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## **Governor Proclaims November Military Family Month**

Nashville, TN - Military Families across Tennessee and the Nation will be recognized in November as it has been proclaimed by the President of the United States and Governor Bill Haslam as Military Family Month. The event is a month long celebration of Military Families to honor the commitment and sacrifices of those that serve.

The Tennessee National Guard is the 4th largest National Guard state in deployments since 2001 and our families know this too well." Said Lt. Col. James Reed, Tennessee's Director of Military and Family Readiness Operations. "Our families are strong and resilient, often taking care of the home front during long deployments, Annual Training periods or our during monthly Drill periods. Our families serve too and when we take time to recognize their commitment and service during one of the many events in November - it is a gentle reminder of our gratitude for their commitment, sacrifice and support."

Events are being held in Tennessee specifically for our families:

- Throughout the month: United Through Reading – keeping families connected.
- November 6th starts the annual Christmas Ornament contest – Winners to be displayed on the White House Christmas Tree
- On November 7th, MTSU will conduct their Military Salute to Veterans Day
- November 8th the Nashville Zoo will conduct Military Appreciation Day
- November 28th – UT Basketball Military Appreciation Game UT vs Army – Register to attend at [bigorangegivesthanks15.eventbrite.com](http://bigorangegivesthanks15.eventbrite.com)
- November 28th – UT Football Military Appreciation Game UT vs Vandy

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