



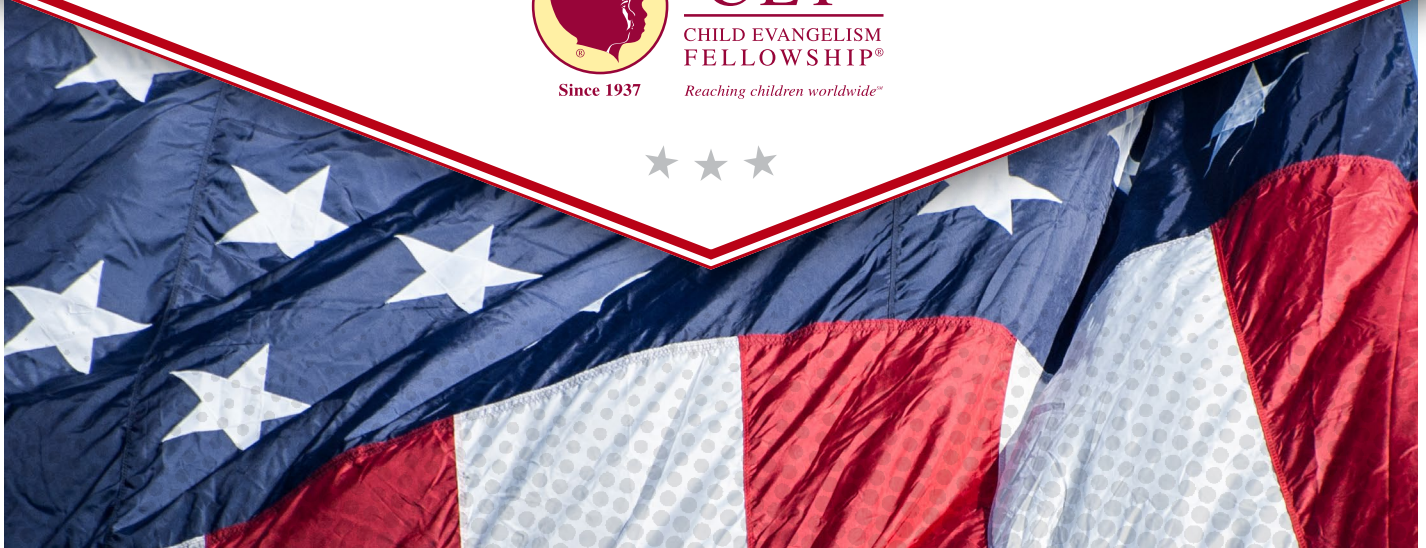
MILITARY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Since 1937

CEF
CHILD EVANGELISM
FELLOWSHIP®

Reaching children worldwide™





Military Children:

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THE FORGOTTEN CASUALTIES OF WAR

Military children have the same struggles as civilian children—and more. Many have a parent who is deployed, and that leaves the other parent to be both Mom and Dad. Fear grips many children as they face the possibility of their parents not returning home. This especially is the case with younger children, because they don't have the concept of time.

DID YOU KNOW:

- Military families relocate **10 TIMES MORE OFTEN** than civilian families—on average, every two or three years.
- Service members are more likely to be married at a younger age **AND HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN AT HOME** compared to their civilian counterparts.
- Since 2001, more than 2 million American children have had **A PARENT DEPLOYED AT LEAST ONCE**.
- More than **900,000 CHILDREN HAVE EXPERIENCED THE DEPLOYMENT** of one or both parents multiple times.
- Children in military families experience high rates of mental health, trauma, and related problems. About 30 percent reported **FEELING SAD OR HOPELESS ALMOST EVERY DAY FOR 2 WEEKS** during the past 12 months. Nearly 1 in 4 reported having considered suicide.
- Thirty-seven percent of children with a deployed parent reported that they **SERIOUSLY WORRY** about what could happen to their deployed caretaker.
- Multiple and prolonged deployment also has an effect on spouses, with **36.6 PERCENT OF WOMEN HAVING AT LEAST ONE MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSIS** compared to 30 percent of women whose husbands were not deployed.
- Bereavement experts report that for each active duty military loss, **AN AVERAGE OF 10 PEOPLE ARE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED**. In the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, an estimated 68,360 family members have been significantly impacted.

