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Tsuga Community Commission has worked to provide a place for military youth to connect for decades now. When I was a camper nearly 20 years ago, it was one of the few places where I was able to connect with other military kids. One of the few places I felt a sense of common ground. When I was a counselor I saw that same sense of safety and belonging in numerous participants.

A family member deployed faces one with a set of fears that the average kid won't relate to. These programs provide the tools needed for individual growth; be it resiliency, confidence in a group, or facing new challenges. I find growth is often easiest when among those with shared experiences. I formed friendships that have lasted to this day. My time with TCC are some of the greatest memories I have.

Please consider funding for a program that's worked tirelessly for years for our community.