

Military Star Families



Military Star Family Information Sheet

“We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name. Let Your unfailing love surround us, Lord, for our hope is in You alone.”
Psalm 33:20-22

Thank you for signing up for Liberty Church’s Military Star Family program. Our goal is to support and encourage our nation’s military families while their service member is away on duty. Liberty’s mission is *to lead people to new life in Jesus Christ and, together, discover the joy of **Community, Ministry, Generosity and Family***. We hope to fulfill this mission by serving you and your family while your spouse serves our country.

What is a Military Star Family?

Liberty Church defines a “Military Star Family” as the immediate family of a United States military member who is assigned on duty away from home. God has purposefully placed Liberty Church in a location primarily comprised of military members and their families. This is no accident. As such, we believe God has called us to support our military families, especially when their service member is away from home, whether due to deployment, training, or temporary duty.

Who can sign up to receive support from the church as a Military Star Family?

Any military family (active, reserve, or guard) is eligible to sign up when their service member is called on duty away from home for a period of more than one week.

What happens when I sign up as a Military Star Family?

When you sign up as a Military Star Family, you will fill out an information sheet about your family. Then, the church will assign you a Partner who has successfully completed a background check. Your Partner's goal is to provide support and encouragement while your spouse is away from home. We will try to pair Families and Partners who live near one another.

What does a Military Star Family Partner do for my family?

A Partner’s mission is to support and encourage you while your spouse is gone. We pray they help you feel welcome in the church, cultivate a loving relationship with you that reflects Christ’s love, and practically provide assistance for your family. Please utilize your Military Star Family Partner as a loving resource you can call whenever you need something while your spouse is away. If they cannot help you with an issue, they’ll help connect you with someone who can.

What are a Partner's responsibilities?

-A Military Star Family Partner commits to checking in with you via phone call or text at least once a week. We can only effectively care for you when we know what is happening within your family.

-Pray faithfully for your family.

-Offer to support your family with practical needs that arise. Some ideas include yard maintenance, occasional babysitting, providing meals when someone in your family is sick, and helping with minor home maintenance issues. We also have Military Star Family Partners who have volunteered to provide the above-listed services for free for your family. Please contact the church to utilize these services.

What responsibilities does a Military Star Family Partner NOT carry?

-Providing for your family financially.

-Becoming your counselor. Please contact the church for available counseling resources.

-Babysitting regularly, unless this is an area where they have offered to serve you. The church has a list of babysitters we can provide.

When should I contact the church?

-If your Military Star Family Partner is not a good fit for your family and you would like to be assigned a new partner.

-A family member mentions suicidal thoughts or reveals evidence of self-harm.

-Any family member is in danger.

-You have a financial emergency.

-You experience a tragedy within your family.

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Military Star Family Partner Information Sheet

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”
Galatians 6:2

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What is a Military Star Family?

Liberty defines a Military Star Family as the immediate family of a United States military member that is on assigned duty away from home.

Who can be a Partner?

Anyone who calls Liberty Church their home may sign up as a Military Star Family Partner. Military families are also encouraged to sign up as volunteers and will only be assigned a family when their service member is currently home.

What happens when I sign up as a Military Star Family Partner?

When you sign up as a Military Star Family Partner, you will be placed on a volunteer list and complete a form for a background check. Then, when the church is notified that a service member is called away from home for duty, a volunteer will be assigned to support that service member's family. If you are chosen, we will call to inform you and provide the family's information. We will try to pair families and partners who live near one another.

What is my mission as a Partner?

A Partner’s mission is to support and minister to the family of a military member who is away from home. Military family members sometimes struggle to build relationships, and they need community more than ever when their service member is away. We pray this program helps military families feel like members of Christ’s family whom we care for, see and love.

- First, we want them to see the church as a safe, welcoming place proactively serving them.
- Second, this is an opportunity to build relationships and community with military families, who often struggle in this area due to frequent moves.
- Lastly, serving as a Military Star Family Partner allows us to share the gospel and remind them of God's truths, grace, and generosity.

What are a Partner's responsibilities?

- Check in with your Military Star Family via phone call or text at least once a week. We can only effectively care for them when we know what is happening within their family. PRO TIP: when you ask a military spouse if they need anything, they'll likely say, "I'm fine." Instead, be SPECIFIC about how you want to help. For example, ask WHICH day you can deliver a meal or babysit, etc.
 - Pray faithfully for your assigned family.
- Offer to support the family with their practical needs that arise. Some ideas include yard maintenance, occasional babysitting, providing meals when they are sick, and helping with minor home maintenance issues. The church also has a list of Supporters that have volunteered to offer these services as well.
- Inform the church if there is a significant issue with which the family requires more help than you can provide.

What am I NOT responsible for as a Military Star Family Partner?

- Providing for the family financially.
- Becoming their counselor (please refer them to the church if they desire counseling resources).
- Babysitting regularly (unless this is an area where you would like to serve them). The church has a list of babysitters we can provide to your Military Star Family.

When should I contact the church?

- If you can no longer serve your Military Star Family for any reason, contact the church, and we will reassign them to a new Partner.
 - A family member mentions suicidal thoughts or reveals evidence of self-harm.
 - Any family member is in danger.
 - The family has a financial emergency.
 - The family experiences a tragedy.

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Military Star Family Supporter Information Sheet

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What is a Military Star Family Supporter?

A Supporter is a volunteer offering free services to a military family when their service member is away on duty. For example, a Supporter may offer services like babysitting, yard maintenance, meals, small home repairs, etc.

Who can be a Supporter?

Anyone who calls Liberty Church their home may sign up as a Military Star Family Supporter. Military families are also encouraged to sign up as volunteers and will only be called upon when their service member is currently home.

What happens when I sign up as a Military Star Family Supporter?

When you sign up as a Military Star Family Supporter, you will be placed on a volunteer list and complete a form for a background check. Then, when the church is notified that a Military Star Family needs a service you can provide, the church will contact you for availability.

What are a Supporter's responsibilities?

- If you can help the Military Star Family with a service they need, you'll contact the family directly to schedule with them.
- Our goal is that your labor will be a free offering for our nation's military families. However, we understand that some services, such as vehicle or home repair parts, entail extra costs. If you or the family cannot afford the materials, don't hesitate to contact the church for possible financial support.
- Inform the church if there is a significant issue with which the family requires more help than you can provide.

When should I contact the church?

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