an awareness of the challenges of families/loved ones of deployed military personnel, to offer practical suggestions to churches, communities and individuals on how to support and encourage the military home front, and to provide a comprehensive list of resources for families/loved ones of deployed military personnel.