

Army Community Covenant

SUPPORTING THOSE WHO SERVE

Together, We are committed to building strong communities.

We, the Community, recognize...

- ... The commitment Soldiers and their Families are making every day.
- ... The strength of Soldiers comes from the strength of their Families.
- ... The strength of Families is supported by the strength of the Community.
- ... The strength of the Community comes from the support of Employers, Educators, Civic and Business Leaders, and its Citizens.

We, the Community, are committed to...

- ... Building partnerships that support the strength, resilience, and readiness of Soldiers and their Families.
- ... Assisting in the implementation of the Army Family Covenant.



For more information on the Army Community Covenant, please visit the Community Covenant Web site at:
WWW.ACSIM.ARMY.MIL/COMMUNITY_COVENANT

The site features a list of organizations and programs which currently support Army Soldiers and their Families.

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What is the Army Community Covenant?

The Army's Community Covenant is designed to develop and foster effective state and community partnerships with the Army in improving the quality of life for Soldiers and their Families, both at their current duty stations and as they transfer from state to state.

The Army Community Covenant is tailored at the local level, with leaders at both local and state levels participating in covenant signing ceremonies, planned between April 2008 and the end of the year, recognizing the strength of Army Soldiers and their Families and the support of their local community.

Listed to the right are some of the Best Practices that are currently employed by community leaders. These listings are a mere sampling of what has been done by communities in support of their resident Soldiers and Families.



BEST PRACTICES

National/State

AMERICA SUPPORTS YOU: Provides opportunities to show support for the military by connecting Americans with hometown groups devoted to helping Soldiers and Families.

SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT: Many federal, state and private sector initiatives have been developed that provide military spouses the opportunity to attain financial security and achieve employment goals through career mobility and enhanced employment options. For many military Families, the ability of the spouse to supplement family income and develop a career of their own is a key factor in deciding whether or not to stay in the military.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION: A number of states provide unemployment compensation to spouses who leave employment because of a military move.

VOTING: Over 30 bills were enacted by states in 2007 to address flexible and expedited processes to aid military-connected voters in deployed areas.

OPERATION PURPLE: The National Military Family Association (NMFA) instituted day camps for children of deployed parents.

SUPPORT TO WOUNDED SOLDIERS: Many organizations provide support to wounded Soldiers and their Families, including tailored transition assistance and specialty housing.

IN-STATE TUITION: Provides full in-state tuition to military families including continuation of the discounted rate when the military sponsor is reassigned out of state.

EDUCATION BENEFITS: Many states and territories offer education benefits to Servicemembers and their Families, such as tuition assistance, scholarships for Family Members, and special recognition and support to Families of the fallen.

Local

ADOPT-A-UNIT/SOLDIER PROGRAMS: These programs promote cooperation and community involvement during military deployments and foster understanding of the special needs of deployed Soldiers and their Families.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS: Provide a forum for military and community leaders to discuss issues of mutual concern. These community councils permit military leaders to discuss support provided by the local community, identify needs not being met, and develop solutions to meet those needs.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS: Relationships with organizations such as the American Legion, VFW, and Boy Scouts in support of Soldiers and Families through the sponsorship of special events.

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMS: Partners businesses, churches, schools, and civic organizations throughout the community with military units and organizations on the installation. These programs allow the partners to engage in activities intended to provide support to Soldiers and Families, such as softball tournaments, social activities, or other opportunities to demonstrate their support for the Army.

COMMUNITY GIFTS: Local businesses, organizations, and individuals provide retail discounts, tickets to sporting events and concerts, free admission to recreation parks, etc. for Soldiers and their Families.

PROMOTIONAL EVENTS: These events allow businesses, civic groups, and community organizations to demonstrate support for Soldiers and Families through salutes, parades, public recognition events, etc. Some local programs include week-long activities highlighting military missions.