

Writer's Guidelines for

Wives in Bloom:

The Online Magazine of Christian Military Wives Ministry

About Christian Military Wives:

Christian Military Wives is a multi-denominational, Bible based ministry of Christian Military Fellowship established to assist military wives and their families through encouragement, aid and education. CMW is a branch of Christian Military Fellowship.

We are a group of Bible-believing military wives committed to wholeheartedly serving Christ through the strengthening of one another. We strive to live a life of honor to our husbands stationed around the globe and of duty to our country. We proclaim liberty to the captives and freedom for the oppressed, while providing a place of encouragement, growth, acceptance, fellowship, support, prayer, and the like for our fellow military sisters in Christ.

About Wives in Bloom:

Wives in Bloom is the online magazine of Christian Military Wives. The title of our eZine comes from our motto: Bloom Where You Are Planted. Our goal is to provide our readers with inspiration, encouragement and practical help that will help them take root and thrive wherever they are.

Guidelines and Themes:

Because *Wives in Bloom* is a publication of Christian Military Wives, we ask that all writers are members of Christian Military Wives, or at least of the parent organization, Christian Military Fellowship, with rare exception. To join CMW, simply go to www.christianmilitarywives.com and click the button that says "Join CMW Now."

Please keep your articles between 500 and 850 words. We value articles that offer positive encouragement to military wives with an emphasis on trusting God through the good times and the bad.

These are the types of articles we are seeking to post each week:

- Devotional
- How-to
- Book and movie reviews (reviews related to the monthly themes are preferred, as well as reviews on books just for military wives)

- Interview with an inspirational military wife
- First-person story
- Feature story
- Opinion/column
- Recipes

Every month, we will be looking for articles on marriage, deployment, family and home management, health/self-care and caring for children/teens.

We are especially interested in pieces related to the following monthly themes:

September 2010

Back to school
 Moving and other transitions
 Making friends

October 2010

Fall/harvest
 The fruit of the Spirit
 Plugging into community

November 2010

Veteran's Day
 Thanksgiving
 Caregiving for injured husband
 Combat trauma, secondary PTSD

December 2010

Christmas/Advent
 Family traditions/extended family
 Depression/holiday blues

January 2011

New Year's Resolutions/New
 Beginnings
 Money matters/ financial issues

February 2011

Valentine's Day
 Love and Marriage

Loneliness

Emotional affairs, suspicion/jealousy

March 2011

Spring cleaning, organizing
 Hospitality
 Ministry as a military wife

April 2011

Easter
 Month of the Military Child
 Helping kids cope with military
 life/stories of inspirational military kids

May 2011

Memorial Day, Gold Star Families
 Military Family Appreciation Month
 Worry, Fear, Control

June 2011

Flag Day
 National Guard/Reserves
 Newlyweds/young marrieds

July 2011

Independence Day
 Being a solo spouse
 Life as a "single" parent

August 2011

Finding contentment

Summer, making memories

Articles not related to these themes will also be considered, but theme-related is always preferable. Articles should be submitted as Word documents to Jocelyn@christianmilitarywives.com. Please write "Wives in Bloom submission" in the subject line.

Compensation:

Wives in Bloom relies on volunteer freelance submissions. While articles are unpaid at this time, you may include your photo, and a one-to-three-sentence bio, including a link to your Web site if you have one. By writing for *Wives in Bloom*, you will be ministering to countless military wives (both Christian and seeking) and will be building your own ministry/writing platform as well. We do accept reprints on a case-by-case basis.