



## Joining Community Forces Recognition Program

### ***Why Become a Joining Community Forces (JCF) Community?***

Since 9/11, thousands of Oregonians have served our country. By developing a JCF Steering Committee and partnering with local military leaders, a commitment is made to action. Communities unite to honor, support and embrace those affected by military deployments and our returning veterans. The outward showing of support enables successful transition all the way home and strengthens the partnership with local military entities, Service Members, Veterans, and their Families. The community's effort transcends the military to any group in need and builds a stronger, more compassionate community. Communities are recognized as a Joining Community Forces Community through a Community Covenant signing ceremony.

### ***How to Become a Joining Community Forces Community?***

In partnership with a Joining Community Forces Steering Committee, each key community area will develop a sustainable Action Plan demonstrating their commitment to Service Members, Veterans, and Military Families. The community will identify and connect leaders in key areas across the community, leverage existing support activities, meet specific needs of Service Members, Veterans, and Military Families, to build awareness and commitment throughout the community to take action.

#### **JCF Community Key Areas:**

- **County/City Leadership**
  - County Commissioners
  - Mayor/City Council/City Administrator
  - State Legislators
  - Assign a Military Liaison
- **Public Safety/Judicial**
  - Police Chief and Staff/Fire Chief and Staff/EMT Leaders
  - Prosecutors/Public Defenders/Judges/Lawyers
  - Veteran Justice Outreach Coordinator (VA)
- **Faith-based Organizations**
  - Church/Synagogue Representatives
  - Ministerial Association
  - Military Chaplains
- **Veteran/Civic Organizations**
  - County Veteran Service Officer
  - American Legion/VFW
  - Vietnam Veterans/IAVA/Paralyzed Veterans of America/Disabled American Veterans
  - Purple Heart/Blue Star Mothers
  - Local VA Programs/Organizations
  - Rotary/Jaycees/Knights of Columbus/Kiwanis/Lions
- **Businesses/Employers**
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  - Local Business Associations/Chamber of Commerce/Rotary
- **Social Services/Medical Providers**
  - County Mental Health Director and Staff
  - Medical and Mental Health Providers/Associations
  - Hospital Emergency Departments
  - Community Action Council/Community Support Organizations
- **Education/Youth**
  - Superintendant and School Board (Public, Private, and Charter Schools)
  - Youth Sports Programs/Community Youth Programs
  - Community Education Leaders/ County Library Leaders and Staff
  - Boy/Girl Scouts/YMCA/YWCA/4H Clubs
- **Service Member and Family Support**
  - Local Military Leaders/Recruiters/Unit Representation
  - Family Assistance Specialist/Joint Transition Assistance Program/Family Readiness Group