

New YMCA Membership Initiatives for Military Families

The Armed Services YMCA and Department of Defense Outreach Initiative offers free YMCA memberships to eligible military families and personnel who may not have access to nearby military facility. Eligible military families and personnel include:

- Family members of deployed National Guard and Reservists.
- Active Duty families who live in one of the selected Joint Bases created by the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process.
- Active Duty Independent Duty personnel and their families as approved by their Military Service Headquarters.
- Relocated spouses and family members of deployed Active Duty personnel.

** Note: Eligibility is for Title 10 personnel only.*

Getting Started:

Eligible military families and personnel should follow these steps to benefit from the YMCA Military Outreach Initiative:

- Contact Military OneSource at militaryonesource.com or 800-342-9647 to confirm eligibility and receive an eligibility form.
- Find your local participating YMCA, such as the Glens Falls Family YMCA.
- Fill out and bring your eligibility form, military ID and any other required documentation (generally your deployment orders or Military Service Headquarters approval letter) to participating YMCA for verification (please do not leave copies of your documentation).
- Explore the benefits of membership at your new YMCA!

Guidelines:

The Department of Defense will underwrite memberships at participating YMCAs for an initial six month period for each eligible family and service member. Membership renewals is subsequent six month intervals (up to 12 or 18 months depending on eligibility) will be funded based on military's family's or service member's ability to meet the participating requirement of eight visits to the YMCA each month.

About the YMCA Outreach Initiative:

YMCA of the USA, the Armed Services YMCA and the Department of Defense have launched the YMCA Military Outreach Initiative to address the needs of families of deployed military personnel who live far from a military installation and require access to child development, family strengthening, and health and well-being programming.

The YMCA Military Outreach Initiative leverages the YMCA movement's national scale and mission to engage families facing the hardship and uncertainty of military deployment. The nation's 2,686 YMCAs have the unique capacity to respond to the needs of this widely dispersed population through supportive, community-based programs that foster a healthy spirit, mind and body.