

2018 VIRGINIA 4-H MILITARY PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL CORPORATE REPORT



DEVELOPING MASTERY—GROWING CONNECTIONS—GAINING LIFE SKILLS



2018 VIRGINIA FACTS AT A GLANCE

- ⇒ 11 installations with 14 sites have 4-H military clubs.
- ⇒ 1,920 military youth are enrolled in 4-H installation military clubs.
 - ⇒ Army—702 Youth
 - ⇒ Air Force—506 Youth
 - ⇒ Navy—712 Youth
- ⇒ 19 chartered clubs on installations have been established or renewed.
- ⇒ 141 military staff participated in face-to-face or hands-on professional development opportunities. This is an increase of 16% since 2017.
- ⇒ 23 geographically dispersed military youth gained life skills through participation in experiences such as State 4-H Congress or residential camping .

The 4-H Military Partnership is a collaboration between U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Institute of Food and Agriculture, 4-H National Headquarters; U.S. Army Child and Youth Services, U.S. Air Force Child and Youth Programs, and U.S. Navy Child and Youth Programs.

Virginia is proud to be one of the 40 states and one U.S. territory to work with military installations and geographically dispersed military youth and their families. In Virginia, 4-H clubs are established on Army, Navy, and Air Force installations which represents 11 military installations with 14 sites. Youth of military families also have accessibility to 4-H programs in all counties and most cities.

4-H club projects and activities are implemented to strengthen resiliency in military connected youth enabling them to adapt to life's changes resulting from parent deployments and other events. Life skills youth gain can be used throughout their lives.

With 4-H being the largest youth development organization in the United States and in more than 50 countries including U.S. military installations worldwide, 4-H provides predictability and a safe and nurturing environment for military youth to succeed.

Please continue to review this report to get a glimpse of programs and outcomes supported by the Virginia 4-H Military Partnership Grant.



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2018 VIRGINIA TARGETED OUTCOMES

Developing Mastery

Youth participate in hands-on learning, that enable them to seek active answers to their own questions, issues and concerns.



4-H hands-on projects are completed with guidance from adult mentors.

Growing Connections

Opportunities are provided enabling youth to gain skills in engaging peers, family members, and others.



Youth describe experiences and their reactions with others.

4-H FOCUS AREAS: Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM), Healthy Living, and Citizenship / Civic Engagement

Strategies used to implement programming in the above focused areas provided opportunities for youth to engage in intentional learning experiences targeting the identified outcomes.

Developing Mastery - College or Career Readiness

Regardless of the program area, all 4-H programs include careers as a core element. The college and career readiness program helps youth to make informed decisions about their careers and college paths. Two hundred thirty-one youth participated in career programming experiences.

- ⇒ 133 youth of 2 Air Force sites and 7 Navy sites sought answers to their career questions using the internet.
- ⇒ 8 youth at JBLE/Langley AFB participated in a job fair to learn about career opportunities.
- ⇒ 72 youth at Naval Station Norfolk researched or explored careers using guest speakers, vision boards and KWL Charts (Know, Want to Know, & Learned Charts)
- ⇒ One center staff member said, "Some youth were able to appreciate their dream job more by recognizing the high demands."

Growing Connections—Engaging Others

- ⇒ The French project group of Joint Base Myer—Henderson read to 60 five-year olds at the child development center. This service project assisted the younger children with being introduced to a new language. According to staff, "4-H members were able to communicate better with their peers and now learned to interact with children of a younger age."
- ⇒ 284 Army, Air Force and Navy youth participating in healthy living projects reported they prepared or shared recipes with parents. "It is great to see how exciting the projects are for the youth. They get really excited to learn something new to take home." - Center Staff
- ⇒ 34 Air Force and Navy youth shared their 4-H story with legislators during 4-H Day at the Capitol.
- ⇒ 20 CHARACTER COUNTS! participants at NASO Midway learned how to respectfully wait their turn to speak when participating in a group discussion or meeting.
- ⇒ "During club meetings, youth demonstrate more confidence in their own ideas, opinions, and abilities." - Center Staff

2018 VIRGINIA TARGETED OUTCOMES

Growing Connections (Continued)

Opportunities are provided enabling youth to contribute to the community through service and civic responsibility.



