



HOLIDAY MEALS FOR MILITARY®

Our Holiday Meals for Military program helps military families celebrate the holidays by providing them with healthy fixings for a traditional holiday meal.

Our Holiday Meals for Military (HMFM) program started with a chance encounter and a spontaneous act of kindness. In 2009, at Thanksgiving, an executive of Beam Suntory encountered a military family in a grocery store near Fort Drum, New York. They were unable to pay for the groceries they had selected, and the Beam executive stepped in and covered the cost. From that act of appreciation from a grateful citizen, our HMFM program was born.

- Eligibility**
 - Primarily supports junior enlisted military families (E1–E6)
- What we provide**
 - The holiday meal kits include everything needed for a holiday dinner, including a turkey, gravy, cranberry sauce, stuffing, and vegetables, or in some cases, a food gift card to allow families to purchase items for their own holiday meal.

145,000+
MILITARY FAMILIES
SERVED SINCE 2010

PROGRAM EFFICIENCY

85%

of Operation Homefront's expenditures go directly to programs supporting military families.

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When Army Staff Sgt. Li Li was honorably discharged in December 2022, he became a stay-at-home dad, and their family of four also became a one-income family.

Li had joined the Army after coming to the United States as a Ph.D. student. The military provided a path to citizenship. He had planned on serving longer but was medically retired.

His wife, Yao, is a catering cook at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington.

Being a one-income family can be challenging, especially in a high-price region when inflation increases. The family participated in Operation Homefront's Holiday Meals for Military program this spring. The extra dollars really helped, Li said, and the benefits are not just financial.

"It's more than enough to put together a fancy holiday meal for the whole family, but, more importantly, psychologically, it shows me people appreciate service members and appreciate my service. I'm so grateful for that."

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