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Dear Military Community Member,

You are invited to participate in the 2023 Survey on the Strengths and Challenges of Military Relationships, which we have asked the independent, non-profit RAND Corporation to conduct. This web-based survey assesses the strengths of and challenges facing military couples. This voluntary survey is short and important, so I urge you to consider sharing your perspective. We need everyone's responses, regardless of your experiences or feelings about this topic, even if you are not married.

The RAND Corporation will protect the confidentiality of your survey responses. No one in the Department of Defense will be able to identify your individual responses.

Instructions for accessing and completing the RAND survey accompany this letter. For further information about the survey, please visit the RAND project website: [www.rand.org/family-wellness](http://www.rand.org/family-wellness) or contact RAND by email at [strengthssurvey@rand.org](mailto:strengthssurvey@rand.org).

This survey is critically important to the Department's efforts to improve the quality of life for military couples. For the survey results to be valid, it needs to represent every service member and military spouse's experience, including yours.

Although your participation in the survey is entirely voluntary, I hope you will recognize its importance and find a few minutes to sit down and answer these questions about your experiences. I also hope that noncommissioned officers and officers will encourage service members to complete this brief survey.

Thank you for your time and assistance in this important effort.

Sincerely,

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