

Below is a list of website that have programs for you to potentially utilize, please note many of them are not official military programs.

1. <https://seasonedspouse.com/the-giant-list-of-deployment-resources-for-military-families/>
 - a. The Giant List of Deployment Resources for Military Families
2. <https://www.wrightpattfss.com/airman-family-readiness-center>
 - a. The Airman & Family Readiness Center (A&FRC) provides programs and services designed to strengthen and support those affiliated with the military. Programs and services include the areas of finance, relocation, transition assistance, employment, personal & family work life, deployment, Exceptional Family Member Program, volunteering, and more.
3. <https://www.afpc.af.mil/Airman-and-Family/>
 - a. Airman And Family Division: Airman And Family Readiness, Retiree Services And Air Force Resilience Operations
4. [Homepage - Operation Homefront](#)
 - a. Operation Homefront is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to build strong, stable, and secure military families so they can thrive — not simply struggle to get by — in the communities they have worked so hard to protect.
5. <https://operationhomefront.org/back-to-school-brigade/>
 - a. Back-to-School Brigade® is Operation Homefront’s annual nationwide school supply collection and distribution campaign. Since inception, Operation Homefront has distributed over 400,000 backpacks to military children saving military families nearly \$50M in school expenses. Operation Homefront and Dollar Tree Inc. have joined forces for 12 consecutive years to collect and distribute school supplies for military children.
6. <https://www.asymca.org/ymca-dod-military-outreach-initiative>
 - a. The Armed Services YMCA is proud to work with the Department of Defense to offer the Military Outreach Initiative. The Military Outreach Initiative offers gym memberships and respite child care services for qualified military members and families nationwide. Through this initiative, military members and families receive access to vital resources that promote youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.
7. <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/os/homefront/homefront.pdf>
 - a. Educator’s Guide to Military Child During Deployment
8. <https://www.eventbrite.com/>
 - a. Discover Great Events In Your Local Area
9. <https://www.wrightpattfss.com/family-child-care>
 - a. Wright-Patterson AFB Family Child Care recognizes the importance of providing high-quality child care to active duty and civilian parents working at Wright-Patt. Children ages 2 weeks to 12 years are engaged in developmentally appropriate activities in licensed homes on or within a designated radius of Wright-Patt. Family Child Care (FCC) is committed to ensuring children’s safety, health, and well-being, enabling parents to focus on their military mission with the knowledge their children are well-taken care.
10. <https://www.buildasign.com/troops>
 - a. BuildASign.com® has given away more than 337,000 Welcome Home banners and signs, worth more than \$10 million, to military friends and families for their loved ones returning home from a deployment. It’s our way to say thank you for their service and sacrifice, and to make all homecomings a little more special.
11. <https://www.wrightpattfss.com/>
 - a. Stay in the loop and get all the latest 88FSS and Wright-Patt event
 - i. FSS Event Calander: [FSS Calendar - 88th Force Support Squadron - Wright-Patterson Air Force Base \(wrightpattfss.com\)](#)
 - ii. News Letter sign up: [Join Our Newsletter - 88th Force Support Squadron - Wright-Patterson Air Force Base \(wrightpattfss.com\)](#)
12. <https://artscrackers.com/2013/08/09/deployment-freebies-and-resources-for-military-families/>
 - a. Deployments are difficult for the whole family. There are many resources and non-profit organizations available that provide freebies, discounted products and support for deployed soldiers and their loved ones on the homefront during their time apart.

13. <https://bluestarfam.org/>
 - a. TOOLS FOR MANAGING STRESS & WORRY. Military families are resilient, but we may need a little more support to cope with the enormous strain of a difficult year. Our partner, Cohen Veterans Network, has tools to help. With this free online course, military families will learn new strategies to help manage stress and worry.
14. <https://www.211.org/>
 - a. We are the boots on the ground, the local experts who make finding help easier. There are more than 200 211 agencies across the United States, each with a team of compassionate, highly trained community specialists who are available to help you access the best local resources and services to address any need. The 211 network in the United States responds to more than 20 million requests for help every year. Most calls, web chats, and text messages are from people looking for help meeting basic needs like housing, food, transportation, and health care.
15. <https://www.dol.gov/general/topic/training/onestop>
 - a. American Job Centers are designed to provide a full range of assistance to job seekers under one roof. Established under the Workforce Investment Act, and reauthorized in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act of 2014, the centers offer training referrals, career counseling, job listings, and similar employment-related services. Customers can visit a center in person or connect to the center's information online or through kiosk remote access.
<https://www.hiringourheroes.org/resources/skillbridge-program-providers/>
 - b. Hiring Our Heroes (HOH) connects the military community—service members, military spouses, and veterans—with American businesses to create economic opportunity and a strong and diversified
16. <https://www.operationgratitude.com/>
 - a. Operation Gratitude is one of the largest and most impactful nonprofits in the country for hands-on volunteerism in support of military, veterans, and first responders.
17. <https://www.operationwearehere.com/familysupportorganizations.html>
 - a. To create an awareness of the challenges of the military community. To offer practical suggestions to churches, communities and individuals on how to support and encourage the military community. To provide a comprehensive list of resources for the military community (active duty, veterans, their families) and its supporters
18. <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/military-families/emergency-communication.html>
 - a. The American Red Cross Hero Care Center is available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, with two options for requesting assistance: online and by phone. To speak to a Red Cross Emergency Communications Specialist call 1-877-272-7337.
19. <https://www.sandboxx.us/blog/companies-that-will-send-free-stuff-to-deployed-troops/>
 - a. If you have a family member, friend, or loved one in the military, you are going to want to see this. Here is a list of companies that give back and send free stuff to deployed troops. Many of these companies are veteran-owned or veteran-run, so check them out!
20. <https://www.uso.org/>
 - a. The USO strengthens America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country, throughout their service to the nation. Since 1941, the USO has been the nation's leading organization to serve the men and women in the U.S. military, and their families, throughout their time in uniform. From the moment they join, through their assignments and deployments, and as they transition back to their communities, the USO is always by their side
21. <https://www.va.gov/>
 - a. Access and manage your VA benefits and health care
22. <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>
 - a. Connect with the Veterans Crisis Line to reach caring, qualified responders with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Many of them are Veterans themselves.
23. https://store.usps.com/store/product/shipping-supplies/military-care-kit-P_MILITARYKIT
 - a. The Free military kit contains all the address labels, customs envelopes and priority mail tape you need for the six boxes that come in the kit: 2 APO/FPO flat-rate boxes and 4 medium flat-rate boxes.

