

Are you Ready?



Deployments can happen at a moment's notice. Is your family ready? Follow this checklist as a guide of things that should be current and to ensure that you are prepared. The hyperlinks will direct you to additional information.



All Active Duty:

- A current [Will](#) (Service Member/Spouse)
- Updated [Budget](#)
- [MyPay limited access](#) given to family member (how will you pay bills if deployed?)
- Special [Power of Attorney](#) (who will look after your vehicle, your home, your kids, etc.?)
- Update [SGLI Beneficiary](#)
- Update [Record of Emergency Data](#) (RED)
- Create [Emergency Binder](#)
- Talk with family about [OPSEC](#) (example: remind them not to post about Troop movement on social media)

With Dependents:

- Attend **Pre-deployment Brief**
- Family [ID Cards](#) (when do they expire?)
- Family Contact Details current in [MOL Family Readiness Tab](#) (link to instructions)
- Update [Family Care Plan](#)
- Family Care Plan communicated to caregiver(s)
- [NMCRS Pre-Authorization Form](#) on file with NMCRS

In the Know:

- Family member has taken [L.I.N.K.S.](#)
- Expecting/new parents have contacted [New Parent Support Program](#)
- Dependents enrolled in [Exceptional Family Member Program](#) if required
- Know [education benefits](#) for service members and dependents
- [Family Member Employment Assistance](#)
- Attend [FOCUS](#) resiliency training for families
- [School Liaison Officer](#) for school-aged children
- Know how to contact the Chaplain, MFLC, and other [counseling services](#).
- Ensure family members know how to [contact DRC/URC](#)**
- [Hurricane Preparedness](#) (hurricane season runs July-November)
- Evacuation route and plans if needed to evacuate

Please use this checklist as a guide and reference point for your preparations and add additional items as applicable for your personal situation. *Contact your DRC or URC for more tips.*