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“PARTNERS IN CARE” INFORMATION SHEET

“Partners in Care” is an initiative of the Delaware National Guard Joint Force Headquarters (DENG-FJHQ) Office of the State Chaplain. The purpose of this initiative is to coordinate support and efforts for the Delaware National Guard (DENG) service members and their families through an active partnership with local faith communities through the state of Delaware.

All faith communities are welcome to participate as **“Partners in Care”** congregations. A Memorandum of Understanding [MOU] signed by the DENG JFHQ Senior Chaplain and a representative of the participating congregation formalize the relationship. The MOU defines the purpose, scope and nature of the partnership. Support is offered by the participating congregation to all referred warriors and families within the limits of congregational resources and abilities, and free of charge without regard of recipient’s religious affiliation.

Referrals of DENG members and families to **“Partners in Care”** congregations are made through the coordinated effort of the DENG Family Readiness Office and the Office of the State Chaplain. Guardsmen and families are encouraged to participate in and access their own faith community, if affiliated. Referral to a **“Partners in Care”** congregation by the DENG Family Readiness Office and the Office of the State Chaplain is **in no way implies endorsement of any participate religious group by the DENG.**

All participating congregations agree to provide the DENG with a current list of supportive services offered, as well as congregational Point of Contact [POC] for coordination and communication of information, referrals and support. The DENG agrees to provide training and information to congregations as appropriate to facilitate success of the partnership.

It is recognized and understood that DENG citizen-soldiers and their families are integral parts of local communities through the state of Delaware. These citizen-soldiers and their families are active contributors to community and neighborhood of where we live.

We fully realize that the citizen-soldier and their families endure the stress incumbent upon those who sacrifice in service to the defense of liberty and the safety and security of both State and Nation. It is further recognized and confirmed that within the same communities are congregations uniquely equipped and able to provide faith-based support to Delaware National Guard members and families in times of crisis, stress, war, and need. To that end **“Partners in Care”** exists.

There are many challenges and needs that our National Guard troops and their families experience when it comes to deployment, reunion and possible re-deployment. The best way to care for our warriors is to care for their families both in peacetime and wartime.

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