

Honoring Our Military Families

As a nation, we often celebrate the courageous acts of our service members that stand guard and protect this great nation from all threats foreign or domestic. Much can be said about the military families that are left behind as their husbands, wives, sons, and daughters go off to serve and protect this great country. As President Obama stated in a proclamation that declared November to be National Military Family Month, "To these families and to those whose service members never come home, we bear a debt that can never be fully repaid."

The characteristics of military families are categorized by flexibility, strength, and compassion. The blend of our service members' heroic acts near and abroad and the courage and tenacity of our military families on the home front creates the greatest nation in the world. Our military families are strong and courageous. These demanding times of war and violent threat cause the family to lose its members, due to military obligation. These families, though, continue to perform and work in an outstanding manner. Many times grandparents and other extended family members willingly give up their free time and assist when the load seems unbearable or to provide moral support.

Just as the service members made a solemn oath to protect and honor this great nation, we as a community, state and country need to make that same promise and oath to our military families. As community helpers within the Community Counseling Center, aboard Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, we join in with President Barack Obama by demonstrating everyday acts of kindness to help in cultivating a culture of support for our military families. We encourage everyone to join with us to make a difference in the lives of these courageous, loyal, and compassionate patriots.