

**Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission
2023 Missouri Annual Report
Commissioner Brian Henry**

State Council Members:

Title	Council Member
Missouri State Senator	Justin Brown
Missouri Commissioner of Education	Dr. Margie Vandeven
Missouri Military Advocate	Harry Roberts
Missouri Commissioner	Dr. Brian Henry
Fort Leonard Wood Representative	vacant
Commission Member, Executive Director of the Sustainable Ozarks Partnership	Dorsey Newcomb
Commission Member, MCEC (ret.)	Joan Barrett
Commission Member, Director of Missouri State High School Activities Association	vacant
Commission Member, Superintendent of Knob Noster Schools (Whiteman AFB)	Dr. Jerrod Wheeler
Military Representative	Walter Mattil
Commission Member, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	Jocelyn Strand
Commission Member, Warrensburg School District	John Finnane

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2022 Missouri Accomplishments/Training:

- The Month of the Military Child Kick-off Event was held in the State Capitol Rotunda on April 5, 2023. This event featured Governor Mike Parson, Missouri Commissioner of Education Dr. Margie Vandeven, State Representative Bill Hardwick, Whiteman Air Force Base Wing Commander Colonel Diehl, Commandant of the Army Engineering School at Fort Leonard Wood Colonel Goetz, and numerous dignitaries and elected officials from across the state and Missouri. In addition, students from Waynesville School District (Fort Leonard Wood), Knob Noster School District (Whiteman Air Force Base), and Warrensburg School District (Whiteman Air Force Base) attended the event. Three students were selected to speak to attendees and share their transitional experiences as military children.
- Missouri School Districts earning the Missouri Purple Star Award were recognized at the Month of the Military Child Kick-off.

- In addition to the Month of the Military Child Kick-off Event, Governor Parson ordered the lighting of the Missouri Governor's Mansion in purple on April 5, 2023 to commemorate the Month of the Military Child.
- MIC3 Missouri State Council met in June 2022, September 2022, and in June of 2023.
- May 10, 2023 Salute to Service featuring Missouri Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe, Major General Gary Brito- Commanding General of Army Training and Doctrine Command, Major General Jim Bonner- Commanding General Fort Leonard Wood-The Adjutant General to the Missouri National Guard Major General Levon E. Cumpston, Dr. Kari Monsees- Assistant Commissioner Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, which recognized students from across south central Missouri enlisting, entering ROTC, or receiving an appointment to one our nation's service academies.