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WELCOME TO YELLOW RIBBON MINISTRIES

Welcome, and allow me a moment to introduce you to the Yellow Ribbon Ministries. This is a new ministry of Friendship Baptist Church and Friendship Christian School. The military community, as a whole, has made great strides in providing for the health and wellbeing of our nation's military in recent years. While there are many programs and groups available to help the military member, few can provide the personal and one-on-one assistance to the member and their family that can be accomplished by the local church.

Our Mission Statement

To provide a church centered ministry to military members of Friendship Baptist Church and Friendship Christian School.

Our Target Audience

Any active, reserve, or retired military member and their immediate family associated with Friendship Baptist Church or Friendship Christian School. Any parent or child of an active or reserve military member is also welcome.

Our Goals

- (1) Minister to the unique needs of military families through personal contact, information updates, and periodic meetings.
- (2) Provide a resource to assist military families during the deployment of a family member.
- (3) Provide a resource for military families to stay informed of entitled benefits and how to obtain these benefits.
- (4) Provide an avenue for pastoral staff and school administration to stay informed of needs associated with military members and their families.

Scripture Reference: Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10, 12

"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken."

WHO MAKES UP THE YELLOW RIBBON MINISTRY?

The ministry of Friendship Baptist Church and Friendship Christian School touches many families and many lives. Less than 1% of our population wears the uniform of the military service today. With their commitment to protect our country against all enemies, foreign or domestic, comes unique challenges. As a result, we need to have a unique ministry available and ready to support the military member and their family. If you or a family member serves in the active or reserve branch of the military service, we would like for you to participate in this unique ministry opportunity. We are building a support network to care for the member and their families not only at home, but particularly when the member is deployed overseas or in a wartime environment. If you are a retired or former service member, we would be proud to have you join our ranks. If you are a father, mother, brother, sister, son or daughter of a service member, we would like for you to join us and learn of resources that are available to your family. Some may not have a military connection, but you feel a calling into this ministry. We welcome you!

HOW TO BECOME INVOLVED

Please fill out the attached Yellow Ribbon Ministries Questionnaire and we will add you to our contact list. Each month we will have an e-mail newsletter that will go out to our members. In this newsletter will be information about our socials, important Yellow Ribbon Ministry news, and benefits or resources that are available to current and former military members. Each of us will receive from the ministry, but I ask that each member participate in the ministry as well. You may participate by sending cards to deployed members or to commemorate birthdays or anniversaries. You may participate in gathering and sending care packages to deployed members. You may help a family whose Dad is deployed overseas and the car or hot water heater breaks. There are numerous opportunities to be a blessing without taking up a tremendous amount of time. Whatever your participation, just remember that the Lord will return your blessing "in good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over!"

HOW TO CONTACT US

If you have questions or want more information, you can contact us at: stevedebmartin@gmail.com or at (919) 571-4378. We look forward to serving with you and know that the Lord will richly bless your efforts.

Colonel Steve and Deborah Martin