24. <https://public.militarychildcare.csd.disa.mil/mccu/ui/#/>
 - a. This secure Department of Defense (DoD) website provides a single gateway for you to find comprehensive information on military-operated or military-approved child care programs worldwide. With MilitaryChildCare.com, you create an account and maintain a household profile that you can access at any time from any location.
25. <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/>
 - a. At Military OneSource, we have one mission – to connect you to your best MilLife. We’re here to help, with information and resources vetted by the Department of Defense. Military OneSource connects you to programs, services and products developed to help you navigate military life. This page provides links to the benefits and resources found throughout the Military OneSource website.
26. <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/military-life-cycle/deployment/deployment-benefits/>
 - a. Members of the military get rocking benefits. These range from educational benefits and cash bonuses, to tax-free housing, food allowances and pensions. Military benefits and entitlements extend to service members and their families during all phases of the deployment cycle. Make sure you know what’s available
27. <https://planmydeployment.militaryonesource.mil/>
 - a. Supporting service members and their families and loved ones throughout the deployment cycle. Here, you’ll find task checklists, resources and articles to help you prepare for all phases of the deployment cycle. The information is organized in three phases: pre-deployment, deployment, and reunion and reintegration. Think of this as your deployment how-to guide.
28. <http://www.heartsapart.org/>
 - a. HeartsApart.org was created to keep families connected while our military men and women are serving abroad. Through the efforts of our community’s finest photographers, HeartsApart.org provides our soon to be deployed servicemen and women with pictures of their spouses and children. The photographs are printed on waterproof and durable bi-folded cards, which fit securely in their uniform pocket. HeartsApart.org believes that our military personnel deserve and need the memory of their families to carry them through the difficult times that lie ahead.
29. <https://www.operationgratitude.com/who-we-serve/military-families/>
 - a. Military Families serve our nation in their own special way and the Operation Gratitude Military Families Program is dedicated to support and recognize them.
30. <https://mybaseguide.com/installation/wright-patterson-afb/>
 - a. Local area recourses for military members.
31. <https://www.herobox.org/>
 - a. HeroBox connects the American people with deployed heroes through our online platform. Our mission is to provide the physical resources and emotional support our heroes need and deserve while away from home. We do this by connecting them with you.
32. <http://www.daads.com/>
 - a. The Dads at a Distance web site has been designed to help fathers who are away from their children to maintain and strengthen the relationships they have with their children while they are away.
33. <http://www.fambooks.com/moms.htm>
 - a. The Moms over Miles web site has been designed to help fathers who are away from their children to maintain and strengthen the relationships they have with their children while they are away.
34. **Military Deployed Care Packages:** (Caveat: Not an AF program)
 - a. https://store.usps.com/store/product/shipping-supplies/military-care-kit-P_MILITARYKIT
 - b. <https://www.operationgratitude.com/who-we-serve/deployed-troops/>
 - c. <https://www.uso.org/>
 - d. <https://www.herobox.org/>
 - e. <http://www.operationcarepackages.org/SubmitTroops.html>
1. **Pets on Deployment:** There are several organizations that can help locate a temporary foster home for the pets of deployed military personnel until they return home. Some are listed below:
 - a. <http://pactforanimals.org/pacts-work/military-foster-program>
 - b. <https://petsforpatriots.org/military-deployment-and-your-pets/>
 - c. <https://www.americanhumane.org/fact-sheet/fostering-military-pets/>
 - d. <https://www.dogsondeployment.org/>