

Proud to Support Military Kids Patch Program



In order to support over 14,000 Orange County children connected to the military and their families, the Orange County Council Boy Scouts of America and Military Childrens Collaborative Group together have created a program for Scouting. Scout Leaders can view a webinar **“How to Support Children Connected to the Military”** www.OCBSA.org/militarykids. This webinar offers information on military culture, stages of military life, ways to support those in scouts and children connected to the military, and resources available in the community.

MCCG created a program for Scouts to earn a **“Proud to Support Military Kids”** patch.

Children connected to the military be it- Active Duty, Guard, Reserves, Veteran and fallen while serving a military obligation.

The patch is available for purchase at the OCC Boy Scout store located in Santa Ana.

Requirements

Cub Scouts

Find out how many military kids are in – your classroom, or school, or church, or after school activities and report that to your Scout Leader.

Read one of these children books available on Amazon.com-

Deployed Kids-How we survived our mom’s deployment/ Author- Ivie & Bailey Caldwell

A-Z what a Veteran means to me/ author David Rabb

What did you learn?

Have your school, church, Charter partner create a **Heroes Wall**. Children connected to the military can place a picture of their loved one in their military uniform. This wall can be created in April which is the Month of the Military child, November National Military Month and or on Veterans Day.

Write thank you letters to a military unit that is deployed – www.operationgraditute.com will include your letter in their monthly mailing to our troops that are deployed. **Take a picture and post it using the #milkids**

Learn what it means to be a Blue Star family and a Gold Star family. Explain the difference to your Leader.

Boy Scouts/ Varsity/ Venturer

Find how many military kids are in – your classroom, or school, church, or after school activities and create a Chart of all the Military Branches- Army, Navy , Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and National Guard fill in how many are in each branch.

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What did you learn that you did not know? Tell your Leader

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Adopt a military family in your community. You can help them with yard work, babysitting, and homework. You can offer to have a home movie night. Rent a movie; provide the family with popcorn and drinks.

Learn and explain the difference of Active Duty, National Guard, Reserves, Veteran and fallen. Explain what those differences are to your leader.

If a family has a loved one who is deployed offer to bring a meal to the family.