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2016 MIC3 Annual Meeting

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) held their 2016 Annual Business Meeting on October 26-28th at the World Center Marriott in Orlando, Florida. The MIC3 thanked meeting host, Florida Commissioner, Capt (R, USN) Bob Buehn for his hospitality. Focused on organizational development, the Commission released a new vision, mission, and strategic plan aimed at serving stakeholders more effectively. They also launched a complete rebranding – with a new logo and collateral materials.

“The Commission has reached a turning point, one that leads to a new future,” said Kate Wren Gavlak, Commission Chair (CA). “The new direction emphasizes our commitment to ‘successful educational transitions’ for all the children of our service men and women.”

The Commission recognized outgoing elected Executive Committee members including Chair Gavlak; Past Chair and Hawaii Commissioner, Brig Gen (Ret) Kathleen Berg; and former Executive Director, Major General Stephen Hogan, the Adjutant General of the Kentucky National Guard. Florida Department of Education,

Student Support Services Team Leader Curtis Jenkins was also recognized for his work on the Florida State Council.

"Florida is dedicated to being the most military friendly state in the nation and the best state for our children to get a world-class education," said Florida Governor Rick Scott. "We appreciate the commission's work with military families and continue to be incredibly grateful to our service men and women for their sacrifices to protect our nation state."

A special posthumous award was presented to Sami Takai, spouse of U.S. Congressman Mark Takai (HI) for his work and support of the Compact. Prior to his election to Congress in 2014, Takai served as a State Legislator in Hawaii for over 20 years and as an Ex-Officio member for 5 years representing the National Council of State Legislators.

This meeting was well attended with over 90 participants, including Commissioners and Ex-Officio members, as well as over 40 school personnel, military school liaison officers and members representing the all branches of service, and the United States Public Health Service.

Developed by the Council of State Governments' National Center for Interstate Compacts, the U.S. Department of Defense, national associations, federal and state officials, the department of education of each state, school administrators and military families, the MIC3 is a governmental entity operating under the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The Compact ensures the uniform treatment of military children transferring between states and school districts.

For more information about MIC3, visit: www.mic3.net.

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