

OUR ORGANIZATION

United Through Reading®, the nation's first nonprofit to promote the read aloud experience for separated military families, offers military service members who are away from their families *due to deployment or other circumstances* the opportunity to be video-recorded reading storybooks aloud.

OUR SUPPORT TO MILITARY FAMILIES

- Eases the stress of separation
- Builds family resiliency
- Makes homecomings easier
- Cultivates a love for books and of reading

This powerful program is available to deployed military units DoD-wide, hosted at select USO locations, and has served over 1.5 million beneficiaries since 1989.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1. The deployed service member reads a book aloud while being recorded and sends the video home to the child.
2. The child at home watches the video and follows along with the book, if available.
3. While the child watches the video, the caregiver captures the child's reaction and relates it back to the service member.
4. The service member receives the feedback and is encouraged to record again.



HOW TO GET STARTED

The Command Leadership Team requests support from United Through Reading's National Program Manager at military@unitedthroughreading.org.



UNITED THROUGH READING PROVIDES:

- **Leadership and Pre-Deployment Briefings**
- **Active Duty Coordinator Training**
- **Homefront Coordinator Training**
- **Free Starter Kit:**
 - 25 children's books for your permanent onsite library
 - 100 DVDs in vinyl sleeves
 - 100 DVD mailers
- **Free Quarterly Book Shipments** so that books may be sent home with the DVDs, if operationally feasible
- **Recognition for Command volunteers**

COMMAND PROVIDES:

- **Volunteers:** Command Liaison, Active Duty Coordinator and Homefront Coordinator
- **Participation info to the National Program Manager**
- **Video Equipment:** DVD camcorder/tripod, microphone
- **Commands (or individual) may provide:** postage, additional DVDs, padded envelopes, DVD cases

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