



# DOD MWR Armed Services YMCA Military Outreach Initiative

## Data

- The initiative has provided more than 88,500 YMCA memberships and more than 44,200 private fitness memberships to military members and their families.
- More than 164,000 military children have benefited from the initiative.
- More than 1,760 YMCA and 2,700 private fitness facilities support the DOD ASYMCA Military Outreach Initiative.

## Additional Information

Armed Services YMCA website:

<https://www.asymca.org/ymca-dod-military-outreach-initiative>

Military OneSource — Morale, Welfare and Recreation program:

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/recreation-travel-shopping/recreation/fun-and-fitness/morale-welfare-and-recreation-programs-and-eligibility>

## Background

The Defense Department, in contract with the Armed Services YMCA, established this initiative in 2008 to support active-duty service members and their families assigned to remote locations and during periods of deployment. The contract is funded through March 2023.

## Highlights

- The initiative offers no-cost, installation-type fitness facility memberships to eligible members and their families who are stationed remote from an installation or service-provided facility. Generally, this includes families of DOD deployed National Guard and reserve, active-duty service members assigned to independent duty stations, wounded warriors at transition units and families of deployed/unaccompanied tour service members who reside in remote locations.
- The initiative also offers respite child care services to eligible families (up to 16 hours per month, per child) at participating YMCAs.
- Since 2008, this initiative has funded more than 130,000 memberships at fitness facilities nationwide.
- Visit the ASYMCA site for eligibility information and applications: <https://www.asymca.org/ymca-dod-military-outreach-initiative>.

Data as of March 15, 2022

