



Reserve Action Bulletin



Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program (YRRP) Events for COVID-19 Activations

Immediate Action Required!

A. Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 1342.28

1. This Reserve Action Bulletin provides guidance on participation in YRRP for reservists and their families experiencing mobilization during the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program is a whole family program designed to support Reserve Component family and member readiness and resilience throughout the deployment cycle (Pre-deployment, During-Deployment, and Post-Deployment). Ref A directs the Coast Guard to provide the YRRP to eligible individuals (those mobilized for 90 days or more and their family members). YRRP traditionally coordinates conference-style events to reservists deploying overseas, but the program applies to domestic contingency response as well.
3. With the COVID-19 pandemic, YRRP is adapting to meet member and family needs remotely. The COVID-19 Virtual Event consists of:
 - a. An initial email to reservists mobilized for 90 days or more
 - b. Online Pre-deployment courses available at <http://cglink.uscg.mil/d2b844c> (three required courses and 15 additional optional courses)
 - c. Periodic Live Events using the Commercial Virtual Remote Environment (CVR) Hub and Microsoft Teams application. Events will feature discussions and information sessions with Coast Guard senior leaders, counselors, and resource providers. Invitations are emailed to mobilizing reservists and announced on social media. Currently, Live Meetings are scheduled biweekly for May 15, May 29, and June 12 from 1300-1700 EDT (1000-1400 PDT). Additional Live Meetings to be announced at a later date.
(Instructions for CVR are available at <https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/telework/>)
Live Meeting Agenda Example
1300- YRRP Introduction/ Introduce Program and Speakers
1310- Distinguished Speaker
1330- Chaplain- suicide/ substance abuse prevention and resilience talk
1400- Developing a Family Plan/ Guide to CG COVID-19 Information
1430- EAPC- Discuss program and available resources



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1500- Ombudsman Program- Discuss Best Practices for Reserve Families to Stay Connected

1530- ESGR Presentation

1600- CG SUPRT Pre-recorded Financial Presentation

1630- CG Legal Pre-recorded Presentation

1700- Closing

d. YRRP Facebook Closed Group for connecting families to their CG community and the ombudsman network:

www.facebook.com/groups/USCGYellowRibbon/

4. Command Staff, Senior Enlisted Leaders, Senior Reserve Officers and reserve supervisors should ensure program participation, allowing time on duty for online course completion and Live Meeting participation whenever possible. YRRP tracks online course completion for reservists experiencing family separation during deployment. [YRRP's determination of family separation is based on distance of Permanent Duty Station to reporting site for mobilization. If the member resides outside of Reasonable Commuting Distance (RCD) and will be experiencing family separation when mobilized to their PDS, please encourage participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program.]

5. Spouses, significant others, parents and other close family members of reservists are highly encouraged to participate. Family well-being and resiliency are central to the purpose of YRPP. Please encourage your unit ombudsman to be cognizant of reserve family needs during this time of increased mobilizations.

YRRP welcomes collaboration. Let us know if you are interested in joining in a Live Meeting or if you have any additional recommendations for serving our mobilized workforce and their families!

Find Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program information at www.yellowribbon.mil. If at any time you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Yellow Ribbon Program team at HQS-DG-LST-CG-R-yellowribbon@uscg.mil.

6. Internet release is authorized.