

**Supporting Service Members,
Veterans and Their Families**

**866-4AZ-VETS
ConnectVeterans.org/Faith**

Faith Based Support

Arizona is home to more than 500,000 service members, veterans and their families. Many of these valued members of our community turn to their faith for support, healing and connection. That is why the Arizona Coalition for Military Families is partnering with members of the faith community around the state to build the Be Connected Faith Network.

Join us in our mission to work together to build a strong, statewide network of caring and compassionate people who offer support for all who served our country and their families who support them.

Through your support, we can provide faith-based support and build a sense of community for service members, veterans and their families.

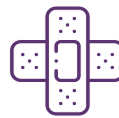
As a member of our Be Connected Faith Network, you'll receive offers for resources to share and no cost training so you can be an effective helper. With your participation, we can ensure that every faith group becomes a source of support for Arizona's service members, veterans and their family members.

Importance of Community Support

- ✓ Faith can serve as a vehicle to help service members and veterans feel more connected to mainstream society.
- ✓ A study found that veterans with depression and PTSD are open to being helped by spiritual counseling, but few take the first step to reach out.
- ✓ Spiritual connection gained through discussion, activities and events can provide hope, lessen feelings of isolation and be a springboard to promote other healthy behaviors.

Support Spiritual Healing

Arizona's service members, veterans and their families benefit from easy access to equipped and networked faith communities and faith leaders like you. As a champion for those who served, and their families, you can help by providing spiritual healing.



Connections
& Care



Listening &
Encouragement



Prayer



Service



Education



Intervention &
Referrals



Implementing Evidence
Based Practices



BE CONNECTED FAITH NETWORK

NEXT STEPS FOR YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY & YOU

WHAT YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY CAN DO

CONNECT WITH YOUR LEADERSHIP AND:

- Ask how (if) your congregation supports veterans and their families.
- Invite them to join you and learn more about how to support and refer military families in your congregation and community.
- Share <https://www.ConnectVeterans.org/faith> with them to better understand special ways the faith community supports veterans and their families.

GET YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY INVOLVED:

- Ensure key staff, volunteers and community members have the Be Connected support line number: 866-4AZ-VETS (429-8387). Anyone can call this support line Monday through Friday from 8 AM - 5 PM to connect service members, veterans and their families to resources. If someone calls after hours they will be directed to leave a message or select 1 to connect with the crisis line.
- Let people know that Be Connected offers complimentary “Resource Navigator” training to everyone to teach citizens how to connect service members, veterans and their families to the resources they need.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

JOIN THE BC HIVE:

- The Be Connected Faith Network channel within the Be Connected Hive online community:
- Connects you with people across Arizona offering the same kind of support
- Keeps you informed about upcoming training opportunities
- Enables you to obtain timely feedback from the Faith Network team to help you succeed in supporting military-connected people

[Click here to join.](#)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Go to the Be Connected Faith Network “FAQ” at [ConnectVeterans.org/Faith](https://www.ConnectVeterans.org/Faith)

CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:



www.ConnectVeterans.org/faith