All the above from <https://www.dosomething.org/us/facts/11-facts-about-military-families>





*CEF Military Children's Ministry*sm is a ministry of *Child Evangelism Fellowship*[®] created to focus on bringing the Gospel to the children of military families through *Good News Club*[®] (school year), *5-Day Club*[®] (summer), Party Clubs (themed), and vacation Bible school.

★ WHAT IS A GOOD NEWS CLUB?

Good News Club is a volunteer-driven, high energy, positive Christian club that numbers over 98,000 worldwide. *GNC*[™] comes alongside base chaplains and gives children something positive to do each week. *GNC* gives **hope** to children everywhere since the club is built on Jesus Christ, our living hope. There is no cost to families since it is underwritten by Christians in the community. *Good News Club* is an after-school club in public schools and lasts 60 to 90 minutes and includes songs, a Bible lesson, a memory verse, review games, snack, and small group time where children can talk and pray with an adult about things concerning them. Many children beg for club to last all year long!

★ DIFFICULTIES IN ESTABLISHING AND SUSTAINING GOOD NEWS CLUBS:

- Getting validation from Senior Chaplain leadership for instant credibility
- Getting Chief of Chaplains comments on importance of *GNC* for instant credibility
- New chaplains would be hesitant to discontinue club if the above are established

★ SOLUTIONS:

- Recruit workers from onpost chapels and offpost churches who already possess military DOD ID cards
- Complete background checks and train all workers
- Teach all *CEF* state directors Senior Chaplain protocol for approval

★ GOALS:

We aim to work with *CEF* state directors and staff across the USA to establish ministry on a minimum of 4 military bases per year



ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

★ Designates active CEF Ministry on base ★ Designates no CEF ministry on base
Elementary School (ES)

ALABAMA:

- ★ Ft. Rucker (Army) – 2 ES
- ★ Maxwell (AF) – 1 ES

ALASKA:

- ★ Eielson Air Force Base – 2 ES
- ★ Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (AF/Army) – 3 ES
- ★ Wainwright (AF/Army) – 2 ES

ARIZONA:

- ★ Davis-Monthan Air Force Base – 1 ES
- ★ Ft. Huachuca (Army) – 1 ES
- ★ Yuma Proving Ground – 1 ES

ARKANSAS:

- ★ Little Rock Air Force Base – 1 ES

CALIFORNIA:

- ★ Beale Air Force Base – 1 ES
- ★ Camp Pendleton (Marines) – 3 ES
- ★ Edwards Air Force Base – 3 ES
- ★ Ft. Irwin (Army) – 2 ES
- ★ Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake (Navy) – 3 ES
- ★ Naval Air Station Lemoore – 2 ES
- ★ Naval Base Coronado – 1 ES
- ★ Naval Base San Diego – 1 ES
- ★ Travis Air Force Base – 2 ES
- ★ Vandenberg (Air Force) – 3 ES

COLORADO:

- ★ Ft. Carson (Army) – 3 ES
- ★ United States Air Force Academy – 2 ES

FLORIDA:

- ★ Eglin Air Force Base – 1 ES
- ★ MacDill Air Force Base – 1 ES
- ★ NAS Key West (Navy) – 1 ES
- ★ Tyndall Air Force Base – 1 ES

GEORGIA:

- ★ Ft. Gordon (Army) – 1 ES
- ★ Ft. Benning (Army) – 1 ES
- ★ Ft. Stewart (Army) – 3 ES

HAWAII:

- ★ Ft. Shafter – 1 ES

- ★ Joint Base Pearl Harbor–Hickam (Navy) – 2 ES

- ★ Wheeler/Schofield Army Air Field – 3 ES

- ★ Marine Corps Base Hawaii – 1 ES

IDAHO:

- ★ Mountain Home AFB – 1 ES

ILLINOIS:

- ★ Naval Station Great Lakes – 1 ES

KANSAS:

- ★ Ft. Leavenworth – 3 ES
- ★ Ft. Riley (Army) – 5 ES

KENTUCKY:

- ★ Ft. Campbell (Army) – 4 ES
- ★ Ft. Knox (Army) – 2 ES

LOUISIANA:

- ★ Joint Reserve Base New Orleans (Navy) – 1 ES
- ★ Ft. Polk (Army) – 2 ES

MARYLAND:

- ★ Ft. George G. Meade (Army) – 4 ES

MISSOURI:

- ★ Ft. Leonard Wood (Army) – 4 ES
- ★ Whiteman Air Force Base – 1 ES

NEBRASKA:

- ★ Offutt (Air Force) – 3 ES

NEVADA:

