

# “Military Family Support Ministry”

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“Military Family Support Ministry” is an initiative of the Iowa National Guard Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ-IA) Chaplain’s office. The purpose of this initiative is to coordinate support for Iowa National Guard (IANG) members and families through local faith communities.

All faith communities are welcome to participate as “MFSM” congregations. Support is offered by the participating congregation to all referred warriors and families within the limits of congregational resources and abilities, and free of charge without regard to the recipient’s religious affiliation.

Referrals of IANG members and families to “MFSM” congregations are made through the coordinated effort of the Commanders and Units, IANG Family Readiness Office and the JFHQ-IA Chaplain Office. Guardsmen and families are encouraged to participate in and access their own faith community, if affiliated.

Referral to a “MFSM” congregation by the IANG in no way implies endorsement of a particular religion by the IANG.

Participating congregations agree to provide the IANG with a current list of supportive services offered, as well as a congregational point of contact (POC) for coordination and communication of information, referrals and support. The IANG agrees to provide training and information to congregations as appropriate to facilitate success of the support.

It is recognized and understood that IANG citizen-soldiers and their families are integral parts of local communities across the State. These citizen-soldiers and their families endure the stress incumbent upon those who sacrifice in service to the defense of liberty and safety and security of both State and Nation. It is further recognized and understood that within the communities are congregations uniquely equipped and able to provide faith-based support to Iowa military members and families in times of crisis, stress and need. To that end “Military Support Ministry” exists.

## “Type of Services Offered”

\*This is not exhaustive and availability varies by congregations

- Counseling for individual, couples, marriages and families
- Child Care
- Basic household and auto repairs
- Child and teen education and mentoring
- Reunion support
- Single parent deployment support
- Women’s, men’s, and children’s support groups and activities
- Emergency food, clothing and housing support
- Community needs referrals
- Crisis and grief counseling
- Transportation
- Parenting classes
- Working parent sick child support
- Financial Counseling; and more.