



"Partners in Care"

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“ PARTNERS IN CARE”

“Partners in Care” is an initiative of the Maryland National Guard Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ-MD) Chaplain’s office. The purpose of this initiative is to coordinate support for Maryland National Guard (MDNG) members and families through partnerships with local faith communities.

All faith communities are welcome to participate as “Partners in Care” congregations. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the JFHQ-MD Chaplain and a representative of the participating congregation formalizes the relationship. The MOU defines the purpose, scope and nature of the partnership. Support is offered by the participating congregation to all referred warriors and families within the limits of congregational resources and abilities, and free of charge without regard to the recipient’s religious affiliation.

Referrals of MDNG members and families to “Partners in Care” congregations are made through the coordinated effort of the Commanders and Units, MDNG Family Readiness Office and the JFHQ-MD Chaplain Office. Guardsmen and families are encouraged to participate in and

access their own faith community, if affiliated. Referral to a “Partner in Care” congregation by the MDNG in no way implies endorsement of a particular religion by the MDNG.

Participating congregations agree to provide the MDNG with a current list of supportive services offered, as well as a congregational point of contact (POC) for coordination and communication of information, referrals and support. The MDNG agrees to provide training and information to congregations as appropriate to facilitate success of the partnership.

It is recognized and understood that MDNG citizen-soldiers and their families are integral parts of local communities across the State. These citizen-soldiers and their families endure the stress incumbent upon those who sacrifice in service to the defense of liberty and the safety and security of both State and Nation. It is further recognized and understood that within the communities are congregations uniquely equipped and able to provide faith-based support to Maryland National Guard members and families in times of crisis, stress and need. To that end “Partners in Care” exists.

Chaplain Colonel William Sean Lee Joint Force Headquarters-Maryland



“ TYPE OF SERVICES OFFERED”

***This is not exhaustive and availability varies by congregations.**

- Counseling for individual, couples, marriages and families
- Child care
- Basic household and auto repairs
- Child and teen education and mentoring
- Reunion support
- Single parent deployment support
- Women’s, men’s, and children’s support groups and activities
- Emergency food, clothing and housing support
- Community needs referrals
- Crisis and grief counseling
- Transportation
- Parenting classes
- Working parent sick child support
- Financial counseling; and more.