

Operations Security (OPSEC)

A Program Designed to Protect Information

In World War II, the Army would routinely censor mail going to loved ones back home. Details about movements, locations, units, equipment, and personnel would be blacked out.

This practice continued during the Korean War and Vietnam, but with today's technology it is no longer practical to try and censor all communications. E-mail, Skype, and cell phones allow for instant communication between deployed Service Members and loved ones.

But I'm not a Service Member, what information do I know?

- The name of your Service Member's unit
- Type of unit (MP, Infantry, Armor)
- The unit's location
- When they are coming home
- What your Service Member is doing (i.e.: Patrolling in Kabul, convoy operations in Kuwait, etc.)

What can I do?

•Know who you are talking to. Don't discuss information with just anyone.

--Fact: During deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, family members have been contacted by fraudsters and war protesters looking for sensitive information or personal opinions.

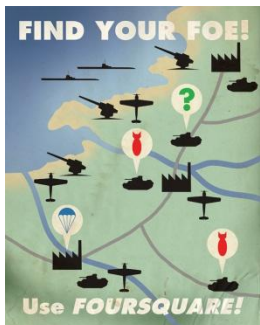
•Be careful where you talk about your Service Member or your job supporting Service Members.

--Fact: Social media or conversations that have been overheard in public are two of the many venues that sensitive information has been inadvertently relayed to others that do not need to know.

•Watch what you display at home or on your vehicles.



--Fact: To you this poster means you miss your loved one, but to a criminal, it shows that you are home alone.



**Protect Yourself and Our Service Members.
Watch What You Say, Watch What You Do.**

