

## How much do Americans really know about U.S. military service members deployed in Eastern Europe?

More than 20,000 U.S. military service members have been deployed to Eastern Europe since the beginning of the conflict between Ukraine and Russia. While all Americans benefit from their service, few are

knowledgeable about all that our military members sacrifice or what it means to serve. Nearly two-in-three American adults say they are not

knowledgeable about what U.S. military service members are doing in Eastern Europe. of American adults incorrectly believe that most U.S. military service members deployed in response to the Ukraine/Russia

conflict are located in Ukraine. 

majority of American adults when they think about U.S military service member deployments. Percent of American adults who most associate U.S. military service member deployments with those in:

U.S. troops in Eastern Europe are not top of mind for the vast

The Middle East

12% Eastern Europe



members deployed in Eastern Europe. Percent of American adults who say they often follow news about: The Ukraine/Russia crisis

in Ukraine. Far fewer follow news about U.S. military service

Many American adults keep up with news about the crisis

59%

U.S. military service members deployed in Eastern Europe

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More than a third of American adults say that this number is higher than they expected.

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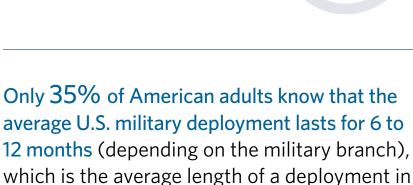
33%

Only 35% of American adults know that the average U.S. military deployment lasts for 6 to 12 months (depending on the military branch),

Eastern Europe.

American adults lack personal connections with U.S. military

service members deployed in Eastern Europe — and around



30%

Percent of American Among those, American adults say adults who are the service member in Eastern 10% connected to a Europe who they are connected to is: U.S. military service A friend: 5%

72% of American adults do not personally know any active-duty (not veterans) members of the U.S. military deployed anywhere in the world.

of a military household.

member deployed

in Eastern Europe:

the world.

Emotional toll of having a deployed spouse

Managing childcare while spouse is deployed

Staying in touch with deployed spouse

Achieving their professional goals

87% of those surveyed are not part

Someone in their network: 4%

A spouse or family member: 3%



83%

**74**%

70%

78% Logistics surrounding spouse's rapid deployment 77%

Household duties 68% Nearly all Americans believe it is important to support individual U.S. military service members and their families, but only four in 10 do so. Regardless of their view of the U.S. military or its operations, 86% of American adults agree that Americans have a duty to support individual U.S. military service members and families.

Slightly less than half (42%) of American adults are currently supporting U.S. military service members and families.

U.S. military service members are a force for good in the world. It is crucial that we help keep them strong and connected to all that gives meaning to their service.

Learn how you can support U.S. military service members deployed in Eastern Europe and their families back home.