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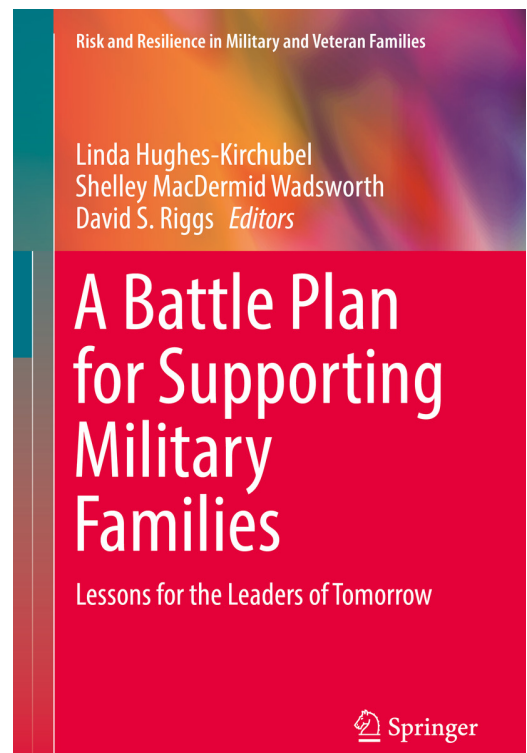
## A BATTLE PLAN FOR SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES

The Military Family Research Institute (MFRI) at Purdue University conducts research on issues that affect military and veteran families and works to shape policies, programs and practices that improve their well-being. Founded in 2000, MFRI envisions a diverse support community that understands the most pressing needs of military and veteran families. To achieve this, MFRI collaborates to create meaningful solutions for them. This nationally-recognized organization is located at Purdue University's College of Health and Human Sciences, in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies.

Lessons from post-9/11 conflicts show that military families will always be affected by war, and supporting them is a constant and urgent priority. The success of service members depends not only on training and battlefield decisions, but on their family members having the resources they need as well.

The past 15 years have revealed critical insights into how to build, maintain and prioritize effective support systems that equip service members and their families with the tools and skills they need during times of conflict. The new book **"A BATTLE PLAN FOR SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES"** compiles these lessons and provides a blueprint for today's leaders to ensure that military families are never left behind.

Countless organizations and individuals work to empower military families during and following their service. This is a critical part of defense strategy. "A Battle Plan" examines these efforts and distills lessons learned since 9/11 into practical, actionable recommendations.



“There is now a playbook. This research will help current and future leaders examine their organizations and put mechanisms in place before they are needed.”

– Chris Ford, Founder & CEO, National Association of Veteran-Serving Organizations





Developed by the Military Family Research Institute at Purdue University in partnership with experts from government, research, and advocacy organizations, “A Battle Plan” addresses how to:

- Integrate family support systems into defense strategy.
- Anticipate issues and challenges that are likely to affect military families.
- Adopt policies that help, not hinder, military families during times of conflict.
- Ensure that military families have a voice in the conversation.
- Identify urgent gaps in support systems.
- Navigate the rapidly changing world of service organizations.
- Plan more effectively for medical and caregiving needs.
- Provide the resources military and veteran families need after military conflicts wind down.

When service members know that their families are taken care of, they can focus on the military mission. “A Battle Plan” provides an action plan for future leaders and organizations committed to supporting military families, identifying issues affecting the military and veteran communities and providing innovative solutions.

For more information or to purchase the book, visit [www.mfri.purdue.edu/BattlePlan](http://www.mfri.purdue.edu/BattlePlan)

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