

The Omaha area and the Bellevue/Offutt AFB community are home to thousands of military families. I would like to take a moment today to recognize the children of U.S. servicemembers, for whom the month of April is dedicated.

Military children have made sacrifices they did not choose, including separations from their mom or dad, or both, for extended periods of time; moves to new schools and new neighborhoods, and knowing that their parents may be called to serve in dangerous places in the world. I admire the strength and courage of children from military families. They bear the brunt of the sacrifices our servicemembers make for our nation each day, and I invite you to join me in taking time to think about the bravery of military children and how our community can offer additional help to military families. Please feel free to send your ideas to me and I will forward the best ones to Offutt AFB and other community leaders for their consideration. Children of military families have the respect and support of the American people as do their moms or dads who wear the uniform.

Meeting the needs of military children is one of my motivations in my work to strengthen the Federal Impact Aid program, which supports the education of many children whose schools are located on federal lands. Excellence in education can make an immeasurable impact over a lifetime.

I invite you to join me in recognizing U.S. military children. For additional information on the Month of the Military Child, please visit: http://www.americasupportsyouth.com/americasupportsyouth/military_child.html

