



**MEETING/PROJECT NAME:**

Montana Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

DATE OF MEETING: April 27, 2023

TIME: 1:32 PM – 2:15 PM

LOCATION: Zoom/Phone Conference

MEETING OBJECTIVE: Annual Meeting

PRESIDER: Elsie Arntzen Superintendent, Montana Office of Public Instruction, and Retired Sergeant Ray Shaw, Montana Compact Commissioner

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Jenna McKinney, Director of Family Engagement, Montana Office of Public Instruction, [Jenna.McKinney@mt.gov](mailto:Jenna.McKinney@mt.gov) or 406-438-3400

**ATTENDEES**

**PRESENT COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Ray Shaw, Retired Sergeant, Montana Compact Commissioner  
Lisa Sapp, Malmstrom Air Force Base  
Col. Christopher Karns, United States Air Force, Malmstrom Air Force Base  
Elsie Arntzen, OPI Superintendent  
Jenna McKinney, OPI Director of Family Engagement  
Tom Moore, Great Falls Public Schools Superintendent

**PRESENT VIA ZOOM**

Savanah Sill, Lead Coordinator for Child and Youth Program, Montana Army National Guard

**AGENDA AND NOTES, DISCUSSIONS, ISSUES (OPEN PRESENTATIONS)**

**TOPICS AND DISCUSSIONS**

Meeting Begins: 1:32PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Review and Approval of September 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- Lisa reminded the Commission that first round renewals were coming up and recommended creating a portfolio to help guide qualifications for renewal.



- We had discussion on expanding outreach to share the Purple Up Star Schools and Champions programs in new regions of the state.
  - Lisa introduced special guest Janene Felter with Military One Source as a partner in outreach. Janene works with the Family Readiness Center and serves all branches of military.
  - Col. Karns recommended considering MIC3 Champions for the business sector, as well as a University Purple Up for college campuses.
  - Lisa mentioned Jessica (previous OPI/MIC3 staff) was working on building a military university graduate military profile-example: requirement could include classes focused on civics.
  - Superintendent Moore recommended graduates could have a military sash with a seal for their robes to distinguish them. He also recommended starting an ROTC affiliate programs and recommended Lewistown as a potential first pilot location.
  - Col. Karns will get a list of all military growth and development locations to help locate potential areas of focus for program expansion.
  - Savannah Sill discussed interest in raising awareness about Month of Military Child and MIC3
  - Regarding outreach State Superintendent recommended reviewing bylaws and MIC3 website. Lisa Sapp will take lead on reviewing website.
- Meeting Concluded at 2:15PM



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