

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS



OUR ORGANIZATION

United Through Reading (UTR) offers military service members the opportunity to be video-recorded reading storybooks to the children in their lives, creating positive emotional connections and a love of reading.

OUR SERVICE TO MILITARY FAMILIES

UTR is available to all military branches and units including the Coast Guard and all Reserve components. UTR has served more than two million beneficiaries since 1989. The UTR program:

- Eases the stress of separation
- Builds family resiliency
- Makes homecomings easier
- Cultivates a love of reading

STEPS TO STAYING CONNECTED

1. The service member is privately video-recorded reading a book and sends the book and video home.
2. The child at home watches the video and follows along with the book.
3. While the child watches, the caregiver at home captures the child's reaction and relates it back to the service member.
4. This feedback encourages the service member to record again.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Contact us at military@utr.org. Once Command Leadership agrees to offer UTR, a Program Manager will provide ongoing training and support to the command. Or, visit unitedthroughreading.org to find a location near you.

UNITED THROUGH READING PROVIDES

- All program materials and support
- Active Duty and Homefront Coordinator training
- Storytime Kickoff Kit with 30+ children's books as a permanent onsite library, recording media and mailers
- Booster Kits with additional supplies
- Seasonal Books
- Volunteer Hour Certification

COMMAND PROVIDES

- Volunteers
- Participation reports to UTR
- Collaboration on procuring recording equipment

