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This jeweler offers an eagle pendant with a patriotic purpose: Helping military families in times of need

NOT EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTS their country serves in the military. Jill Felts does so — and lets others, too — through a pendant she calls Allegiance®.

The Atlanta-based jewelry designer, who uses her artistry to bring attention to various charitable causes, found a special way to help her client base of military spouses.

“You see the news reports about wounded service members, and you know their families are going through a hard time,” says Felts, herself the daughter of a Marine Corps veteran and a USAA member for more than 20 years. “Being in the military is a family commitment, and I wanted to recognize their sacrifices.”

To do that, Felts designed the Allegiance pendant, which depicts a soaring eagle surrounded by 10 words that represent the values Felts attributes to military families: sacrifice, service, family, freedom, friendship, faith, duty, honor, country and courage.

She donates a portion of Allegiance pendant sales from her Web site, compelling-creations.com, to Fisher House, a nonprofit organization that houses families of patients that receive medical care at major military medical centers.

“We’re raising awareness of organizations like the Fisher House,” Felts says, “so hopefully other people will be motivated to help in their own way.”



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