"I hope all these items can help those people. I feel so bad that they don't even have power." Navy Youth

Gaining Life Skills to Become a Contributing Member of Society

Opportunities are provided to help youth demonstrate responsibility, critical thinking, problem solving skills, interpersonal communication skills, and effective teamwork.



National Youth Science Day
Experiment: Incredible Wearables
"It was hard work, but worth it in the end." - Air Force Youth

Growing Connections- Service Learning

- ⇒ 362 youth of 1 Air Force site, 2 Army sites, and 9 Navy sites participated in a variety of service learning projects that ranged from programming for the elderly, clean-ups/beautification projects, food drives, programs for younger children and supporting the SPCA.
- ⇒ 23 NWS Yorktown youth collected items for hurricane Florence Outreach. Approximately 200 people impacted by the hurricane received donated items. Youth gained life skills such as empathy, respect, and citizenship that can be used in the future.
- ⇒ 7 youth at NSASP –Dahlgren participated in SPCA drive that reached 100 animals. The following was provided: volunteers fed, cleaned cages, and provided socialization for the animals. One youth said, "I had no idea how many homeless pets we have around here, but I think we brought awareness to the base."

Growing Connections—Civic Engagement

- ⇒ 42 Air Force & Navy youth gained knowledge of state government procedures during their visit to the State Capitol. "As a result of this event, youth became more invested in the process of turning a bill into law. They are also more aware of what they can do to impact decisions." - Center Staff

Gaining Life Skills to Become a Contributing Member of Society

- ⇒ Army, Air Force, and Navy youth were provided many opportunities to practice life skills in STEM, Healthy Living and Citizenship & Civic Engagement. **Based on experiences in 4-H, youth completed a survey. See results below:**
- ⇒ A survey of 187 youth revealed:
 - ⇒ 70% or 130 youth indicated Always or Usually, "I use information to make decisions."
 - ⇒ 85% or 159 youth indicated Always or Usually, I take responsibility for my actions."
- ⇒ A survey of 190 youth revealed:
 - ⇒ 84% or 159 youth indicated Always or Usually, "I set goals for myself."
- ⇒ A survey of 182 youth revealed:
 - ⇒ 91% or 165 youth indicated Always or Usually, "I can make alternative plans (change plans) if something doesn't work."

EXAMPLES OF BRANCH FOCUSED 4-H PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED

- Bike Rodeo
- Careers
- CHARACTER COUNTS!
- Filmmaking
- Food Challenge
- Gardening
- Health, Nutrition & Fitness
- National Youth Science Day Experiment
- Photography
- Project Butterfly
- Robotics
- Service Learning



Virginia Installations with 4-H Military Clubs Supported by 4-H Military Partnership Grant:

Fort Belvoir, Fort Lee, Joint Base Langley—Eustis, Joint Base Myer - Henderson Hall, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek—Fort Story, Naval Air Station Oceana- Midway Manor, Naval Station Norfolk, Naval Support Activity Northwest Annex, Naval Support Activity South Potomac—Dahlgren , Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, and Norfolk Naval Shipyard Portsmouth

Virginia 4-H Program with an Off-Installation

4-H Military Club:

Prince George County

Virginia Geographically Dispersed Youth & 4-H

Twenty-three geographically dispersed military youth participated in 4-H events. Parents of these youth serve in the Army, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Coast Guard or Navy. Eighty-seven percent or 20 youth were current members of a 4-H club or group. Thirteen percent or three youth were first-time 4-H participants. Experiences such as State 4-H Congress for three youth and residential camping programs for 20 youth afforded many opportunities for them to increase life skills through activities, team challenges, and living in a group environment.

Seven of the 20 youth attending camp were trained teen counselors. A youth said, “ I have a talent for working with kids and I really enjoy it.”

A survey of 14 youth revealed that as a result of participation in their 4-H event:

- 100% or 14 youth indicated Always or Usually Agree, “I take responsibility for my actions.”
- 86% or 12 youth Always or Usually Agree, “I consider the consequences of my choices .”

One youth said, “I learned how to be responsible for myself and my belongings without my parents around.”

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