

Military Family Voices™

Program Services

Continually available program services from MFV take the following ancillary forms –all purposed to preserve the voices of Loved Ones and Friends in very high quality audio to make it possible to reinforce comfort, bonds, memories and personal connections now and forever:

RECORDING: Mobile recording coaches/buses and trailers are taken onto Post/Base to record Military Members and Families and to introduce the recording services to thousands of Military Members and Families. Past and present Military and their Families have the opportunity to make appointments to record, call in to record remotely or walk in to record.

Family members can call out to anywhere in the world and put their Loved Ones on the recordings. Deployed Military can call in from downrange or on maneuvers and record for their Loved Ones.

Along with preserving each of their vivid voices forever, familiar, grounding, comforting sounds can be recorded: such as their motorcycles, or cars, or pets; so, they can play those recordings for comfort and reassurance, any time they need the connections.

Examples of, but not limited to, the types of recordings done are: individual and extended families' voices, families sharing a meal, and the audio sounds of the unborn child, like heartbeats and hiccups, can be preserved and shared. Military Members and their Loved Ones can play these high quality, studio quality, recordings any time they wish for their continuing comfort and to revisit the memories and connections these detailed recordings trigger. Generally they receive the finished recordings when they leave the recording sessions and send them to their Loved Ones any time.

These voice recordings are produced in digital format, allowing the participants to receive them in a variety of desired digital formats. They receive a large archival audio file of their voices and a smaller file they can e-mail, if they wish. The still photos they receive are in both a large file, high-resolution, format that they can use to print and a smaller file they can e-mail. Recording sessions involve from a single Soldier to extended family and friends of 6 to 18 people. The audio recordings are never played for the public and are shared with others at the sole discretion of the subjects. Recording sessions run from 15 minutes to 1.5 hours.

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GETTING THE WORD OUT: EXPOSURE & RECORDINGS:

In order to remain and build as part of the Post/Base culture and as part of the “Continuity of Services” available to the Military and Families, a consistent presence and readiness capacity needs to be maintained to respond to the Post/Base needs and requests. An integral part of that readiness is to be able to respond in a time-appropriate way to address the unpredictable nature of deployments and return urgencies.

Recording buses/coaches or trailers are taken directly to Brigade or Battalion functions like “Organization Days”, or “Spouse Equipping Days”, or “Thrive Functions”, where thousands of Military Members and Families are introduced/exposed to Military Family Voices recording services. Fliers are handed out, tours are made of the recording facilities and actual real-time recordings are done for walkups or by appointment for Brigade Members. Current and past Military and their Families participate. Sometimes, at the request of the Brigades, MFV can set up mobile recording capability inside one of their facilities. This broad participation is highly evident when recordings are done near Commissaries or areas where many different past and present Military and their Families, from a variety of Armed Forces Branches, pass through.

Quality still photo documentation of the introductions and recordings are often done to inspire participation of Military Members. Still photos of recording sessions are always supplied to the Military and their Families, along with their recordings, in order to document their recording experience and so they can send those photos along with their recordings to their Loved Ones -to show visually what they did for them. MFV does not video the recording subjects because the mission is to preserve the most natural voices, which are generally altered when individuals feel they are being filmed or videoed.

CONTINUED PREPARATION: FOR PERMANENT FACILITIES:

Work continues with a fully pro bono Design Team of Architects, Engineers, Acoustic Engineers, Recording Engineers and Construction Management to complete the final designs for permanent twin recording studios to be built by MFV on Post at Fort Carson Mountain Army Post in Colorado Springs, Colorado. These studios are the final phases of the successful Pilot Program for all the Military and purposed to preserve the MFV recording service in perpetuity for Fort Carson at a high recording capacity and to serve as the modular template for deploying MFV to other Military installations, nation-wide.

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