



## DECEMBER 2022

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Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, Wreaths Across America's mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as over 1,200 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad.

Visit the [Wreaths Across America](#) website for more information and if you would like to volunteer with the organization.



### EFMP SERVICES AVAILABLE:

- ☆ Family support/case management (including deployment support)
- ☆ Informed assignment screening
- ☆ Special housing consideration (HQMC EFMP)
- ☆ EFMP attorney assistance
- ☆ Resources and referrals
- ☆ Support at IEP meetings
- ☆ Eligibility for Tricare ECHO (with qualifying conditions)
- ☆ Transition assistance (Warm Hand-off)
- ☆ Workshops and trainings
- ☆ Lending library
- ☆ Loan locker
- ☆ Respite Care Reimbursement Program
- ☆ Family Needs Assessment and Service Plan



## SERVICE DOGS

Any dog trained to perform tasks for an individual with a disability.



## EMOTIONAL SUPPORT DOGS

Medically prescribed animals providing therapeutic benefit through dedicated companionship.



## THERAPY DOGS

Animal-assisted therapy involving animals as a form of treatment.

What's the difference between a service animal and an emotional support animal? The Department of Justice defines a service animal as a dog that is "individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability." Tasks must be directly related to the person's disability, such as detecting seizures or guiding a blind person. By contrast, an emotional support animal can be any species that "provides comfort just by being with the person."

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you can take a service animal to a public place like a movie theater or restaurant. The staff can ask only two questions: Is the animal required because of a disability, and what task has the animal been trained to do? You cannot be required to provide any documentation on the disability or the service animal. Service animals are exempt from no pet policies, pet surcharges, or specific breed bans. There are some exceptions; for example, a service dog can be prohibited from a portion of a college dorm reserved for students with allergies to pet dander.

To be allowed entry to a public place, a service or emotional support animal must be under control and housebroken. They must be leashed or tethered, unless doing so would prevent the animal from effectuating its duty. The dog may not bark repeatedly in a quiet place. An out-of-control animal can be excluded from the premises.



[Register Here](#)

*ASNV and Springfield Town Center*  
*Host...*  
**A SENSORY FRIENDLY  
SANTA EVENT**



**DECEMBER 11, 2022**  
**8:30-10:30 A.M.**

Children within every spectrum of special needs and their families are invited to a private photo session, to experience the time-honored tradition of a visit with Santa Claus during this sensory-friendly event at Springfield Town Center before the mall opens for shoppers. Visits with Santa are free. Photo packages that capture holiday memories will be available for purchase at the event. Sensory-friendly activities and crafts will be provided during your wait.

Springfield Town Center  
6500 Springfield Mall  
Springfield, VA 22150



# Be A Mentor! Be A Hero!

**Who:** Marines mentor volunteers

**What:** Mentoring Program - We have wonderful students who are in great need of social, emotional and mental support.

**When:** It will be Tuesdays twice a month from November-June anywhere from a ½ hr. to 1 ½ hr during the student's lunch/recess time. November-June, twice a month, time: TBD

**Where:** Barcroft Elementary School, 625 S Wakefield St, Arlington, VA 22204

If you are interested in being a long term mentor, we ask that you commit to this school year (2022-23) and you will be assigned the same student/s elementary age per Marine for the entire school year to develop trust and a rapport.

We also have the option for mentor volunteers to come in when they can on Tuesdays instead of a long term commitment (we will try to work with you on other days if Tuesdays are not good for you, but there is not guarantee.)

There will be a short training that should not take longer than 30 minutes.

During the first few meetings with your students there will be "getting to know you" activities that will be given to you from the new Barcroft ES POC. After a few weeks of getting to know your students and feeling comfortable with them you will be able to move on to mentoring.

## Every child deserves a caring adult in their life.

### Mentoring Can:

- Improve confidence
- Raise Academic Performance
- Promote Self Respect
- Increase School Attendance
- Improve attitude
- Build Self-Esteem

Please pass this along to anyone you know who might be interested.

Please contact AMY if you are interested!

You will receive volunteer hours!

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# EFMP SURVEY



U.S. Department of Defense

**EFMP** Exceptional Family Member Program

## Make your voice heard. Take the Exceptional Family Member Program survey today!

Provide your feedback to enhance the Exceptional Family Member Program. Active-duty service members with a family member enrolled in EFMP can take the survey beginning Nov. 17, 2022.

### Why take the 2022 EFMP Survey?

This is your chance to be heard on issues that directly affect you and your family! The survey asks about the EFMP enrollment process, Family Support services, assignment coordination during PCS and experiences outside of the program such as with medical and educational services.

We encourage service members to discuss the survey with their spouse or other adult family members to ensure the entire family's experience is represented.

Your feedback will help leadership make decisions about EFMP policies and can help make a difference for families like yours.

### How to take the survey

Check your inbox! An email with a unique code to log onto the web-based survey will be sent to all active-duty service members with a family member enrolled in EFMP. If you do not receive an invitation to participate, visit [www.dodsurvey.mil](http://www.dodsurvey.mil), click the "Click Here" button and enter your DOD ID number and date of birth.

*All responses will be confidential.*

### Take the 2022 EFMP Survey and be heard!

Learn more about the survey at [www.militaryonesource.mil/special-needs/efmp/efmp-survey/](http://www.militaryonesource.mil/special-needs/efmp/efmp-survey/).







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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
27	28	29	30	1	2	3		
4	5	HH Lunch & Learn Series Community Resources 11:30—12:30	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	Special Needs Forum with our EFMP Attorney on FB Live 11:30—12:30	16	17	
18	19	HH Lunch & Learn Series Establishing Dependency 11:30—12:30	20	First Day of Winter	21	22	23	24
Christmas Day 25	Christmas Day Observed Offices closed 26	27	28	29	30	New Years Eve 31		

*Henderson Hall*

Holidays and Observances: 24: Christmas Eve, 25: Christmas Day, 26: 'Christmas Day' day off, 31: New Year's Eve



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