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Dear Educator,

Since September 11, 2001, many children from military families across the Commonwealth have been affected by the inherent challenges that exist from deployments and repeated separations. Some children have experienced the loss or serious injury of their loved one. The Kentucky National Guard recognizes the challenges and gaps in our state in the identification of our youth who have military parents within the community and schools across the Commonwealth.

The purpose of this letter is to inform local communities and educators that you may have multiple students in your school who are from a military family that already have or will experience deployment in the near future. Members of our organization as a whole typically do not self identify. Due to the geographic dispersion of our military families in the state, a significant challenge exists in providing outreach and education for paraprofessionals and organizations that have a direct impact on the overall well being of the child. The challenges military children struggle with exist before mobilization and continue with their loved one's well after their return. We are asking for your support in sustaining a strong social network for our military families in a welcoming and supportive environment.

We can assist in this endeavor through our comprehensive programs and established support networks that provide free services and referrals that support the social, emotional, and academic needs of our military families. Attached to this letter is a list of free resources that support our youth and enhance the educator's ability in addressing the specific needs and challenges of this special population.

Additional information about these programs and resources can be addressed to my State Family Program Director, MAJ Bryan Combs at 502-607-1555 or [bryan.c.combs.mil@mail.mil](mailto:bryan.c.combs.mil@mail.mil). You can also contact our Child and Youth Services at our 24/7 Family Assistance Center number at 1-800-372-7601.

We are proud of our Service Members, Airmen, and their families for their continued sacrifice for our communities, the Commonwealth and our nation. On behalf of the Kentucky National Guard, Carol and I thank you for supporting our military children and their families.

Sincerely,

Edward W. Tonini  
Major General, KYNG  
The Adjutant General

Carol Z. Tonini  
Wife of the Adjutant General

## Kentucky National Guard Military Resources

### National Guard Resource Center:

Family Assistance Centers: 1-800-372-7601 (7 locations geographically dispersed across the state)

Child and Youth Services: 502-607-1593 502-607-1751 (youth camps, exceptional family member, youth events, resource assistance)

### Counseling and Consultation:

[www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com) Military One Source

Military Family and Life Consultants: Greg Sharp [greg.sharp@ahsg.us](mailto:greg.sharp@ahsg.us) phone 502-514-6616

### Childcare:

[www.sittercity.com](http://www.sittercity.com) (Sittercity connects families with quality local in-home caregivers. Memberships are funded by DOD)

[www.ChildCare.Aware.org](http://www.ChildCare.Aware.org) (Help finding and paying for childcare) 1-800-424-2246

### Education:

[www.Tutor.com/military](http://www.Tutor.com/military) (K-12 students and adult learners connect to live educational help at anytime)

[www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org) (Military Child Education Coalition, MCEC, provides educational information and programs)

[www.ourmilitarykids.org](http://www.ourmilitarykids.org) (Grants to support children of deployed National Guard members for special activities)

[www.ngycp.org/site/state/ky/](http://www.ngycp.org/site/state/ky/) (Bluegrass and Appalachian Challenge Academies, to train and mentor selected at-risk youth to be contributing members of society in a 22 week residential and one year follow up Post Residential program)

Special Needs:

<http://www.operationautismonline.org/guide-for-military-families> (Operation Autism Resource, OAR, provides answers and resources)

[www.stompproject.org](http://www.stompproject.org) (Specialized Training of Military Parents, is a federally funded parent training and information center established to assist military families who have children with special education or health needs.

[www.p2pusa.org](http://www.p2pusa.org) (Parent to Parent USA, Emotional and Informational support for families of children who have special needs.)

Scholarships:

[Bdharr3@email.uky.edu](mailto:Bdharr3@email.uky.edu) (Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty, GRFD) 859-257-6865  
Must be enrolled and contracted in ROTC)

<http://studentveterans.org/index.php/our-programs/individual-programs/pnc-sv>  
(Student Veteran of America, SVA)

[www.collegescholarships.org](http://www.collegescholarships.org) (College Scholarships, for Military Reservists including Army and Air National Guard)

[www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com) (Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, KHEAA, provides resources and benefits for Military and Veterans)

<http://www.armyscholarshipfoundation.org/scholarships.html#apply> (Army Scholarship Foundation Scholarship Information awards one-year financial scholarships (not grants or loans) on an annual basis to qualified and deserving students. The amount of award ranges from \$500 to \$2000 for undergraduate studies at accredited educational/technical institutions

[www.foldsofhonor.org](http://www.foldsofhonor.org) (Folds of Honor, provides scholarships to spouse/children of service members with a service connected disability or deceased)