

**ARMY FAMILY READINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL (AFRAC) AND**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (AFREC)**

- **BLUF:** AFRAC and AFREC Advisory Councils serve to positively enhance Soldier and Family readiness, increase Family program effectiveness, and strengthen the connection of Families to the Army.
- AFRAC and AFREC provide Army Command spouses with an opportunity to discuss emerging issues, advise senior leadership on the direction of Army Family Programs that impact the QOL of Soldiers and their Families, assess and recommend solutions for evolving Family issues, and share best practices.
- AFRAC membership is comprised of the following: Enlisted and Officer Spouse representatives from the Army Commands; the Army Service Component Commands; rotating Direct Reporting Units; the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve Command; one Army Joint command; and the Sergeant Major of the Army. AFREC members are spouses of 4-Star commanders
- Serves to positively enhance Soldier and Family readiness, retention, increase program productivity, and connect Families to the Army. The council members serve as advocates for Family Programs and assist in the successful implementation of the programs and services.
- Council meeting topics include current emerging issues such as, but not limited, to Soldier-Family Action Plan; Army Support of Wounded Warrior and Survivor Families; Financial Readiness, Volunteer initiatives, Enlisted Spouse initiatives, and geographically dispersed population outreach efforts.
- AFREC evaluates and discusses issues/action plans from AFRAC; refers appropriate issues to MWR EXCOM and BOD for resolution.
- Members provide commands update on Family readiness status and emerging issues.
- Council meetings are fully funded by FMWRC.

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**Q: Is there a formal method for ensuring regular communication on Family-related topics and issues takes place between Army command representatives and Army Headquarters?**

**A:** Yes, the Army Family Readiness Advisory Council meets to address these topics and issues.

**Q: How does this initiative positively influence Soldier and Family Readiness?**

**A:** The AFRAC's role, from the strategic and global Army-wide perspectives, is to share emerging Family issues, assess and recommend solutions for the issues, establish short and long term goals and objectives, serve as advocates for the Family programs/services, and assist with the implementation of Family Programs that will impact the quality of life of Soldiers and Families.

**Q: Who attends these forums?**

**A:** AFREC members are spouses of 4-star commanders. AFRAC is composed of senior spouse leaders from the Active, Guard and Reserves. Each of the command's senior spouses with a standing membership may select 3 command volunteer spouse representatives from among the officer and enlisted ranks to attend the AFRAC semi-annual meetings.

**Q: What is the format of AFRAC meetings?**

**A:** The council members are provided with HQDA program updates on the various Family programs. A theme is selected as the topic for each meeting and frames the discussion for the workgroup to assess initiatives, recommend and generate strategies, and develop an action plan for Army wide implementation. This forum also provides the members with the opportunity to share best practices.

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**Q: What happens to the outcomes of the AFRAC meeting?**

**A:** Council Members report back to their Commands about presentations and discussion taking place during meetings. Action Plans are provided to HQDA Action Officers for execution. AFRAC outcomes and recommendations are reported to the AFREC for evaluation and referral of appropriate issues to the Soldier and Family Readiness (SFR) BOD for resolution.

**Q: What is the role of the AFREC?**

**A:** The role of the Army Family Readiness Executive Council is strategic in nature. The Executive Council reviews and monitors the actions of AFRAC.