

Biography of Laura Hyten Spouse of the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff



Mrs. Laura Hyten is married to General John E. Hyten, the 11th Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Raised in Southern California, Laura attended the University of California at Irvine, where she studied Liberal Arts.

Mrs. Hyten's insurance career encompassed personal lines, Life & Disability, and Health, culminating as a Commercial Lines Underwriter for CNA.

Laura has long been a champion for military spouses and families, working to create a support network in the military community. After marrying John when he was an Air Force Captain, they immediately started a family. Deployments and frequent moves followed over the next 13 years, making her decision to focus on her family's security and happiness an easy one. It was in this time Laura became a passionate volunteer, enthusiastically assisting in her children's classrooms, working in the library, and in adult education. She found her calling teaching Bible study to preschoolers.

As General Hyten's career and command responsibilities grew, Laura's focus on faith issues gradually shifted to the base chapel where she became a mentor mom for the Military Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group at Peterson AFB. This work inspired her to co-found the chapel group Just Among Military Moms (JAMM) with the mission to serve military moms by giving them the venue to strengthen their faith and build relationships that bettered all in the community. Laura is still active in JAMM and advocates for its placement at all military installations.

Laura is currently an Ambassador for Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) and Easter Seals, and hopes to engage other organizations that strengthen military families, thereby supporting the mission of defending our nation and making the world a more secure place. She is well known for her delicious Almond Butter Crunch toffee, which she often presents to guests, families, distinguished visitors, and service members on numerous occasions to express her warm regards. Mrs. Hyten's hobbies include golf, hiking, cooking, reading and travel. She and General Hyten have two grown children, Katie and Chris, both of whom are married.