





## Friday, April 21, 2017











New Hampshire military youth are resilient and take pride in their service to our Country. April, the Month of the Military Child, provides an opportunity to recognize and honor the service of our youngest heroes. In NH alone, there are nearly 5,200 children living in military families.

The NH Cooperative Extension Military Youth and Family Program, invites you to join us for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual **Purple Up! for Military Kids** celebration by wearing purple on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. This is a visible way to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. Purple symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green, Marine red, and Coast Guard, Navy and Air Force blue.

Help us turn NH purple on April 21st! Need some ideas to get you started?

- Come to the Fisher Cats baseball game to honor military kids in Manchester, NH, Friday, April 21 at 6:30pm – Wear Purple!
- Military members are invited to the game for free!
- Youth groups and adult partners can contact us in advance for tickets at a discounted price of \$8. See contact info below.
- Ask local news and media outlets to feature a story about Purple Up! for Military Kids.
- Involve schools, sports teams, afterschool programs, and youth organizations like 4-H and Scouts – promote wearing purple on April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Invite a Service Member to conduct a Physical Training (PT) session for your youth group and award a purple armband to participants. We will provide them. Just ask us!
- Invite co-workers and members of your community to show their support for NH military youth by wearing purple on April 21st
- Ask companies and businesses to post a Purple Up! flyer
- Ask local, regional, state, and federal officials to wear purple on April 21<sup>st</sup>
- Engage fraternal organizations, social clubs, and business groups

## Send us your Purple Up! photos to post on our website, Facebook and Twitter

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