**Military Families**

The Cross Committee sessions on Military Families was held Tuesday afternoon of the PLN conference. The session was planned and implemented using speakers that included Brent Elrod,

National Program Leader who provided updates on the USDA/NIFA Program Initiative—Military and Veteran’s programs. Additionally, program directors from recognized state programs in the southern region participated as speakers for this session and spoke on military families. Program directors from Texas, West Virginia, Georgia and Louisiana contributed to round table discussion on projects and the strategies each one used to conduct and/or create family programs for this population of the citizenry. Only seven participants attended the session with the following results from the evaluation:

Survey Responses: Military Family (These are mean scores collected from evaluation surveys)

4.71 Learned more information about different military programs

4.29 Learned how to provide resources for services members, veterans and their families

4.43 Understand program challenges, opportunities, and concerns military face

3.00 Identified methods of using social media as a tool for implementing programs

3.86 Identified action steps that can be used to create military family programs.

\*Participants were asked to rate the sessions based on a 5- point likert scale