



MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY 2015



Ever since the earliest days of our nation when Martha Washington and other “campfollowing” wives traveled with the troops to support their husbands, tend the wounded, and even entered the fight, military spouses have exemplified the same courage, commitment, and love of country as their Soldier-husbands.

In the decades that followed, military spouses, from every war and conflict, have coped with weather and crops, children and households, loneliness and separation, with extraordinary strength and resilience.

Today, as millions of women serve at every echelon, military spouses are men as well as women – and sometimes both, with husbands and wives often serving together. All subordinate their personal goals and aspirations to the greater good of family and country. All contribute to the readiness and well-being of our forces, and the strength and security of our Nation.

After more than a decade at war, with multiple missions and deployments, the service of our military spouses is more important than ever. We salute their courage and pledge our commitment to continue to provide a strong and supportive environment with programs and services worthy of their sacrifice.

Thus, on this Military Spouse Appreciation Day, it is an honor and privilege to recognize the military spouses of the Army Reserve and their extraordinary contributions to the Army and the Nation. With your help we will continue to be America’s life-saving, life-sustaining force.

Twice the Citizen, Army Strong!

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