

# Military Support

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# After this session, we will . . .

- **Understand military family life** and culture.
- **Understand** the Impact of Deployments on Children
- **Know** what Educators can do?
- **Identify supports** and resources necessary for military families to thrive.
- **Commit** to one tangible, sustainable act of support for families.

# Family Status of Service Members

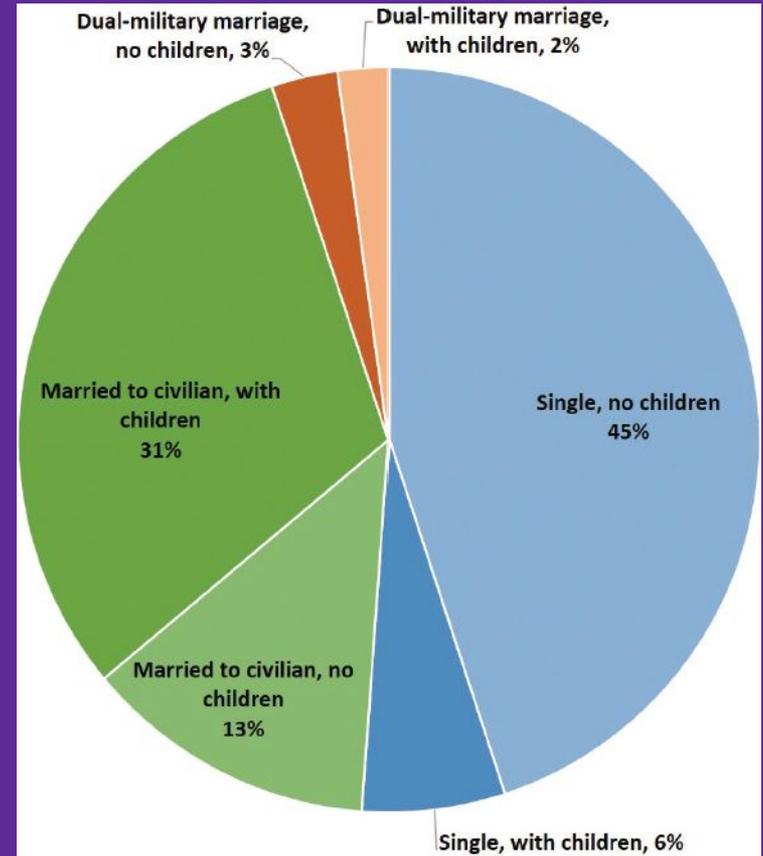


FIGURE 3-5 Family status of all service members (percent distribution)

SOURCE: Data from [DoD \(2017, pp. 134, 158\)](#).

# Military Culture



Culture is the knowledge, experience, values, ideals, attitudes, and symbols that are passed on from more experienced members of a community to new members.



# Military Family Experience

The Defense Department celebrates military children during the month of April. There are more than **1.6 million military children** who face many challenges and unique experiences as a result of their parents' service.

While military members serve around the world, we often forget the challenges faced by their children. **Military families move** on average **every two to three years**, impacting military children through changing schools and support networks.

Each year, the DOD joins national, state and local government, schools, military serving organizations, companies and private citizens in **celebrating military children** and the sacrifices they make.



# Impact of Deployments on Children of Military Families

## Impact of Deployments on Children's Mental Health:

Children in military families experience high rates of mental health, trauma and related problems. Military life can be a source of psychological stress for children. Multiple deployments, frequent moves and having a parent injured or die is a reality for many children in military families. Wartime parental deployments can be one of the most stressful events of a child's life.

- Changes reported included changes in school performance, anger, worrying, disrespect, and a sense of loss
- High levels of sadness depression
- Academic problems
- Worry about what could happen to their deployed caretaker
- Parents reported that one in five children coped poorly with deployment separation
- Length of deployment was associated with mental health problems including depression, acting out, and externalizing behaviors

[s://www.nccp.org/publication/trauma-faced-by-children-of-military-families/](http://www.nccp.org/publication/trauma-faced-by-children-of-military-families/)

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# What Can Educators Do?

- Focus on the student's and classroom learning environment
- Maintain objectivity
- Reinforce safety and security
- Be patient and reduce student workload as needed
- Listen
- Be sensitive to language and cultural needs
- Acknowledge and validate feelings
- Reinforce anger management



<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/os/homefront/homefront.pdf>

# Helpful Military Words and Acronyms

**ABN/Abn:** Airborne

**AWOL:** Absence without leave

**BAS:** Basic Allowance for Subsistence

**CAC:** Common Access Card Military issued id card

**Chow Hall:** Dining facility

**Commissary:** Military grocery store

**DOD:** Department of Defense

**EFMP:** Exceptional Family Member Program

**Leave:** Approved time away from duty

**TDY:** Temporary Duty

**AER:** Army Emergency Relief

**BAH:** Basic Allowance Housing

**BX/PX:** Base Exchange/Post Exchange (military store)

**Chain of Command:** Leadership Structure

**Clearing:** Obtaining official release from post

**DEERS:** Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System

**DODEA:** Department of Defense Education Agency

**FAP:** Family Advocacy Program

**LES:** Leave and Earning Statement

**PCS:** Permanent Change of Station

# Resources for Military Families

Hoke County Schools  
School Liaison Officer

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- **Army Community Services**

[Tutor.com](https://www.armycommunityservices.com)

Students can chat 24/7 with a live tutor in all core subjects and at all skill levels including essay writing, math, science, and more.

- **Military One Source Tutors**

<https://military.tutor.com>

800-342-9647

Private nonmedical counseling for free. Coaching and consultations 24/7

- **United States Army Child and Youth Services**

<https://www.armymwr.com/programs-and-services/cys>

910-432-1023

Important services include transition support, deployment support, and home school linkages.

- **Specialty Behavioral Health (SpBH) Groups**

910-907-8272

Anger Management, Couples Conflict Resolution, and Women's Empowerment Groups.

- **Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)**

<https://bragg.armymwr.com/programs/acs/exceptional-family-member-program>

# Resources Continued...



- [Operation: We Are Here](#)  
Resources for military connected families and educators.
  - [National Association of Federally Impacted Schools](#)  
NAFIS advocates for federally impacted school districts and the students they educate
  - [Military OneSource](#)  
Support for active-duty service members and their families.
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