

Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission
The Thomas D. Rutan State (Ohio) Council

Minutes of the Meeting held Friday, 4 August 2023 10:00 a.m.

Davidson High School / 5100 Davidson Road, Hilliard, Ohio 43026 / +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"/> Adreana Tartt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chip Merkle | <input type="checkbox"/> Jason Durrell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roberson Hill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allison Russo | <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Picha | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Scragg | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shannon Cox |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashley Twedt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christine Young | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenn Davis | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shari Obrenski |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Becky | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Courtney Tyree | <input type="checkbox"/> Julie Gray | <input type="checkbox"/> Tammy Puff |
| Hornberger | <input type="checkbox"/> Darren Miller | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy | <input type="checkbox"/> Terry Johnson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian Lampton | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Schklar | McFarland | <input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Rutan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courtney | <input type="checkbox"/> Dawne Divine | <input type="checkbox"/> Kristin Ronai | <input type="checkbox"/> Tim Freeman |
| Kessler | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Petro | <input type="checkbox"/> Matt Cox | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Perkins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Callie Haas | <input type="checkbox"/> Erin Lunday | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Bankey | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trina Pauley |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Marzec | <input type="checkbox"/> Haley Young | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Lewis | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Valerie Kunze |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Wyen | <input type="checkbox"/> Jackie Spector | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pete LuPiba | <input type="checkbox"/> Vernon Sykes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cherie Chenault | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jared Shank | <input type="checkbox"/> Rick Lewis | |

Guests:

- Lori Mongolier
- Nancy Ysseldyke
- Tom Woodford

Call to Order:

- Introductions
 - The meeting commenced at 10:00 a.m. All members and guests introduced themselves.
- Welcome:
 - Tom Woodford and Nancy Ysseldyke welcomed the council to Hilliard Davidson High School. They provided a history and examples of how Hilliard Davidson and Bradley high schools support military-connected students through the Purple Star Program.
 - Jared Shank provided updates that other states are replicating Ohio's Collegiate Purple Star Program. Florida has enacted legislation to start their program. Currently 46 colleges and universities in Ohio have earned the award.
- 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 March meeting was put forward by Christine Young and seconded by Michelle Lewis. The motion passed.

Old Business

- State Council By-laws
 - In accordance with the state council's by-laws the following officers have been appointed:
 - Secretary: Jason Scragg
 - Co-Chair: Chip Merkle
 - Historian: Michelle Lewis
 - Vice Chair: Ashely Twedt
- Month of the Military Child 2023 Debriefing
 - To better promote the Month of the Military Child (MOMC) with schools across the state it was discussed to host a MOMC roundtable prior to April, perhaps in February. Potentially this could be an online roundtable hosted as part of the Ohio Department of Education's military-connected student's webinar series.
- Annual Report Submission

- The council's [annual report](#) to the national MIC3 was reviewed and highlights provided.
- Purple Star Roundtables
 - Three roundtables were held this fall. The roundtables are an opportunity for educators linked to the Purple Star Program to share best practices in serving military-connected youth.
 - Aug. 2 (Online) 32 attendees for the virtual roundtable. Representatives from 8 states attended.
 - Aug. 8 at Massillon Washington High School.
 - Aug. 10 at the Mad River Local Schools Administration Building.
- [Janet R Wynn](#) Award
 - The Janet R Wynn Award recognizes a military-connected student in Ohio that shows grit and resolve during a PCS transition. There were four nominees this year. Regan Jones of Southeastern Local Schools is this year's finalist. Moore Dentistry of Lewis Center donated funding for the award. The council provided feedback on ways the other nominees could be recognized including certificates and challenge coins.
- Monthly Compact 101 Training
 - The MIC3 national office provides monthly [Compact 101](#) trainings and some 201 training events.

Reports

- Trina Pauley and Lt. Col. Hill, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
 - On June 22, Colonel Sean Brazel assumed command of the [88th Mission Support Group](#) at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WP AFB).
 - The base hosted the [Kids Understanding Deployment Operations](#) (KUDOS) event on July 28. The event helps military-connected youth understand their parent's deployment.
 - Congratulations to Lieutenant Colonel Hill who has been selected for Colonel.
 - Shane Preston the Great Lakes Regional Liaison with the Department of Defense's [State Liaison Office](#) visited Hyatts Middle School and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

- Jason Scragg, Department of Education
 - The [Purple Star Award](#) application window opens on Nov. 1, 2023 and closes on Dec. 15, 2023. Awards for the class of 2024 will be presented in April 2024.
 - With the assistance of the Purple Star Advisory Board, the Military Children in Ohio's School Learning Management System course has been updated and will be available this fall to educators across the state.

- Chris Picha, Department of Veterans Services
 - No Report

- Chip Merkle, Ohio National Guard Youth Programs
 - Ohio Military Kids has been hosting [summer camps](#) in support of military families in the state.
 - Chip Merkle has planned to visit schools across the state that he has not personally met with since 2019.

- Courtney Tyree, U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion
 - 24 educators from the region participated in Educator Tours with the Army.
 - The Cleveland and Columbus Recruiting Battalions are working with schools to support the documentation needed to earn the [Military Enlistment Seal](#) for graduation.
 - Postcards promoting the Purple Star Program were requested to disseminate to schools that recruiters interact with. These cards have already been printed and contain information about the Troops to Teachers and Purple Star Program. They will be provided by the Ohio Department of Education.

New Business:

- National Educator Tours
 - Multiple members of the council attended Educator Tours with different military branches and provided feedback on their experiences.
 - Michelle Lewis: United States Marine Corps
 - Ashley Twedt: United States Air Force
 - Jenn Davis: United States Army

- Local Programming Collection
 - Jason Scragg and Valerie Kunze are presenting on how schools can support military-connected students at the [OSBA Capital Conference](#).

- OhioCares
 - Adreana Tartt reviewed [OhioCares](#) last meeting and supports available through program. This is a statewide partnership between the Ohio Department of Veteran Services, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Ohio National Guard. Members of this council presented at their last meeting to help strengthen the linkage with schools in the state.

- Second Annual National Convening of Purple Star Schools
 - Currently [collecting proposals](#) until Aug. 25. Can be from educators, parents and students. Preregistration available now on the [National Purple Star google site](#). Regular registration for the event has not opened yet.

- Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission [Annual Business Meeting](#)
 - The Annual Business Meeting will be held Nov. 8-9 in Richmond, VA.

- Strategic Plan 2024-2027
 - Members of the Strategic Planning Team will provide an update at the next meeting.

- Fall and Winter Events
 - Clear Fork Valley Local Schools is hosting a 9/11 memorial event.
 - November is the [month of the military family](#).

- Troops to Teachers and Ohio Military Veteran Educator Program
 - Eric Petro with the Office of Educator Effectiveness at the Ohio Department of Education provided an update on the Troops to Teachers (TTT) program. The national Troops for Teachers program funded through the Department of Defense will be sunset. Within the state it will be replaced by the Ohio Military Veteran

Educator Program. This program received state funding in the recently passed state budget.

Adjournment: