

# Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission

## The Thomas D. Rutan State (Ohio) Council

MOMTMC Meeting's Minutes for Friday, 21 March 2025 @ 1:30 p.m. (1330 Hrs.)

*Month of the Military Child!*

Chapel Community Center / 648 Chapel Lane, Dayton, OH 45431 / + 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:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Wyen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Josh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pete LuPiba
<input type="checkbox"/> Edmonds	<input type="checkbox"/> Chris Picha	<input type="checkbox"/> Battistone	<input type="checkbox"/> Sean Brazel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christine	<input type="checkbox"/> Kathy	<input type="checkbox"/> Shari Obrenski
<input type="checkbox"/> Seward	<input type="checkbox"/> Young	<input type="checkbox"/> McFarland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shatila Smith
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashley Twedt	<input type="checkbox"/> Courtney Tyree	<input type="checkbox"/> Kristin Ronai	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tammy Puff
<input type="checkbox"/> Becky	<input type="checkbox"/> Darren Miller	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Jones	<input type="checkbox"/> Terry Johnson
<input type="checkbox"/> Hornberger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Desiree Tims	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Scherer	<input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Rutan
<input type="checkbox"/> Brooke Woods	<input type="checkbox"/> Jared Shank	<input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Lewis	<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Freeman
<input type="checkbox"/> Casey	<input type="checkbox"/> Jason Durell	<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Dovilla	<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Perkins
<input type="checkbox"/> Weinstein	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Scragg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nori Jackson	
<input type="checkbox"/> Courtney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenn Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patrick	
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### **Call to Order:**

- Introductions
  - The meeting commenced at 1:36 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.
- Welcome
  - Remarks given by hosts, Shatila Smith and Andrea Edmonds from the School Liaison Program.
- Approval of Agenda:
  - A motion to approve the agenda was put forward by Michele Lewis and seconded by Jen Davis. The motion passed.
- Review of Minutes:
  - A motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting was put forward by Jason Scragg and seconded by Michele Lewis. The motion passed.

### **Old Business of Rutan State Council:**

- Month of the Military Child
  - Members of the council shared activities to celebrate the Month of the Military Child. Events included:
    - Visit by students from Anthony Wayne Local Schools to the 180<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing.
    - Participation in the statewide spirit week.
    - A county wide Military Signing Day event in Medina County.
  - The Wright-Patterson AFB School Liaison Program will tour Purple Star schools and host events at the base including Kidsfest on April 25.
  - Huber Heights City Schools will post yard signs at the homes of military-connected students in the district.

- Richland County is organizing a Pump Up the Purple campaign that invites schools, cities, and businesses to display purple in April.
- National Kids Mental Health Foundation
  - Work is in progress on resources in supporting military-connecting students. The foundation is meeting with stakeholders throughout the state on developing resources and videos to support the mental health of military-connected students.
- Purple Star Schools Summit
  - The second Ohio Purple Star Summit is scheduled for June 18. Save the date sent out. Registration is open and a call for presenters has been sent out. The Summit will be held at Big Walnut High School. Lunch will be provided by the American Legion Irvin Hiskey Post 535 of Bellville.
- Ohio and South Carolina Joint Town Hall
  - A joint town hall between the two states organized by MCEC. The town hall shared activities and strategies to support military-connected youth.

**Reports of the Rutan State Council:**

- Tammy Puff, Office of the Honorable Mike DeWine
  - Governor DeWine’s proclamation on April as the Month of the Military Child was shared with the council.
- Shatila Smith and Andrea Edmonds, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
  - The School Liaison Program is increasing its footprint with the number of school districts the program directly interacts with. The new Ready Set Go program supports college and career readiness.
- Jason Scragg, Ohio Department of Education and Workforce
  - The Department held a statewide Military Signing Day on March 11. Almost 100 students attended the event at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum.
  - On March 12 the Department hosted a regional meeting on highly mobile student populations in Montgomery County. This included information on military-

connected students. The meeting brought together educators, children services representatives, and other stakeholders.

- Purple Star Class of 2025
  - This year's Purple Star Awards will be announced on April 15.
  - The Purple Star Advisory Board will meet on May 8.
- Active-Duty Enrollment options
  - [Ohio law](#) has been updated to allow active-duty families the ability to apply for open enrollment in districts across the state. The law goes into effect on April 9.
- Andrew Seward and Mark Scherer, Ohio National Guard Youth Program
  - Ohio Military Kids (OMK) hosts camps in the summer to support military-connected students. OMK is looking for donors to decrease camp costs for non-Ohio National Guard dependents. Limited scholarships are available.

**New Business of Rutan State Council:**

- National MIC3 Training Sessions
  - National MIC3 offers monthly trainings on the compact in addition to an online Compact 101 course.
- National MIC3 Member Dues
  - National MIC3 will invoice Ohio for its dues soon. The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce is responsible for dues this year.
- Veteran Administration Partnerships
  - The Columbus VA is partnering with AIMS Middle School of Columbus City Schools to participate and share program information.
  - Chillicothe VA has a similar partnership with the Pickaway-Ross Career Center.
- Blue Star Families
  - Blue Star Families of Southwest Ohio will celebrate its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Mad River Local Schools will be honored as the 2024 Purple Champion on April 26 at a Dayton Dragons game.

- Purple Star National Convening 2025
  - Planning has begun for the Purple Star National Convening being held on Oct 28, 2025. Save the date and a call for proposals has been sent out.
- Pennsylvania Proposal
  - The Pennsylvania MIC3 commissioner is proposing a Purple Star School of the Year Award. More information is coming soon.
- Annual MIC3 Report
  - The council is at work on the annual report due in July.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was motioned by Michele Lewis and seconded by Tammy Puff. The council adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

The council will next meet in August 2025.