

MILITARY FAMILIES

# IMPACT OF DEPLOYMENTS: RESERVE COMPONENT SPOUSES

Results from the 2019 Survey of Reserve Component Spouses

There are 363,462\* spouses of Reserve component members. The 2019 Survey of Reserve Component Spouses provides insights into how member deployments impact their spouses.

In the past 2 years...

have had their Reserve component member deployed for 30 days or more



## **Top-Cited Issues During Member's Deployments**

Includes applicable spouses who indicated that these were problems to any extent.



Increase in stress levels



Loneliness



Feelings of anxiety or depression



Home/car repairs/maintenance and/or yard work

### **Top-Cited Deployment Coping Factors**

Includes applicable spouses who indicated these factors were important to any extent.

**100%** Ability to communicate with deployed spouse

Pre-deployment information

Knowing the expected length of deployment

Having no change in the length of deployment

Deployment pay

Level of support family receives from the civilian community





**50**%

Reported that their Reserve component member's deployment was to a combat zone

Average deployments in last two years

#### **Post-Deployment**

**13**%

of Reserve spouses have had a member return home from a deployment in the past 24 months

of Reserve spouses indicate that readjustment and reintegration are going well for them

**53**%

of all Reserve spouses support their husband/wife staying in the Reserve even with the possibility of lengthy/frequent deployments

#### RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

Military spouses can receive support at no cost, including family life counseling, at:



800-342-9647 www.militaryonesource.mil

\*This data point taken from the 2019 Demographics Report of the United States Military Sponsored by Military Community and Family Policy, conducted by the Office of People Analytics