

Speaker Notes

Title of Presentation: Homecoming and Reunion

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- These are some things that spouses wonder about prior to reunion.
- When the military member leaves, the family circle closes the gap.
- When the military member returns, the circle needs to reopen to accept them back into the circle.
- Reunions can be *both* joyful and stressful.
- Emotions can be intense.
- Reunions impact all family members.
- Reunions cause changes in the family.

Page 4 – You have taken on many new roles and may be anticipating how your returning partner will want this to change.

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- Spouses have undergone many changes due to having functioned independently.
- New friendships may have formed. They may be involved in new activities.
- **These are some things that spouses wonder about prior to reunion.**
- How much has my partner changed and in what ways has he/she changed?
- Will my partner be accepting of my new friends and activities?
- (Ask participants what other questions and concerns come to mind.)

Page 6 – Use these as discussion points for the participants to consider.

Page 7 – Taking it slowly and keeping communication open are keys to renewing sexual intimacy.

Page 8 – Ask participants to review these and discuss the roadblocks and possible ways to avoid them.

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