

New Mexico 2020-2021 End of Year Report

August 28, 2021

State Council Members:

- Military Family Education Liaison:
 - Martin Chavez, Civic Outreach Coordinator, New Mexico Public Education Department
- Military Representative:
 - Col Megan Cornett, 377th Mission Support Group Commander, Kirtland Air Force Base, United States Air Force
- State Council Members:
 - Major General Kenneth Nava, Adjutant General, New Mexico National Guard
 - Sonya Smith, Secretary for Veterans Affairs, New Mexico
 - Beth Mann, School Liaison, Kirtland Air Force Base, United States Air Force
 - Sally Marquez, Executive Director, New Mexico Activities Association
 - Greg Myers, NM Director, Military Base Planning and Support
 - Andres Romero, Education Chair, New Mexico House of Representatives
 - Renee Russ, Superintendent, Clovis Municipal Schools
 - Bill Soules, Education Chair, New Mexico State Senate

Summary of Activities:

- The New Mexico State Council held its first State Council meeting on September 29, 2020. The meeting agenda included member introductions, Compact 101 Training presentation by Cherise Imai, MIC 3 Executive Director, Appointment of Mr. Zach Chavez as Military Family Education Liaison, Mic3 National report, Guidance on upcoming state proposed legislature and School Liaison presentations.
- The second State Council meeting was held on January 13, 2021. The meeting agenda included the following discussions: overview of Kirtland AFB, adoption of the State Council by-laws, MIC3 National Report, Military Child Identifier, National Guard and Reserve briefing on the MIC3 National Guard and Reserve Task Force, Military Culture presentation, and Month of the Military Child.
- The third State Council meeting was held on May 12, 2021. Meeting agenda items included the following: USAG White Sands Missile Range Installation overview, a review of the 2021 Legislative Session, Military Student Identifier update, Month of the Military Child presentation, continued discussion on the National Guard and Reserve components, MIC3 National Report.
- The next NM State Council meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2021 at 9:00am. We will be discussing election of officers, adding additional council members, and the New Mexico Purple Star program. We will also continue discussions regarding the New Mexico position on the National Guard and Reserve expansion.
- The MIC3 Commissioner and School Liaisons meet on a regular basis to discuss current topics concerning the military children in New Mexico. These meetings provide on-going communication and teamwork throughout the state.
- The State Council has been very active this past year in supporting legislation as it was prepared to be proposed at the 2021 New Mexico legislative session. SB271 Purple State Public School

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program, SB272 Military Family Early School Enrollment and HB120 Military Spouse Expedited Licensure all became law effective June 18, 2021. All 3 pieces of legislation are wins for the military students and their families while the active-duty member is stationed in New Mexico.

- On July 19, 2021, The Military Child Education Coalition presented the Pete Taylor Partnership of excellence Award to a cohort of state-wide partners for creating an ideal working relationship toward helping to prepared and support the passing of four New Mexico legislative bills aimed to ease the stress

As Commissioner of the New Mexico MIC3 Commission, I am truly appreciative of all the support and guidance give to me by Cherise Imai and the national staff as we have worked to get a New Mexico State Council established and meeting on a regular basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Ferenczhalmy
NM MIC3 Commissioner