

## ARMY RESERVE FAMILY PROGRAMS



Army Reserve Family Programs has transformed to meet the diverse needs of Soldiers and Families for the future.

Capabilities include:

**Mobilization, Deployment and Reintegration**—Address needs of Military Families during separations in-person, by telephone and through on-line briefings.

**Information, Referral and Follow-up**—Provide links to veterans' organizations, community resources and support agencies such as the American Red Cross.

**Partnerships**—Establish collaborative working relationships with organizations to support Military Families. Examples include the American Legion and VFW.

**Training and Development**—Offer in-person and online trainings to enhance Families' awareness and understanding of Army Family Team Building, Army Reserve Family Readiness Education for Deployment, Chain of Command, Family Program Academy and Financial Readiness.

**Volunteer Management**—Support volunteer service to the Army Reserve in Family Readiness Groups and other programs.

**Child and Youth Services**—Provide information related to community-based child care, school liaison, teen panel link to leadership, youth activities and Operation Purple camps.



## RESOURCES



### Army Reserve Family Programs

1-866-345-8248

Monday—Friday 7 AM—Midnight  
Saturday & Sunday 10 AM—6 PM

[www.arfbp.org](http://www.arfbp.org)



**Military OneSource**

1-800-342-9647

[www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)

**ESGR Employer Support**

1-800-336-4590

[www.esgr.org](http://www.esgr.org)

**ID Cards/RAPIDS Locator**

[www.dmdc.osd.mil/trs/owa/home](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/trs/owa/home)

**TRICARE Health Plan**

1-888-363-2273

[www.tricare.mil](http://www.tricare.mil)

**VA Veterans Affairs**

1-800-827-1000

[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

America Supports You is a one-stop Department of Defense program connecting Americans supportive of our military men and women with organizations that assist the troops. America Supports You links citizens to more than 250 non-profit organizations devoted to helping our heroes. If you or your group are interested in providing military servicemembers at home or abroad and their families with airline miles, books, care packages, financial assistance, hiring preference, welcome home greetings and much more, please visit [www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil](http://www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil).

## U.S. Army Chaplaincy



**Chaplaincy,  
Family Programs  
& Community  
Partnership for the  
Well-Being of  
Soldiers and Families**



**Army Reserve  
Family Programs**



## U.S. ARMY CHAPLAINCY



The Army Chaplaincy is continually involved in the lives of all Soldiers across the spectrum of military operations and activities — a responsibility to be with Soldiers anywhere in any part of the world to insure their exercise of religious freedom. Our Soldier's religious well-being is the focus of all that we do. In that spirit, we are thankful for all that clergy and laity of the civilian community do to ensure that our Soldiers and their Families are fully supported wherever they may be. The Army Chaplaincy makes available a wide array of programs and activities to provide religious support to all Soldiers and Families. This brochure provides you with an overview of the Army Chaplaincy programs and activities. Extensive effort is made for our Army Reserve Families and Soldiers to establish easy access to programs like Strong Bonds—an Army Chaplain-led activity for Soldiers, Families, and for Single Soldiers. You may contact the US Army Reserve Command Chaplain's Office at 404-464-8475 for further information on this program. It is provided to eligible military Families and Soldiers at no cost.

The U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains is grateful to partner with civilian clergy of various denominational backgrounds to more effectively minister to community based Family members of the military Reserve Forces. The increased operational tempo of the military as we combat terrorism has led to increased strain, couple tension, and family conflict, even to the point of crisis. Providing spiritual hope and relational help for Soldiers and Families is the heart of our work. The sacrifices Soldiers and their Families make every day, especially in wartime is extraordinary. Many of our Reserve Soldiers and their Families are geographically distant from military facilities and resources. As community clergy, your skills and availability cannot be underestimated and are needed now more than ever. The Army recognizes and is thankful for your continuous availability in helping our Soldiers and their Families.

A variety of resources are available to assist civilian clergy to provide ministry to the Soldiers and Families of the Reserve or National Guard. The Army Chief of Chaplains Website <http://134.11.73.3/> is easily accessed. Resources and links at this website (under "Civilian Clergy Information") include the following: coming home brochures for Soldiers and Families; contact points for State Family program offices; healthcare benefits for Reserve Soldiers and their Families; Internet "One Source" point of contact to find help for military Family members of mobilized Reservists; stress management resources; American Red Cross access information; Ministry to Soldier Families in times of grief information paper; and "The Emotional Cycle of Deployment: A Military Family Perspective."

Please review the same website for the link to "Strong Bonds". This is the title of a specialized program for single Soldiers, couples and Families. More than 30,000 of our Soldiers and their Families have participated in this program. You can refer Soldiers and their Families to this site for their own self-enrollment and learning.

For more information please contact: Office of the Chief of Chaplains, 2700 Army Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20310 or use the telephone numbers at the Chief of Chaplains Website noted above.

## WHEN THE TROOPS COME HOME



Religious communities provide a continuity of care and support that is unique for our Soldiers and their Families. While the Army Chaplaincy does its best to make religious community available to all Soldiers everywhere, there are those occasions when the Soldier and his or her Family are back in their home community. For our Army Reserve Soldiers it is often a continuous relationship between them and their local religious community. Please explore the links provided in this brochure and contact your nearest Army Reserve Center to inquire about activities and initiatives that are ongoing through the Army Chaplaincy to support our Soldiers and Families.