

## OUR ORGANIZATION

United Through Reading®, the nation's first nonprofit to promote the read aloud experience for separated military families, offers deployed parents the opportunity to be video-recorded reading storybooks to their children which creates positive emotional connections and cultivates a love of reading.

## OUR SERVICE TO MILITARY FAMILIES

- Helps ease the stress of separation
- Helps build family resiliency
- Helps make homecomings easier
- Helps cultivate a love of reading

This powerful program is available to deployed military units DoD-wide, hosted at select USO locations, and has served over one million beneficiaries since 1989.

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1. The deployed service member reads a book aloud while being recorded and sends the video home to the child.
2. The child at home watches the video and follows along with the book, if available.
3. While the child watches the video, the caregiver captures the child's reaction and relates it back to the service member.
4. The service member receives the feedback and is encouraged to record again.



## HOW TO GET STARTED

Once Command Leadership agrees to offer United Through Reading, a National Program Manager will provide ongoing training and support throughout the deployment.



## UNITED THROUGH READING PROVIDES:

- **Command Brief**
- **Active Duty Coordinator Training**
- **Homefront Coordinator Training**
- **Free Starter Kit:**
  - 25 children's books for your permanent onsite library
  - 100 DVDs in vinyl sleeves
  - 100 DVD mailers
- **Recognition for Command volunteers**

## COMMAND PROVIDES:

- **Identification of:** Command Liaison, Active Duty Coordinator and Homefront Coordinator
- **Participation updates to National Program Manager**
- **Video Equipment:** DVD camcorder/tripod, lavalier microphone
- **Commands may provide or make available for purchase:** Additional DVDs, padded mailers, DVD jewel cases
- **Additional children's books** for onsite library (through donations)

## CONTACT US