



The Military Matters

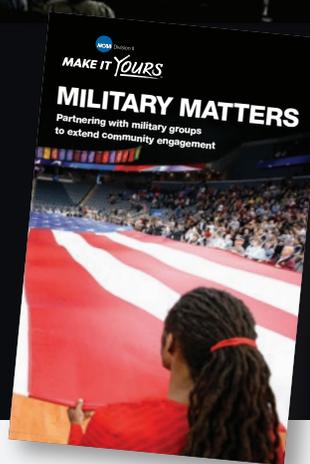
The military is a key partner that is often overlooked when it comes to community engagement. More than half of Division II colleges and universities are located within 50 miles of a military installation or base. Many others have a connection or partnership with the National Guard or other military branches, or have an active ROTC on campus. Almost all Division II schools have students who are either actively serving or are in the reserves.

It only makes sense to partner with military constituencies as an extension of Division II's community engagement philosophy. Division II athletics, higher education and the military share several attributes, from health and wellness and physical and mental toughness, to building and training future leaders.

Division II has created a resource to help schools either start or enhance those efforts. Download the brochure, titled **"Military Matters,"** at the "Division II Community Engagement" link on the DII homepage at NCAA.org.

Question

Do you include local military organizations in your community engagement strategies?



Conference Championship Stage

Division II also collaborated with the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference to provide a resource guide for institutions and conferences to use for their community engagement efforts. While the guide is specifically geared toward community engagement at conference tournaments, the tips and resources also apply to institutional events on campus.

For more information, or to download the brochure, titled **"Your Time To Shine,"** visit the "Division II Community Engagement" link on the DII homepage at NCAA.org.

Question

Division II recently launched a community engagement tracking initiative with "Helper Helper," which is an app dedicated to student volunteers. Helper Helper eases the tracking burden on member institutions and creates a library of engagement activities and best practices for institutions to share. Are you aware of Helper Helper and the "help" it can provide?

