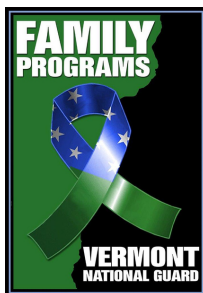




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# ANNUAL REPORT FY 21



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# MISSION

To positively impact Soldier and Family readiness, resilience, and retention by providing secure, timely, flexible, and high-quality youth development opportunities and resources which promote the overall well-being of Vermont National Guard Children and Youth.



# GOALS

**Provide** life-skills and peer-to-peer connections to increase overall Soldier & Family readiness.

**Build** community capacity by developing partnerships with education & community resources that support geographically dispersed Military Youth & Families.

**Expand** access to and awareness of Federal, State, and Community benefits that support Military Youth.

**Utilize** leadership and service learning opportunities in ARNG Children & Youth.

**Capitalize** on research based curriculum as a means of increasing the resilience skills in ARNG Youth to promote Soldier and Family readiness & retention.

# FORCE IMPACT



2,260 - Adults  
452 - 13-18yo  
997 - 6-12yo  
3,709 pax



61- Adults  
2 - 13-18yo  
13 - 6-12yo  
76 pax



39 - Adults  
6 - 13-18yo  
13 - 6-12yo  
58 pax



450 - Adults  
205 - 13-18yo  
433 - 6-12yo  
1,088 pax



22 - Adults  
0 - 13-18yo  
4 - 6-12yo  
26 pax



59 - Adults  
5 - 13-18yo  
15 - 6-12yo  
79 pax



7 - Adults  
7 - 13-18yo  
0 - 6-12yo  
14 pax



25 - Adults  
3 - 13-18yo  
11 - 6-12yo  
39 pax



43 - Adults  
18 - 13-18yo  
53 - 6-12yo  
114 pax



14 - Adults  
0 - 13-18yo  
4 - 6-12yo  
18 pax

**5,221**  
**SMs and**  
**Dependents**  
**Served**

**487 (0-5yo), branches unknown**

**\*\*Marine, Navy, and Coast Guard numbers listed above are inclusive of Reserve Components\*\***



## HOW WE IMPACTED



3 Command, Unit, and FRG Briefings  
7 Educational Outreach Briefings  
8 Community Outreach Briefings & Events  
10 Yellow Ribbon Briefings



2 Partnered Events  
3 Overnight Camps  
14 Day Camps



3 Unit Family Day Youth Activity Areas  
5 Teen Council Meetings & Trainings  
10 Month of the Military Child Programs

**371.5**  
**Programming**  
**Hours**



# TEEN COUNCIL IMPACT

VT's seven (7) member Teen Council convened a total of five (5) meetings/trainings, and facilitated two (2) Unit Family Days-Youth Programming. This year chose to focus on **Youth Deployment Readiness**. Early in the year they developed the "VTNG Youth Can Thrive, Not Just Survive Deployment-Resource Binder". The intent is to afford Military Youth of VT a one stop resource and activity guide, which reached at least **226** houses of VTNG Children & Youth facing deployment! Further efforts led them to committing to provide youth programming for two (2) large Unit Family Days which took place during Summer 2021.

# RESILIENCE IMPACTED

Trainings Provided:

- 1-2hour Curriculum for 19 youth  
- 6 Skills provided to 68 households delivered via ARNG-CYS Activity packets

**Character Strength / Real-Time Resilience / Assertive Communication / Mental Games / Put It in Perspective / Avoid Thinking Traps**

\*Adapted MRT Teen Curriculum for Problem Solving, and Mental Games for the ARNG-CYS Virtual MRT Training Videos.



# VOLUNTEER IMPACT

Volunteers are a force multiplier for our Youth Program. Throughout FY21 they remained committed, and flexible throughout the ever changing stages of public health & safety. Here are a few ways they gave back to our youth:



**-April Vacation Partner Camp  
-Camp-In-A-Box packing and distro  
-Conservation Camp  
-Hero Bear Distribution  
-Unit Family Days**

**35  
Volunteers  
committed  
411.5 Hours**

# IMPACT BESTS

2021 ushered in VT's largest deployments since 2010.

Nearly 1,000 VTNG Families are being impacted by deployment; gathering resources, along with creating trainings & activities was crucial to them thriving, and not just surviving deployment. This was realized with the development of a 21 page "Youth Deployment Resource Binder", and a video briefing for families. The binder was made available digitally, and was downloaded 87 times. As well as, 139 hardcopies sent out in the mail; impacting 226 VT homes with Military Children & Youth.



## PARTNER IMPACT

### Vermont Teddy Bear

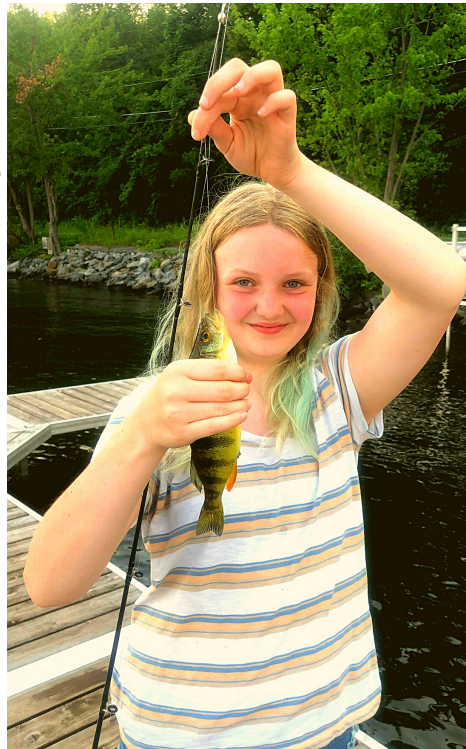
stepped up to provide lovable & huggable support for the deployment facing Military Children & Youth of VT by providing 600 "Hero Bears"! As of 30Sep21 427 bears have been issued.



We teamed up with the Rutland Youth Coalition in March 2021 to create a 'subscription' camp in a box: "Out Of The Boxes". This afforded 70 VTNG Kiddos coping with deployment 4weeks of STEAM Programming!

## PARTICIPANT IMPACT

"I had so much fun at Conservation Camp! I learned how to shoot crossbow, muzzle loader, and even bait my own fishing hook-and I hate worms... The best part was meeting other military kids, and talking about what it's like when my dad goes away with the Army, my other friends don't get it."  
~Rayna Kosakowski, daughter of SFC Kosakowski, VTARNG



"Our kids loved the Out of the Boxes, camp in a box subscription! We are one of the deployed families, and these boxes have helped to make them feel special, and loved. The activities inside are always fun, engaging, and educational. Not to mention, the live in-person event to go along with it where they got to make slime, and greeting cards for their dad."  
~Ashley Arcovitch, mother of 3 & spouse of CPT Arcovitch, VTARNG



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