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To our Family Members and Spouses

You are cordially invited to participate in a Building Healthy Military Communities (BHMC) Town Hall Round Table discussion on Wednesday May 16, 2018 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm, at the YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities-Ridgedale YMCA.

The Department of Defense's Building Healthy Military Communities pilot is a multi-year effort that aims to better understand unique challenges faced by geographically dispersed Service members and their families that may impact their readiness, resiliency, and well-being. We are hoping to bring the DoD community together to better understand the great resources that already exist in Minnesota and also identify ways to improve. During the week of May 14-18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 our team will be conducting a Rapids Needs Assessment to gather information from Service (Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps) Command Teams, DoD leaders, government resources, and community service providers.

In order to capture a portion of the Minnesota consensus, we will be having a Town Hall meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to gather input from the perspective of a Service Member spouse or family member. Your input is an invaluable addition as we conduct a comprehensive analysis of available services and programs serving geographically dispersed Service members and their families. It will also help us identify those services and programs that should be available, but are not, in your local communities. From the results, we will develop a state strategic plan to mitigate the gaps in services realized during the information gathering phase of the pilot.

Childcare will be available for children 6 weeks-10 years old. Children between the ages of 11-17 may utilize the YMCA facilities during the round table discussion.

I sincerely hope you will be able to attend to provide your input to state and local leaders, and spouses of military leaders.

Please RSVP by May 11, 2018 via the registration link:

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