Serve your country and your community.

As a member of the military, you and your family understand what it means to serve your country. You can provide another great service to your country and community by responding to the 2020 Census.

Foundation of Our Democracy
Every 10 years, the federal government counts everyone who lives in the United States. The decennial count is required by the Constitution and is a foundation of our democracy, because the population of each state determines the number of representatives it has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Service to Your Community
Responses to the 2020 Census will drive decisions on how more than $675 billion in federal funds is distributed each year for the next 10 years. That’s money that is used for education, housing, health care, emergency services like firefighting, and more.

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Get Counted!

The 2020 Census begins in early 2020. Most military households are responsible for submitting their own 2020 Census form online, by phone, or by mail. **You are counted with your household if that is where you live.** But, active duty service members may face some special circumstances. Here’s how to be counted if:

- **You are stationed in or living in the United States and NOT deployed.**
  
  Unless you are assigned to barracks or dormitories as of April 1, 2020, **you should fill out a 2020 Census form.** Whether you live on or off a military base, you are counted in the place where you live and sleep most of the time.

- **You are deployed or assigned outside the United States, or you are assigned to a U.S. military vessel with a home port outside the United States as of April 1, 2020.**
  
  **You should not fill out a 2020 Census form.** You will be counted by the U.S. Department of Defense. “Outside the United States” includes U.S. territories.

- **You are living in military barracks or dormitories.**
  
  **You should not fill out a 2020 Census form.** A representative of the living quarters will fill out the census form and count you as part of the barracks or dormitory.

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