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Yellow Ribbon Network offers free financial counseling, resources for people impacted by COVID-19

CLEARWATER, Fla. (April 20, 2020) – <u>Yellow Ribbon Network</u> (YRN) – an online platform for veterans, active military and their families in need of counseling and resources to help with finances, housing, employment or education – is opening its expansive network to anyone in the U.S. impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Network is completely free to use and pairs individuals in need of financial support with accredited financial counselors who provide unbiased and trustworthy advice. YRN's counselors and members can privately and securely review finances, create budgets, establish goals, create action plans and help protect credit scores. Network members can also utilize YRN's tools and resources to sustain financial success.

"Millions of Americans are facing financial uncertainty because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and Yellow Ribbon Network is in a unique position to provide assistance through its single-source platform," says Christopher Fitzpatrick, deputy director of Yellow Ribbon Network. "We couldn't be prouder to help hardworking Americans navigate this unprecedented time, while continuing to serve veterans and active military both now and into the future."

YRN was launched in 2011 by VeteransPlus, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit financial literacy organization. Through the support of Alliant Foundation, MetLife Foundation and Prudential Foundation, among other donations and grants, YRN helps veterans, active military and their families connect with and receive assistance from numerous partner nonprofits and the American public.

Anyone in need of financial counseling can join the Network via the <u>registration page</u>. Counselors interested in providing services to the Network can <u>join here</u>.

In addition to financial services for individuals and families impacted by COVID-19, YRN is also offering a free, lifetime license for nonprofits to help address the financial challenges they've experienced during the pandemic. Nonprofits are encouraged to email info@yellowribbonnetwork.org through May 15 to take advantage of this offer.

About Yellow Ribbon Network

Yellow Ribbon Network (YRN) is an online platform for veterans, active military and their families in need of counseling and resources to help with finances, housing, employment or education. Through the platform, applicants can connect and receive assistance from numerous partner nonprofits and the American public. The result is a streamlined process that efficiently connects people with specific programs to meet their individual needs. The Network includes more than 350,000 members; more than 300 nonprofit partner organizations in 46 states and seven countries; and 380 additional government entities and for-profit business resources. For more information, visit www.yellowribbonnetwork.org.

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