- ★ Nellis Air Force Base – 1 ES

NEW JERSEY:

- ★ Joint Base McGuire–Dix–Lakehurst – 3 ES

NEW MEXICO:

- ★ Holloman Air Force Base – 1 ES
- ★ Kirtland Air Force Base – 2 ES
- ★ White Sands Missile Range – 1 ES

NEW YORK:

- ★ Ft. Drum (Army) – 1 ES
- ★ Ft. Hamilton (Army) – 1 ES

- ★ West Point (Army) – 1 ES

NORTH CAROLINA:

- ★ Ft. Bragg (Army) – 5 ES
- ★ Camp Lejeune (Marines) – 6 ES

NORTH DAKOTA:

- ★ Grand Forks Air Force Base – 2 ES
- ★ Minot Air Force Base – 2 ES

OKLAHOMA:

- ★ Altus Air Force Base – 1 ES
- ★ Ft. Sill – 2 ES

SOUTH CAROLINA:

- ★ Ft. Jackson (Army) – 2 ES
- ★ Shaw (AF) – 2 ES
- ★ Beaufort–Laurel Bay (Marine) – 1 ES
- ★ Joint Base Charleston (Air Force) – 2 ES

TEXAS:

- ★ Ft. Bliss (Army) – 1 ES
- ★ Ft. Hood (Army) – 2 ES
- ★ Joint Base San Antonio – 3 ES
- ★ Sheppard Air Force Base – 1 ES

UTAH:

- ★ Dugway Proving Ground (Army) – 2 ES

VIRGINIA:

- ★ Dahlgren (Navy) – 1 ES
- ★ Ft. Belvoir – 1 ES
- ★ JB Langley-Eustis (Air Force) – 1 ES
- ★ Norfolk (Navy) – 1 ES
- ★ Pendleton
- ★ Quantico (Marine) – 2 ES

WASHINGTON D.C.:

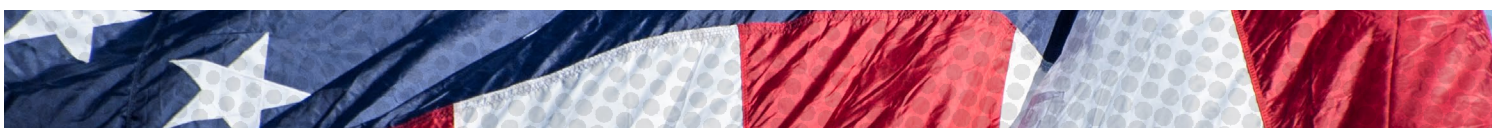
- ★ Bolling – 1 ES

WASHINGTON:

- ★ Fairchild Air Force Base – 1 ES
- ★ JB Lewis/McCord (AF/Army) – 6 ES

WYOMING:

- ★ F.E. Warren Air Force Base – 1 ES





“The children come into the gym
BURSTING WITH EXCITEMENT and ready
to recite their memory verse!”

– school teacher volunteer

“Our team hears weekly stories from teachers, parents,
and even the children themselves of the **POSITIVE CHANGES
IN ATTITUDES**—like being kind to others, listening to others,
reading their Bibles daily, helping around the house doing
homework and forgiving others for wrongdoing!”

– team teacher

“The team of volunteers **ARE MAKING
A DIFFERENCE** working together and
impacting the lives of children!”

– team director

“Volunteers taught VBS on Ft. Jackson and
REACHED OVER 100 CHILDREN with the Gospel! All of
this was an extension of the Good News Club!”

– parent volunteer

“When we invest spiritually in our children on base,
**COMMUNITIES ARE BETTER, SCHOOLS ARE BETTER, OUR
SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES ARE BETTER AND LEADERS ARE
BETTER.** Children are important to families, and families
play an important role in sustaining a society.”

– base chaplain

“The Good News Club is **EXACTLY WHAT THIS BASE
NEEDED** to introduce children to Jesus and help
them grow in their faith!”

– chaplain





Chaplain prays with *Good News Club* children at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Alaska



Good News Club on Ft. Jackson Army Base, South Carolina



Children from 101st Airborne Division, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky listen to Bible lesson



At Good News Club on Joint Base Lewis-McCord, Washington children receive *Every Day with God* devotional books and learn to spend time with God every day.



Children from 101st Airborne Division, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky learn Word Up! truth at club



Chaplains visit *Good News Club* at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Alaska