Blue Star Families is an organization connecting military families with community neighbors to ease the challenges of military life and provide simple ways for all Americans to help keep our military strong.

BLUE STAR NATION: BUILDING COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS

Hill AFB/Salt Lake City, UT

Chicago, IL

Missouri

New York Tri State Area

Baltimore, MD

Washington, D.C.

Nashville, TN

San Diego, CA

Jacksonville, FL

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BLUE STAR FAMILIES PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

Blue Star Connected Communities

Blue Star Careers
Spouseforce, Networks Live, Blue Star Business Council

Blue Star Books
START Book Clubs (Serving, Thriving, and Reading Together)

Blue Star Museums

Blue Star Parks

Blue Star Neighbors

Annual Military Family Lifestyle Survey

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TOP ISSUES FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY FAMILIES

Amount of time away from family **51%**

Military spouse employment **44%**

Dependent children's education **42%**

Impact of deployment on children **39%**

Military pay/benefits **35%**

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TOP STRESSORS FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY FAMILIES

Financial issues/stress **47%**

Deployments **46%**

Relocation stress **41%**

Isolation from family/friends **38%**

Separation **36%**

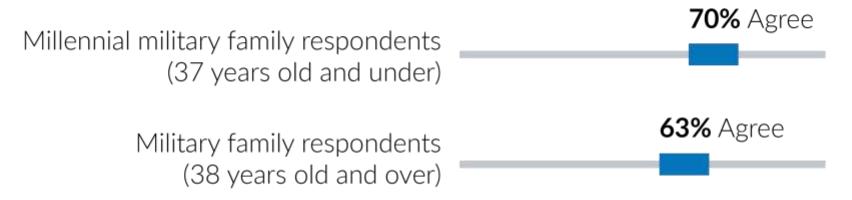*For more information, visit bluestarfam.org/survey*

TWO-INCOMES VITAL TO FAMILY'S WELL-BEING

70% of Millennial families feel two incomes vital to family's well-being

52% of military spouse un/underemployment top financial obstacle

Only 10% of military spouses who are not employed but want to be report financially okay with just service member's paycheck

Millennial military family respondents
(37 years old and under)
70% Agree

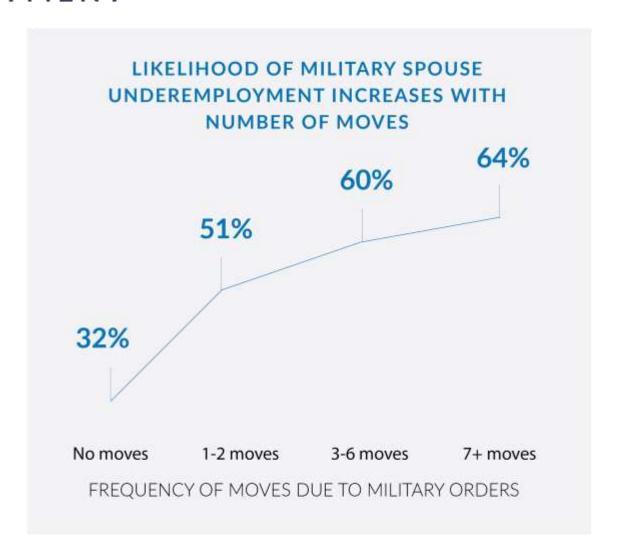Military family respondents
(38 years old and over)
63% Agree

Regardless of rank, Millennial officer and enlisted family respondents
both agree at higher levels than military family respondents over 37 years old.

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FREQUENT RELOCATION CAUSES MILITARY SPOUSE UNDEREMPLOYMENT

30% of military spouses are unemployed

56% of employed military spouses are underemployed

Military spouses want large corporations to design military spouse-friendly **flexible work options** as their top improvement

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LIKELIHOOD OF MILITARY SPOUSE UNDEREMPLOYMENT INCREASES WITH NUMBER OF MOVES

64%

60%

51%

32%

No moves   1-2 moves   3-6 moves   7+ moves

FREQUENCY OF MOVES DUE TO MILITARY ORDERS

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