

Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission

The Thomas D. Rutan State (Ohio) Council

Meeting Minutes for Monday, 4 August 2025 @ 11:15 a.m.

Warren Co Career Center / 3525 North State Route 48, Lebanon, OH 45036 / + MS Teams

Session



Our Mission to Ohio’s Military Kids: Reduce or eliminate any roadblocks that hinder the educational success of Military Children in the Buckeye state.

Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amber Houck | <input type="checkbox"/> Courtney Kessler | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenn Davis | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patrick Shaughnessy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Edmonds | <input type="checkbox"/> Chad Wyen | <input type="checkbox"/> Josh Battistone | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pete LuPiba |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Seward | <input type="checkbox"/> Chad Wyen | <input type="checkbox"/> Kathy McFarland | <input type="checkbox"/> Sean Brazel |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashley Twedt | <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Picha | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristin Ronai | <input type="checkbox"/> Shari Obrenski |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Austin Corder | <input type="checkbox"/> Christine Young | <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Jones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shatila Smith |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Becky Hornberger | <input type="checkbox"/> Darren Miller | <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Scherer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tammy Puff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Casey Weinstein | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geri Maples | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Lewis | <input type="checkbox"/> Terry Johnson |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Jared Shank | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Dovilla | <input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Rutan |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Jason Durell | <input type="checkbox"/> Nori Jackson | <input type="checkbox"/> Tim Freeman |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Scragg | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Perkins |

Call to Order:

- Introductions
 - The meeting commenced at 11:15 a.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.
- Approval of Agenda:
 - A motion to approve the agenda was put forward by Michele Lewis and seconded by Tammy Puff. The motion passed.
- Review of Minutes:
 - A motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting was put forward by Michele Lewis and seconded by Shatila Smith. The motion passed.

Old Business of Rutan State Council:

- State of Ohio MIC3 Annual Report
 - Annual report submitted to National MIC3 on June 30.
- The 2nd Purple Star Schools Summit
 - The second annual Purple Star Schools Summit was held on June 18, 2025 at Big Walnut High School. Over 100 educators and other stakeholders attended the event.
- National MIC3 Training Sessions
 - Monthly Compact 101 sessions from National MIC3 and through the online training portal. Compact 201 trainings are available throughout the year.
- National MIC3 Member-State Dues
 - MIC3 dues paid by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.
 - Ohio Department of Veteran Services is responsible for dues next year.
- Janet R. Wynn MIC3 Memorial Award
 - Abby and Chase Johnson of Beavercreek City Schools earned the award in 2025.
 - The council wishes to increase awareness and the number of applicants next year.
- National Convening 2025.

- Jenn Davis reported that the organizing committee has approved 28 session proposals. The event takes place on Oct. 28.

Reports of the Rutan State Council:

- Tammy Puff, Office of the Honorable Mike DeWine
 - The governor will proclaim November as the Month of the Military Family.
 - Brigadier General Woodruff recently took command as Ohio's Adjutant General. Major General Harris is not the Director of Veteran Services.
- Shatila Smith and Andrea Edmonds, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
 - The School Liaison Program Manager provided a summary of their services and outreach.
 - The School Liaisons shared compact case where a student was able to tryout for a cheerleading team with the assistance of the compact.
 - Change of Command, 88th Air Base Wing Mission Support Group
 - Farewell to Colonel Brazel and welcome to Colonel Sanders.
- Jason Scragg, Ohio Department of Education and Workforce
 - The 2025 Purple Star was a success. 700 schools are now participating in the state.
 - Ohio now allows active duty families to apply for open enrollment year round.
- Amber Houck, Defense Supply Center Columbus
 - Amber provided a summary of her family support work at Defense Supply Center Columbus.
- Krista Taylor, Ohio Military Veteran Educator Program
 - Krista is overseeing the program while Brooke Wood's is on a leave of absence.
- Geri Maples, Blue Star
 - Blue Star welcome Week [Blue Star Welcome Week: Fostering Community and Belonging for Military Families](#)
 - Field day with Franklin City Schools, Oct. 3.
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 - Military Caregivers conference scheduled for Nov. 15 at Antioch University.

New Business of Rutan State Council:

- Ohio and South Carolina Joint State Town Hall
 - Ohio and South Carolina held a town hall to discuss Purple Star initiatives and how to best support military-connected students. The [Military Child Education Coalition](#) created a report from the meeting.
- Military Family Appreciation Month
 - The council will be supporting a statewide spirit week similar to the Month of the Military Child.
- 9/11 Programming by Team Kentucky Purple Star/Global Game Changers
 - [Global Game Changers](#) provides free character curriculum for schools. It includes lessons on 9/11.
- MIC3 Annual Business Meeting 2025
 - The MIC3 Annual Business Meeting will take place from Oct. 23-24 in Indianapolis.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was motioned by Michele Lewis and seconded by Tammy Puff. The council adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

The council will next meet in November 2025.