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Ask a Servicemember what he or she needs while on deployment and they will tell you, *"Take care of my family."*

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon is a comprehensive program that creates awareness for the purpose of connecting Servicemembers and their families with community support, training, services and resources.

We do this by:

1. Creating awareness through the Yellow Ribbon Community Campaign and synchronizing sustainable community support networks.
2. Connecting and coordinating organizations, agencies, and companies to provide resources and support to Servicemembers and their families.
3. Delivering a series of formal Yellow Ribbon Training events to Servicemembers and their families before, during and after deployment.
4. Providing an opportunity for Minnesotans to support Servicemembers and their families.

Yellow Ribbon Community Mission Statement

In continuing Minnesota's proud history of supporting our nation's military, the Yellow Ribbon Network is a diverse group of citizens and community leaders uniting key areas within local communities to leverage existing support activities, build awareness and take action to recognize and support Servicemembers and military families.

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"Beyond The Yellow Ribbon – Big Lake"**

Yellow Ribbon Community History

In December 2008, Farmington was proclaimed Minnesota's first Yellow Ribbon City. With the guidance of Beyond the Yellow Ribbon's Deployment Cycle Support Team, cities, counties and corporations across the state are developing action plans and organizing groups to support military families. Each follows a similar path to creating a Yellow Ribbon Network and being proclaimed "Yellow Ribbon".

Why Become a Yellow Ribbon?

Since 9/11, thousands of Minnesotans have served our country. A Yellow Ribbon Network, unites communities to honor and embrace those affected by military deployments. The outward showing of support enables successful transition all the way home. The community's effort transcends the military to any group in need and builds a stronger, more compassionate community.

Are you a Servicemember or family member in need?

Sherburne County Veterans Service Officer

1-800-433-5243

Sherburne County Health & Human Services

1-800-433-5239

National Call Center for Homeless Veterans

1-877-424-3838

Veterans Crisis Hotline 1-800-273-8255

OR Confidential Text to: 838255

OR Confidential Chat online: VeteransCrisisLine.net