

2012 VIRGINIA



Military 4-H Partnership Annual Corporate Report



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Message from the 4-H Military Club Program Manager



Virginia is proud to be one of the nation's 46 states and territories to receive the 4-H Military Club Grant. With a new 4-H military club structure in place and the commitment of the Virginia 4-H Military Club Partners, we charted a path to strengthen support of 4-H clubs for military youth. This includes 4-H support on Army, Air Force, and Navy installations and in communities to reach geographically dispersed military youth.

The new 4-H military club structure has proven to be successful. This structure which includes a Military Club Program Manager and six 4-H Installation Club Coordinators enabled the Virginia 4-H program to enhance reporting and improve how training needs of military staff are determined and addressed. Furthermore, new resources were specifically created to meet the needs of installation staff and military youth.

Over 1,700 military youth in Virginia participate in 4-H. This includes military youth enrolled in county/city 4-H programs and those on military installations. As we improve how we identify military youth who participate in numerous summer camps, special interest clubs, community clubs, school enrichment programs, and military partnership clubs, the number of military youth engaged in 4-H programming can only increase.

On behalf of the Virginia 4-H Military Partnership, we sincerely appreciate the work of our installation club coordinators, county/city staff, military site/center staff, other military staff, volunteers, youth, and families who made this an outstanding year.

Louetta Jones

4-H Military Club Program Manager

2012 Goals

Strengthen existing 4-H club programming on military installations.

Develop new 4-H clubs on targeted military installations.

Increase the number of geographically dispersed youth engaged in community 4-H clubs and programming.

Establish new 4-H Military Clubs for geographically dispersed youth in targeted areas.



Strategies to Strengthen 4-H Programming

The following opportunities were made available to installation staff:

- 4-H curriculum live and archived webinars
 - STEM - *Robotics* and *There's No New Water!*
 - *Citizenship - Reading Makes Cents*
 - *Healthy Living - CHARACTER COUNTS!* and *Healthy Weights for Healthy Kids*
 - On-site training assistance provided by 4-H Installation Club Coordinator and/or local 4-H staff
- Participation in Virginia Association of Adults 4-H Volunteer Spring and Fall Staff Development Conferences
- Local, regional, and state 4-H trainings
- *4-H Starter Kit* orientation as needed
- Hampton Roads 4-H 101 Regional Training
- National Science Day resource packets and kits
- New Virginia developed resources provided
 - Publication - *"What Is 4-H?"*
 - 4-H Informational signs and banners

**Military Staff Trainings
Increased 100%**

36 Trainings Held

110 Staff Trained

Child Development Sites, School Age Care Sites and Middle School/Teen Centers Reporting 4-H Membership



Total Membership 1,506 Military Youth on Installations (A 213% Increase Compared to FY 2011)

Army Youth - 853 57% of Total Membership	Navy Youth - 194 13% of Total Membership	Air Force Youth - 459 30% of Total Membership
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Installation 4-H Clubs

Number of Installations with 4-H Clubs	Total Number of Clubs	Number of Chartered Clubs
11	55	13
(14 Sites)	(A 293% Increase)	(A 44% Increase)

Marketing Local 4-H Programs

Marketing conducted by local programs in targeted areas, the distribution of over 1,500 4-H informational bookmarks, and use of the electronic newsletter, "What's Happening in Virginia 4-H" were strategies designed to:

- Increase the number of geographically dispersed youth engaged in community 4-H clubs and programming.
- Build a sense of belonging and connection of on-installation 4-H club members to county or city 4-H programs.

Off-Installation 4-H Military Clubs
 New Club Established - 1
 Chartered Club Maintained - 1
 Total Off-installation Clubs - 2
 Total Membership - 27 Military Youth
 (4 Geographically Dispersed Youth)

161 members of on and off installation 4-H Military Clubs participated in 4-H opportunities such as camps, achievement night programs, county competitions, State 4-H Congress, county fairs, etc.
 (108 Army & 53 Navy)

4-H Mission Mandates Program Impacts

Healthy Living:

- 213 youth incorporated at least one new health or nutrition practice into their daily lives.
- 209 youth increased food preparation skills.
- 111 youth identified ways to say no to tobacco alcohol and illegal drugs when offered a substance.

Citizenship:

- 231 CHARACTER COUNTS! youth participants increased frequency in which they play by the rules and use the same rules for others.
- 173 youth reported or demonstrated improved teamwork skills.
- 160 youth learned the importance of managing money wisely by creating a savings or spending plan.

Science:

- 76 youth gained knowledge about how to research a problem and develop solutions related to robotics, engineering construction, and/or technology.
- 90 youth learned environmental stewardship/responsibilities.
- 173 youth increased STEM abilities such as how to build/construct science related projects and/or problem solve and work together. Projects created included flower beds, videos, robots, windmills, turbines, volcanoes, tornado, replica of a movie set and/or a rocket.



4-H Military Youth Recognition & Awards

4-H Military Youth Liaisons to the Virginia 4-H Cabinet

Air Force Youth - Prince George Co. 4-H Military Club (Southeast District)*
 Army Youth - Prince George County 4-H Military Club (Southeast District)*
 Virginia National Guard Youth - Nottoway County 4-H (Central District)

First Alternate & Best Robot Design Regional Competition

Dahlgren 4-H LEGO Engineers - Naval Surface Warfare Center/Dahlgren

Outstanding 4-H Camp Counselor Award

Seven Members of Prince George County 4-H Military Club

Virginia 4-H Adobe Youth Voices Outstanding Achievement

Joint Base Langley - Eustis/ Eustis Youth Program
 Joint Base Langley - Eustis / Langley Air Force Base - Bethel Manor Youth



The Words of Military Youth & A Parent Remind Us Why 4-H Makes A Difference.

"I love traveling to other places and sharing how 4-H has helped me cope with military life. It feels so good knowing I've made a difference in someone's life."

*Tayla, Age 17
Air Force*

"Serving as president of the military club has made me realize how important it is to connect with other military kids like myself."

*Alexus, Age 17
Army*

"I joined 4-H because I really wanted to learn about communities and how to help people. When I am at school, I tell the kids in my class how good 4-H is for you."

*Kaleb, Age 8
Navy*

"4-H has made both my children more responsible and community minded."

*Sara Neaves
Parent
Navy*

Virginia Installations/Sites with 4-H Military Clubs Supported by 4-H Military Club Grant

Fort Belvoir
 Fort Lee
 Joint Base Langley—Eustis/Eustis
 Joint Base Langley - Eustis/Langley Air Force Base
 Joint Base Myer - Henderson Hall
 Joint Expeditionary Base Fort Story/Youth
 Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek/Youth
 Naval Air Station Oceana
 Naval Air Station Oceana Midway Manor
 Naval Station Norfolk
 Naval Support Activity Northwest Annex
 Naval Surface Warfare Center/Dahlgren
 Naval Weapons Station Yorktown
 Norfolk Naval Shipyard Portsmouth

Virginia 4-H Programs with an Off-Installation 4-H Military Club

Fairfax County
 Prince George County

4-H Military Club Partners



Virginia Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Programs Providing Support to 4-H Military Clubs

Alexandria/Arlington, Chesapeake, Fairfax, Hampton/Newport News, King George, Norfolk, Prince George, and Virginia Beach

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Website for Additional Virginia 4-H Military Club Stories and More:

<http://www.virginia4-hmilitaryclubs.org>

National Website to Learn about 4-H Military Partnerships:

<http://www.4-hmilitarypartnerships.org>