

Yellow Ribbon Program



Yellow Ribbon Events

Before Deployment

Pre-Mobilization Event (30-45 days prior to deployment)

- provides information for Service Members and families on the deployment and programs and services available throughout the deployment.

During Deployment

Sustainment Event (60 after Unit arrives in theatre)

- provides family members with information and resources to cope with separation and deployment issues

Reunion Event (60 days prior to Unit returning)

- provides family members with information and resources on preparing for reunion and reintegration with their Service Member

After Deployment

30-Day Reintegration Event (30 days after Units return)

- provide information and resources to help Service Members reintegrate with family, community, and employers

60-Day Awareness & Well-Being Event (60 days after Units return)

-provides information and resources on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder; suicide prevention; substance abuse; traumatic brain injury; etc.

**Yellow Ribbon events are mandatory for Service Members and families and loved ones are strongly encouraged to attend.

The goal of the DoD Yellow Ribbon Program is to prepare Service Members and their families for mobilization, sustain families during mobilization and reintegrate Soldiers with their families, communities and employers upon post-deployment.

In addition to helping Service Members and families understand their benefits and entitlements as they transition out of active-duty status, the program links people to services such as referrals and counseling through, Military One Source, Veterans Affairs, Vet Center, Military Family Life Consultants, and other local programs.

Youth/Child Activities

Youth and Childcare will be provided for all Yellow Ribbon events as long as there is enough participation. Youth and children will participate in many fun and educational activities designed for military kids.



Travel Reimbursements

The Yellow Ribbon Program is authorized to reimburse travel for up to 2 Designated Individuals* who attend a Yellow Ribbon event. Designated individuals who are M-day, AGR, technicians, or contractors attending an event with their SM, must be on an Invitational Travel Order (ITO) and NOT in any other paid status. Designated individuals must be in attendance for the full event to be reimbursed.

* Designated Individual is a person designated by the Service Member on the "Designated Individual Form" whose presence at the Yellow Ribbon event may contribute to the purpose of the event for the SM.

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