



# FAMILIES SERVE, TOO

For nearly 50 years, the National Military Family Association has been the voice of military families. Standing behind America's heroes is a form of sacrifice that many don't understand. Multiple deployments and constant relocations create stress on families. Wounds, illnesses, and injuries also have a significant impact on the family as well as the service member. When a family is well supported, a service member is better able to focus on the task ahead—whether it is mission or recovery.

## OUR PROGRAMS

NMFA provides spouse scholarships, camps for military kids, retreats for families reconnecting after deployment and for the families of the wounded, ill or injured. NMFA serves the families of the currently serving, retired, wounded or fallen members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard and Commissioned Corps of the USPHS and NOAA.

### OPERATION PURPLE

Created in 2004, our Operation Purple® Camps have provided 58,000 kids a free week at camp where they can connect with other military kids and can get away from the stresses of military life while surrounded with the emotional support they need—including professional counselors that are culturally competent in military life.

Along the way, we created Operation Purple Family Retreats and Healing Adventures to serve families dealing with deployment, reintegration, and injury or illness.

**45%**

Of children who attended Operation Purple Camp came from the families of the wounded, ill or injured in 2015.

**2,243**

Families have experienced one of our retreats since 2009.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Frequent military moves and underemployment make it difficult for military spouses to thrive in their education and career. And when a service member is injured, the physical, emotional and financial burden usually falls on the spouse.

**80K+**

Scholarship applicants

**\$3.3M+**

Scholarship dollars awarded

### VOLUNTEERS

Military families thrive in communities that support them. With our corps of 250 volunteers, we get a boots-on-the-ground view of what military families really need.

**10K+**

Volunteer hours worked in 2015

### WHAT SETS US APART?

A history of success serving the needs of the entire military family—not just the service member

Entirely funded by donations and grants

A strong focus on the family behind the uniform

A workforce that is highly representative of military spouses (>50%)

A model that leverages volunteer resources

A track record of strong advocacy, including successes in creating a Survivor Benefit Plan so military widows don't lose their support system

Key support for policies that provide consistency in education for military children that move during or between school years

**Together we're stronger®**