

Be Connected Faith Network

Join the statewide ecosystem of support for service members, veterans and their families!

SUPPORT SPIRITUAL HEALING



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 serve 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 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 family members.

The **Be Connected Faith Network** is a part of our overall mission to connect every Arizona service member, veteran and family member to support and resources. Spirituality is one of ten social determinants of health and [areas of focus](#) for the Be Connected program.

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.

FAITH BASED SUPPORT

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.

Examples of support that faith based communities can provide include:

- Prayer
- Connections & Care
- Listening & Encouragement
- Service
- Education
- Intervention & Referrals
- Implementing Evidence Based Practices

Sign-up to stay connected to the Be Connected Faith Network!

<http://connectveterans.org/faith/>

BE CONNECTED FAITH SUMMIT

On June 9, 2021, faith community members, leaders and stakeholders join for a half-day virtual summit to launch the Be Connected Faith Network. The program includes a video from Governor Ducey and a proclamation that 6/9/21 is [Be Connected Faith Network Day](#), presentations from key leadership partners and five breakout sessions to inspire and connect the community.

View the speakers and agenda here (links to recorded sessions will be available after the event): www.AcmfEventCenter.org

READY TO CONNECT?

Do you want to be a part of the Be Connected Faith Network? Are you part of a faith community that would like to get involved? Download this PDF for an overview of the initiative and next steps for you and your faith community to get involved.

BCFN Overview & Next Steps

<http://connectveterans.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/BCFN-Overview-Next-Steps-DR-AFT-REVISIONS-IN-CANVA-v2.pdf>

BE CONNECTED MATERIALS REQUEST FORM

Please fill out the form below to obtain Be Connected materials. One of our team members will be in contact with you shortly. Please contact [ACMF](mailto:info@arizonacoalition.org) at info@arizonacoalition.org if you have any questions.

Casa Veterans Ministry (CVM) at Franciscan Renewal Center

<https://www.thecasa.org/faith-in-action>

Connecting. Serving. Healing. The Casa Veterans Ministry provides a safe place where service members, veterans and their families join in community to find healing from their wounds of service.

Purpose: The purpose of the Casa Veterans Ministry is to respond to the spiritual and emotional needs of service members, veterans and their families offering a welcoming and compassionate environment.

Mission Statement: The mission of the Casa Veterans Ministry is to take concrete actions to assist service members, veterans and their families with healing and education programs, and with events and services designed to support their spiritual and emotional needs. For more information on this ministry or upcoming veterans programs, email casaveteransministry@thecasa.org.

Project Areas:

- **Healing of Memories:** In partnership with the [Institute for Healing of Memories](#) we offer Healing of Memories (HOM) Workshops for veterans and service members. [Click here to learn more.](#)
- **St. Francis Retreats:** We offer St. Francis Retreats, which are designed to offer healing insights from one of the most beloved but misunderstood saints. [Click here to learn more.](#)
- **St. Joseph Baskets for Homeless Veterans:** Donations are accepted for the St. Joseph Baskets – a welcome basket that includes kitchen, bedroom and bathroom supplies for recently housed homeless veterans. [Click here to learn more.](#)

- **Moral Injury Education:** We provide educational opportunities for the community to understand moral injury/moral repair. Ministry members have done presentations to several first-responder agencies in the state, health care professional and clergy/ military chaplains, local homeless and housing providers. [Click here to learn more.](#)
- **Community Engagement:** We offer a variety of events to bring veterans together with each other and with our civilian community. This includes Vets Reconnect, Veterans Day Picnic, Memorial Day Rosary and Veterans Day Stations of the Cross. [Click here to learn more.](#)

The Faithful City

<https://www.thefaithfulcity.org/>

AZTIFC (Arizona Trauma-Informed Faith Community)

<https://www.thefaithfulcity.org/aztifc>

Cru Military

<https://crumilitary.org/>

Local resources and programs <https://beconnectedaz.org/organizations/cru-military>

Military Missions Network

<https://militarymissionsnetwork.com/>

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