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**Armed Services YMCA and Department of Defense Partner to
Provide Support to Military Families**

The Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) announced a new \$31 million initiative with the Department of Defense (DoD) to provide eligible military families and active duty personnel with access to youth development, family strengthening, and health and well-being programs through memberships at community YMCAs nationwide. Membership fees will be underwritten by the DoD and administered through Military OneSource.

The ASYMCA-DoD Outreach Initiative responds to a provision in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008, which requires the Secretary of Defense to develop a plan to support military family readiness and to ensure that military family readiness programs and activities are available to all military families, including those of the National Guard and Military Reservists.

Eligible participants can sign up at the Waynesboro Area YMCA during the month of October, providing proof of eligibility by showing a military identification card and a copy of deployment orders, and completing an eligibility verification form. Eligibility forms can be found at www.militaryonesource.com.

Those eligible to participate in the new initiative include:

- All interested families of joint deployed National Guard and Reserves
- Active Duty Independent Duty station personnel (single or family members)
- Relocated spouses and family members of deployed Active Duty personnel

More information can be found by visiting www.asymca.org or contact the Waynesboro Area YMCA Membership Development Director at 717-762-6012