

Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission

The Thomas D. Rutan State (Ohio) Council

Meeting Minutes for Monday, 1 December 2025 @ 9:30 a.m.

Berlin High School / 3140 Berlin Station Road, Delaware, OH 43015 / + 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"/> Josh Battistone | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patrick Shaughnessy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Edmonds | <input type="checkbox"/> Chad Wyen | <input type="checkbox"/> Kathy McFarland | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pete LuPiba |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Seward | <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Picha | <input type="checkbox"/> Kristin Ronai | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shari Obrenski |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashley Twedt | <input type="checkbox"/> Christine Young | <input type="checkbox"/> Kristin Ronai | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shatila Smith |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Austin Corder | <input type="checkbox"/> Darren Miller | <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Jones | <input type="checkbox"/> Tammy Puff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Becky Hornberger | <input type="checkbox"/> Desiree Tims | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Scherer | <input type="checkbox"/> Terry Johnson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Casey Weinstein | <input type="checkbox"/> Geri Maples | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marietta Sanders | <input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Rutan |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Jared Shank | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Lewis | <input type="checkbox"/> Tim Freeman |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Durell | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Dovilla | <input type="checkbox"/> Tom Perkins |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Scragg | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nori Jackson | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenn Davis | | |

Call to Order:

- Introductions
 - The meeting commenced at 9:30 a.m. Members and guests introduced themselves. Jason D. welcomed the group and provided information about Valor Tutoring.
- Approval of Agenda
 - A motion to approve the agenda was put forward by Jenn Davis and seconded by Josh Battistone. The motion passed.
- Review of Minutes
 - A motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting was put forward by Josh Battistone and seconded by Jenn Davis. The motion passed.

Old Business of Rutan State Council:

- MIC3 Annual Business Meeting
 - 6 members of the state council attended in Indianapolis at NCAA headquarters.
 - This year's meeting was different due to lack of federal employee participation due to government shutdown.
 - Next year's meeting will be held again in Indianapolis.
- Month of the Military Family
 - The governor's proclamation of the Month of the Military Family was shared with the council.
 - The Ohio School Board Association partnered with the council on their veteran recognition program.
 - The council held the first statewide Military Family Spirit Week in November.
- Janet R. Wynn MIC3 Memorial Award
 - The 2025 award winners are Abby and Chase Johnson of Beavercreek High School. The award was presented by council members Jason Durell and Michelle Lewis.
- 9/11 Programming

- Patrick Shaughnessy shared [9/11 resources](#). These resources can be used by schools in grades K-12.
- [National Convening of Purple Star Schools](#)
 - The event was held on Oct. 28 and hosted by Ashland University.
 - Jenn Davis, Courtney Kessler, Pete LuPiba helped organize and run the event.
 - It features 27 sessions with 349 attendees.
- Kids Mental Health Foundation
 - The foundation has recently published [a report](#) on helping military-connected children.

Reports of the Rutan State Council:

- Col. Marietta Sanders, Commanding Officer 88th Mission Support Group
 - Col. Sanders is the new commanding office of the 88th MSG. This is her family's 10th move and 7th school district.
 - Her command includes overseeing the School Liaison Program.
- Shatila Smith and Andrea Edmonds, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
 - School Liaisons supported back to school events this fall. This included a Kids Understanding Deployment (KUDOS) event.
 - 8 Military Family Life Counselors are supporting districts near the base.
- Jason Scragg, Ohio Department of Education and Workforce
 - Shared statewide military student identification data from the 2024-2025 school year.
- Chris Picha, Department of Veteran Services
 - 2025 Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame inductions were held on Nov. 6. The 2026 nomination deadline is June 1.
- Andrew Seward and Mark Scherer, Ohio National Guard
 - Ohio Militay Kids will host Winter Wonderland in Dec.
 - Planning is underway for 2026 youth and family camps.

- Ohio National Guard Youth Program Region 5 teen summit meeting at Kellys Island this summer.

New Business of Rutan State Council:

- Ohio Purple Star Summit
 - Kim Castiglione and Ashely Twedt are planning event for next year.
- Month of the Military Child
 - Council is planning this year's spirit week for April.
- Ohio MIC3/Purple Star Schools Google Site
 - Council is encouraging schools to post ideas and events on Padlet and Ohio MIC3 Facebook page.
- Military Kid Library Program
 - Building a template to gather donations and build Military Kid Libraries.
- Future Joint Townhalls
 - Explore other states to partner with to host future town halls.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was motioned by Michelle Lewis and seconded by Jenn Davis. The council adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

The council will next meet in March 2026.