

# OPERATION PROUD NATION

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Scope of military Service and how it relates to children and families		
DID YOU KNOW?	Discussion Ideas	Key Concept
That every person in the military counts on support from their family, friends and community while on active duty?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss how families and friends are asked to support soldiers on active duty in the military?</li> <li>Can you think of ways that your community supports members of the US armed forces?</li> </ul>	Supporting members of the military is an important and shared responsibility
That members of the military <u>reserve</u> live and work in their own communities, but are subject to a call to duty at any time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How would a family be affected when a father or mother is called to duty on short notice?</li> <li>Do you know of someone who lives in your neighborhood who is serving in the military?</li> </ul>	The heavy use of part time, reserve forces in current military
That approximately 20% of members of the active military are stationed outside of the continental US.	What are some of the advantages and disadvantages for American children who are raised in foreign countries because their mother or father are serving in the military?	The impact of mobility and deployment
That on average a member of the military can expect to relocate every 3 to 6 years, while serving in the Armed Forces. Do you know what they call these relocations? PCSing (Permanent Change of Station)	What are some of the hardships associated with moving from one place to another <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the soldier?</li> <li>For their husband or wife?</li> <li>For their children?</li> </ul>	The impact of mobility and deployment
That over 50% of military members are married, 43% have children and there are <b>1.8 million children</b> being raised in military families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do you have friends or family members who serve in the military? What do you admire about them?</li> <li>What special challenges do you think they might encounter?</li> </ul>	Impact of military service on family members
That members of the US military are stationed in 75% of the countries of the world	Have you known friends or relatives who have served in other countries?	

### The Traditional Values Associated with Military Service

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That the US Military responds to people in distress all over the world by providing humanitarian aid following natural disasters	Name places across the world where the military has provided assistance in time of great need (Haiti, Japan/tsunami; Gulf Coast/hurricanes;)	Humanitarian mission of the military
That the American Flag is displayed, protected, highly honored by the US Military as a symbol of American Freedom and sacrifice.		Importance of the American Flag to military
Since 1973, the US military has been an entirely "volunteer" military?	Why do young men and women choose to join the US Armed Forces?	Willing to provide service to Country? A career path in a difficult economy?

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Throughout American history, citizens have found creative ways to express gratitude for those who serve in the military	How have citizens honored members of the military in your community? (Sending mail and parcels; saluting the military at public events; visiting military cemeteries and memorials; donating money to groups that help military families.)	Tangible visible evidence of the sacrifices made so that no-one should forget
That the Veterans Day and Memorial Day holidays were established to recognize the contributions of our veterans.	Can you think of other ways that citizens have shown their appreciation to Veterans?	National Military holidays
That communities, throughout the 50 states have established tributes and memorials honoring members of the military, past and present.	Can you identify tributes to the military in your community?	Ongoing efforts to honor and military service