

Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission

The Thomas D. Rutan State (Ohio) Council

MOTMC Meeting's Minutes for Wednesday, 20 March 2024 @ 11:00 a.m.

Anthony Wayne Junior High School / 6035 Finzel Road, Whitehouse, Ohio 43571 / + MS Teams



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 type="checkbox"/> Adreana Tartt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chip Merkle | <input type="checkbox"/> Kathy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shatila Smith |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allison Russo | <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Picha | McFarland | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tammy Puff |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashley Twedt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristin Ronai | <input type="checkbox"/> Terry Johnson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Becky | Young | <input type="checkbox"/> Matt Cox | <input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Rutan |
| Hornberger | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Courtney Tyree | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Jones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Freeman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian Lampton | <input type="checkbox"/> Darren Miller | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael | <input type="checkbox"/> Tom Perkins |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brooke Woods | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Haley Young | Bankey | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trina Pauley |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courtney | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jared Shank | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Lewis | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Valerie Kunze |
| Kessler | <input type="checkbox"/> Jason Durell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pete LuPiba | <input type="checkbox"/> Vernon Sykes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Callie Haas | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Scragg | <input type="checkbox"/> Roberson Hill | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Marzec | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenn Davis | <input type="checkbox"/> Shannon Cox | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Wyen | <input type="checkbox"/> Julie Gray | <input type="checkbox"/> Shari Obrenski | |

Call to Order:

- Introductions
 - The meeting commenced at 11:03 a.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.
- Welcome:
 - Christine Young introduced Anthony Wayne staff and Purple Star Generals.
 - Presentation video from Waterville Elementary.
 - Anthony Wayne Junior High students shared perspectives on being in a military family.
 - Tammy Puff presented the governor's proclamation of the Month of the Military Child.
 - State of New York MIC3 Commissioner Debra Jackson presented information about the New York State Council.
 - Tennessee MIC3 State Council Member Deb Munis shared the history of Purple Star in Tennessee and presented Pete LuPiba with a Quilt of Honor.
- Approval of Agenda:
 - A motion to approve the agenda was put forward by Michelle Lewis and seconded by Ashley Twedt. The motion passed.
- Review of Minutes:
 - A motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting was put forward by Michelle Lewis and seconded by Christine Young. The motion passed.

Old Business of Rutan State Council:

- Ohio MIC3 Strategic Plan in 2024-27
 - Chad Marzec presented and discussed the strategic plan.
- OhioCares Initiative
 - Adreana Tartt provided an overview of the program. The expanded working definition of military-connected youth was discussed.

- Report on National Convening 2024
 - Currently accepting proposals for the National Convening of Purple Star Schools and Communities schedule for October 2024.
- MIC3 National Training Website
 - The national MIC3 has created a self-paced online training module for Compact 101. The has been added to the Purple Star google site.
- PreK12-MIL Webinar Sessions
 - The Department of Education and Workforce hosted three webinars on the first three Wednesdays of March in 2024. The topics included Military Student Identification, Student Supports, and Becoming a Purple Star School.
 - Chip Merkle will schedule Purple Star Roundtables to be held in August.

Reports of the Rutan State Council:

- Tammy Puff, Office of the Honorable Mike DeWine
 - Director Puff shared the governor’s proclamation stating that April is the Month of the Military Child in April.
- Trina Pauley, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
 - Lt. Col. Hill leaving the 88th Force Support Squadron at end of June.
 - April 9 88th ABW change of command welcoming Col. Dustin Richards.
 - An idea was discussed of schools honoring military-connected students at graduation with purple cords. It is a local decision of districts to incorporate this into graduation.
- Jason Scragg, Department of Education and Workforce
 - Class of 2024 Purple Star schools will be announced April.
 - 80 students were honored at Military Signing Day 2024. Documents are available online to support local events.
- Chris Picha, Department of Veterans Services
 - No report.

- Chip Merkle, Ohio National Guard Youth Program
 - The Purple Star State Summit is being planned for the summer of 2024. It will be held at Big Walnut High School. Registration opens April 9.
 - Youth program opening Ohio Military Kids camp registration this spring.
- Courtney Tyree and Michael B., U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion
 - April 19 annual reserve partnership meeting. Discussing relationships between schools, recruiters, and reserve units. Promoting reserve units.

New Business of Rutan State Council:

- MOTMC 2024 Toolkit
 - The MIC3 and MCEC Month of the Military Child toolkits were shared.
- State Implementation of Four Initiatives to Support Military-Connected Students
 - Military Family Readiness at Penn State University conducted a review of state initiatives that support military-connected students. The review included advanced enrollment, Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, military student identification, and Purple Star.
- Janet Wynn MIC3 Memorial Award
 - The application window for the award closes on May 15.
- Pledge of Allegiance Sessions at Purple Star Schools with Local News Media during Morning Broadcasts
 - The council discussed opportunities for Purple Star schools to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance at events and on local news programming.
- Authoring Ohio's National MIC3 Annual Report in 2024
 - Council members are drafting the annual report due in summer 2024.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was motioned by Michelle Lewis and seconded by Jenn Davis. The council adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

The council will meet next in August 2024.