

National Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs, Inc.
A Support Group for Parents of Twins and Higher Order Multiples
Research and Education
Organizational Survey

Support Issues of Multiple Birth Families in the Military

Purpose: To identify the special needs and circumstances of military parents of multiples (POMs); to examine how local clubs support and connect with military POMs; to determine what additional support would be beneficial.

Starting Date: May 2009

Ending Date: May 2010

If you would prefer to fill this survey out online, go to:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/NOMOTCMilitarySurvey>

Return Completed Surveys to: NOMOTC
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Directions:

1. This survey is to be filled out by multiple birth parents that are currently serving or have served in the military.
2. Answer all questions choosing the single best answer for each question unless otherwise instructed.
3. Choose the response which best illustrates your answer.
4. As always, individual responses are kept confidential.

1. What type of multiples do you have?
 - a. Twins
 - b. Triplets
 - c. Quadruplets
 - d. Quintuplets
 - e. Multiple multiples (more than one set of multiples, please specify: _____)

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2. How many children total do you have?
 - a. 0
 - b. 1
 - c. 2
 - d. 3
 - e. 4
 - f. 5
 - g. 6
 - h. 7 or more

3. How many children are currently living at home?

- a. 0
- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. 4
- e. 5
- f. 6
- g. 7 or more

4. What is your age?

- a. 18-25 years
- b. 26-35 years
- c. 36-45 years
- d. 46-55 years
- e. Over 55

5. What is the age of your spouse/partner?

- a. 18-25 years
- b. 26-35 years
- c. 36-45 years
- d. 46-55 years
- e. Over 55
- f. N/A I am currently single

6. Who in your immediate family, is currently serving in the military? Choose all that apply.

- a. Self
- b. Spouse/partner
- c. Child/children

7. Indicate which branch of the military you and/or family members serve/served in.

	Spouse A	Spouse B	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4
Army	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Air Force	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Navy	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Marines	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Coast Guard	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Guard/Reserves	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please specify: _____

8. Who in your immediate family, previously served in the military, but is now retired?

- a. Self
- b. Spouse/partner
- c. Child/children
- d. Not applicable

9. How often do you relocate due to military assignment?

- a. 6-11 months
- b. 12-24 months
- c. 3-4 years
- d. Over 5 years
- e. I haven't relocated

10. What type of support did you receive during a relocation (Permanent Change of Station-PCS) i.e. child care, assist with packing/unpacking, financial?

11. Do you maintain ties with people from past locations where you have lived?

- a. Yes
- b. No, skip to Question 13
- c. Not applicable, skip to Question 13

12. How did you maintain ties with people from past locations? Choose all that apply.

- a. Telephone
- b. Email
- c. Social networking websites/blogs (Facebook, MySpace, Yahoo Groups, Twitter, etc.)
- d. Cards/letters via postal mail
- e. In person visits

13. What concerns do you have being a parent who relocates frequently?

14. How many deployments has your family experienced both during your multiple birth pregnancy and since your multiples were born?

- a. 0
- b. 1-2
- c. 3-4
- d. 5 or more

15. How long have the durations of the deployments been? Choose all that apply.

- a. 0-3 months
- b. 4-7 months
- c. 8-11 months
- d. More than 12 months

16. What are/were your sources of support during your deployments? Choose all that apply.

- a. Family
 - b. Friends
 - c. Military
 - d. Multiples club
 - e. Organizations such as church, school, etc.
 - f. Other, please specify: _____
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17. What is/was your primary source of support during deployment of one or both parents?

- a. Family
 - b. Friends
 - c. Military
 - d. Multiples club
 - e. Organizations such as church, school, etc.
 - f. Other, please specify: _____
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18. What are/were your sources of support during your state-side non-deployment times? Choose all that apply.

- a. Family
- b. Friends
- c. Military
- d. Multiples club
- e. Organizations such as church, school, etc.
- f. Other, please specify: _____

19. What is/was your primary source of support during your time state-side?

- a. Family
- b. Friends
- c. Military
- d. Multiples club
- e. Organizations such as church, school, etc.
- f. Other, please specify: _____

20. What types of support do/did you receive? Choose all that apply.

- a. Child care
- b. Financial (welfare, Airman's Attic, Military Family Support, Red Cross, etc.)
- c. Emotional (counseling, phone calls, visits, email, etc.)
- d. Food assistance (food stamps, WIC, food pantries, etc.)
- e. Formal support group
- f. Other, please specify: _____

21. Being a military family, do you feel your concerns are different than those of a civilian family?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

22. Do you think a support group for parents of multiples for military families would be of benefit to you?

- a. Yes
- b. No, skip to Question 25
- c. Not sure, skip to Question 25

23. Would you like the support group to meet on a military installation?

- a. Yes
- b. No

24. Approximately how many families with multiple birth children reside on your military installation?
- 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5
 - 6 or more
 - Not sure
25. Would a virtual parent of multiples support club be of benefit to you? For example, email, list-serves, AIMS, Yahoo Groups, Facebook, etc.?
- Yes
 - No
 - Not sure
26. What groups are you currently a member of?
- Facebook
 - MySpace
 - Yahoo Groups
 - Linkedin
 - Twitter
 - Other, please specify: _____

27. Have you been a member of a local mothers/parents of multiples club?
- Yes, currently a member
 - Yes, was a member in the past but not currently
 - No, never been a member, skip to Question 34
28. How many military families are in your local multiples club?
- 0
 - 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5 or more
 - Not sure
29. Does your local club participate in any community military support programs (for example, Coupons for the Military, care packages for the military, Airman's Attic, etc.)?
- Yes
 - Not currently but have in the past
 - No
 - Not sure
30. How often does your club address military and/or deployment issues at their regular monthly meetings?
- 1-2 times a year
 - 3-4 times a year
 - 5 or more times a year
 - Once every few years
 - Never

31. What types of support does your club offer to military families?

32. Do you feel your local club understands the need for additional support for military families?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

33. Place in order of importance (1 being most important, 8 being least) your needs as a military parent of multiples.

- ___ Emotional support/counseling
- ___ Financial help/assistance
- ___ Child care assistance for work hours
- ___ Time for yourself
- ___ Spending time with other mothers/parents of multiples
- ___ Transportation assistance for you and/or your children
- ___ Medical care assistance
- ___ Communicating with deployed family member(s)
- ___ Other, please list: _____

34. List some things that your local club does BEST to support military families during deployment and state-side tours.

35. List some things that you would like to see your local club do for military families.

36. Have you been a member of NOMOTC?

- a. Yes, currently a member
- b. Yes, was a member in the past but not currently
- c. No, never been a member

37. Does your branch of the military offer support specifically directed to parents of multiple birth children?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

38. Please list some things that your military branch does BEST to support your family during deployment.

39. List some things you would like to see NOMOTC do for military families with multiple birth children.

40. Please give any comments or suggestions regarding this survey.

- Thank you for participating in this survey sponsored by the National Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs, Inc.
- Your individual responses are important to us; they will be kept confidential.
- Results will be printed in a future issue of NOMOTC's *Notebook*. A Research Report with results will also be available on NOMOTC's website www.nomotc.org
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