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To Our **"Partners in Care"** Congregations:

On behalf of Major General Francis D. Vavala, Jr., the Adjutant General of the State of Delaware, I welcome YOU as a **"Partners in Care"** congregation! Thank you in advance for your commitment and your support of the Delaware National Guard Warrior and their family members.

Our "citizen-soldiers" come from communities across Delaware and surrounding areas; they are your neighbors, co-workers and perhaps friends and family members. In the larger role of service to our State and Nation, Delaware National Guardsmen stand ready to defend our liberty and freedom around the globe, and support of our communities in times of natural disaster; terrorist attack, or civil disturbance.

The responsibility of service to State and Delaware can produce significant stress on Guard Members and their families, especially in time of deployment and re-deployments. We welcome and thank the clergy and members of your congregation for partnering with the Delaware National Guard in support of Guardsmen and their families during these potentially stressful times. Your support as a faith community for our "citizen soldier" is an invaluable resource for which we are truly grateful!

The Office of Family Readiness Services and the Office of the State Chaplain has developed a "Resource Manual" as a tool to assist your congregational members as they facilitate and provide care to referred Delaware National Guard Members and families. We trust you find it helpful. Regular dates will be provided to keep the information current. Your comments and suggestions to improve the "Resource Manual" are welcomed.

Again, thank for your support as a **"Partner in Care"** congregation. God bless you and God bless the soldiers, airmen and families of the Delaware National Guard.

PRO DEO ET PATRIA,
[For God and Country]

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