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Our **Mission** is: To positively impact Soldier and Family readiness, resilience, and retention by providing secure, timely, flexible, and high-quality youth development opportunities and resources which promote the overall well-being of Vermont National Guard Children and Youth.

Mission & Goals

Our **Goals** are:

- **Provide** life-skills and peer-to-peer connections to increase overall Soldier & Family readiness
- **Build** community capacity by developing partnerships with education & community resources that support geographically dispersed Military Youth & Families
- **Expand** access to and awareness of Federal, State, and Community benefits that support Military Youth
- **Utilize** leadership and Service Learning opportunities in ARNG Children & Youth
- **Capitalize** on research based curriculum as a means of increasing the resiliency skills in ARNG Youth to promote Soldier and Family readiness & retention





Experiences Facilitated

Day Camps

11

Overnight Camps

2

Yellow Ribbon Briefings & Programming

11

Family Days & Military Appreciation Events

15

Month of the Military Child Events

3

Community & Partner Trainings or Meetings

46

Teen Council Meetings or Trainings

5

Joining Community Forces Briefings and Events

3

Education Outreach Briefings

3

Community Outreach Briefings & Events

4

304
Programming
Hours



Military Served

5802

Service Members
& Dependents



852 - 6-12yo
548 - 13-18yo
1,259 - Adults
2,659 pax



49 - 6-12yo
27 - 13-18yo
148 - Adults
224 pax



14 - 6-12yo
13 - 13-18yo
35 - Adults
62 pax



501 - 6-12yo
341 - 13-18yo
439 - Adults
1,281 pax



1 - 6-12yo
0 - 13-18yo
2 - Adults
3 pax



27 - 6-12yo
11 - 13-18yo
47 - Adults
85 pax



1 - 6-12yo
2 - 13-18yo
4 - Adults
7 pax



44 - 6-12yo
21 - 13-18yo
5 - Adults
70 pax



2 - 6-12yo
8 - 13-18yo
13 - Adults
23 pax

Marine, Navy and Coast Guard numbers are inclusive of Reserve Components



Teen Council Offered

5 outstanding Vermont Army National Guard youth met and trained 5 times during FY 2022. Vermont saw its largest number of families impacted by deployment in more than a decade. With this in mind, the Teen Council chose to continue focusing on deployment and determined "Youth Deployment Resilience" as its theme. The number of meetings/trainings mentioned above (5) does not fully reflect their commitment to serving their military peers; this crew of dedicated teens provided support at 9 in-person Yellow Ribbon events, and 8 other events throughout the year.

Resilience Provided

Real Time Resilience

9

Put It in Perspective

9

2 Hour Curriculum

2

Character Strengths

3

23 Trainings
to
39 VTNG
Youth

Participants Stated:

"This was the best camp ever! I have not been to camp since before Covid, and I missed it. The most fun was playing with other military kids, learning fun science stuff, beating up Security Forces, and learning how to be a spy with my friends." ~ *Johnny Slater son of CPT Slater, VTARNG*

"After being separated from my spouse and him being away from our children for deployment, I can't tell you what an opportunity it was to be able to attend VTNG Camp at Ohana Camp for a few, wonderful, uninterrupted days. Ohana means family and we sure embraced it. We haven't had that much quality time with the kids in a long time. Days of fun, engaging and even peaceful activities with no cellular interruptions pulled us close together and enjoyed the time—just the time that we spent. It was like being a kid again myself doing arts & crafts, playing tag, ping pong, swimming in the lake, staying up to roast marshmallows by the fire. I am so grateful to have had this opportunity!" ~ *Anonymous VTARNG Spouse*





Tactics Used

Having the most Youth Yellow Ribbon Camps in over a decade, with 9 events, presented a challenge. That challenge was people power to support those affected youth throughout Vermont. We needed to enlist current, former and new community partners. Doing so enabled us to improve support for, as well as increase positive impacts on, youth, family and service member resilience and readiness throughout the deployment cycle. Our recruiting efforts led to 13 new community partners!



56

Volunteers
provided
311.25 hours

Volunteers Afforded

The use of volunteers provided incalculable positives to the Vermont program. Our volunteers whole heartedly facilitated and participated in a variety of programming opportunities for VTNG children, youth and families. Those opportunities include: Day Camps, Youth Yellow Ribbon Camps, Military Appreciation Events, Unit Family Days, Month of the Military Child events, Teen Council meetings, Youth & Deployment briefings, and beyond.

Partners Stepped Up

Project Y.E.S! was critical to the success of our 7 Post-Deployment Youth Yellow Ribbon Camps. They were tasked with providing STEAM and Leadership Training opportunities for attendees. Always engaging, fun and flexible.



Joining forces with the 501st Legion Green Mountain Squad afforded a stellar experience for youth and families during Mid-Deployment Youth Yellow Ribbon Camps, both in-person and virtual. They even designed a challenge coin, and an awesome ceremony during which all youth received one. The kiddos loved it!





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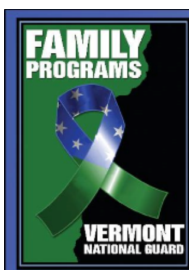
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