



AGENDA

ARKANSAS COUNCIL FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, February 27, 2026, 1:00 PM

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I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Approval of Agenda***

III. Public Comments

IV. New Business

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V. Adjournment***

*** Indicates a vote is required



MINUTES

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I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Kaminar called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM and called roll. The following members were present:

John Kaminar, Chair
Andelyn Wright, Vice Chair
Jody Bergstrom
Rep. Karilyn Brown
Sen. Jane English
Lt. Col. James Garvey
Christina Harper
Brian Melton
Bobbie Olles
Dr. Janice Walker
Christyal Parker
Jennifer Reynolds
Jessica Saum
Emily Taylor
Terri Williams
Col Katrina Smith (DOD Liaison)
Chelsey Swindle (Gold Star Family Advisor)
Col. (Ret.) Wayne Ruthven (Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs Liaison)
Alisha Price (Legal Advisor)
Carly Teeter (Student Advisor, 4th Congressional District)

The following members were absent:

John Ciesla – Excused
Whitney Malham
LaShawnDa Noel
Alyson Pitts
Rick Porter (Special Education Liaison)
Ava Berryhill (Student Advisor, 1st Congressional District)
Caleb Carranco (Student Advisor, 2nd Congressional District)
Weston Arnett (Student Advisor, 3rd Congressional District)

A quorum was established.

II. Approval of Agenda

Vice Chair Wright moved to approve the agenda. Rep. Brown seconded. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. New Business

A. Selection of Outstanding Military Scholar Award Winner

Vice Chair Wright presented the finalist scoresheets for the Outstanding Military Scholar Award. She summarized the selection process and reviewed the scores. She stated that the finalists' nomination packets were available if any Council member should wish to see them.

Mr. Melton moved to approve Nominee 1 as the winner of the Outstanding Military Scholar Award for 2026. Sen. English seconded. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

V. Adjournment

Vice Chair Wright moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Saum seconded. There was no discussion. Motion carried. Chair Kaminar declared the meeting adjourned at 1:17 PM.

Minutes recorded by J Kaminar

OUTSTANDING MLITARY SCHOLAR AWARD

SCORE TALLY SHEET

NOMINEE'S NAME	<u>Nominee 1</u>	
NOMINEE'S CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT	<u>3</u>	
ACADEMIC SCORE		<u>267</u>
EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP SCORE		<u>218</u>
COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING SCORE		<u>120</u>
ESSAY SCORE		<u>54</u>
INTERVIEW SCORE		<u>122</u>
TOTAL SCORE		<u>781</u>

OUTSTANDING MLITARY SCHOLAR AWARD

SCORE TALLY SHEET

NOMINEE'S NAME	<u>Nominee 2</u>	
NOMINEE'S CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT	<u>2</u>	
ACADEMIC SCORE		<u>183</u>
EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP SCORE		<u>103</u>
COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING SCORE		<u>98</u>
ESSAY SCORE		<u>45</u>
INTERVIEW SCORE		<u> </u>
TOTAL SCORE		<u>429</u>

OUTSTANDING MLITARY SCHOLAR AWARD

ESSAY SCORE TALLY SHEET

NOMINEE'S NAME	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>3</u>
NOMINEE'S CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT	<u>2</u>	
EVALUATOR 1 SCORE		<u>58</u>
EVALUATOR 2 SCORE		<u>54</u>
EVALUATOR 3 SCORE		<u>60</u>
TOTAL ESSAY SCORE		<u>172</u>
AVERAGE ESSAY SCORE		<u>57.3333</u>
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