

## **April is Month of the Military Child**

# Celebrate Military Children: The Strength of Our Future

For well over ten years, April has been set aside as the Month of the Military Child. A time to focus on their important role in the family and the military, as befitting the theme, “Celebrate Military Children: The Strength of Our Future”.

Thousands of brave Americans have demonstrated their courage and commitment to freedom by serving the armed forces of our Nation in Afghanistan, Iraq, and around the world. More than forty percent of these Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen, and Coast Guardsmen leave their families with children behind to answer the call to duty. More than one million of America’s children have at least one parent currently serving active military duty.

During the month of April, the Army Reserve takes time to recognize the Month of the Military Child in order to emphasize the important role military children play while a parent, relative or friend is serving. In doing so, we pay tribute to our Army Reserve children for their commitment, sacrifice, and unconditional support of our Soldiers—because when parents serve in the military, their children also serve.

I encourage all Army Reserve parents to seek out and actively participate in special activities –arts and crafts shows, parades, block parties and other special events celebrating our children in your community or on a military installation near you. If you are not near a military installation but want ideas for activities to help celebrate our military children and download posters, visit the following websites:

- [US Army Reserve](#)
- [Army Reserve Family Programs](#)
- [Military HOMEFRONT's Healthy Parenting Initiative](#)
- [Military Child Education Coalition](#)
- [Our Military Kids](#)
- [Military Youth on the Move](#)