



Ray Shaw Compact Commissioner State of Montana

Ray Shaw was appointed as Montana's Compact Commissioner to the *Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children* in August 2021. Montana signed the statute into law in April 2013 and was the 16th state to join the Commission. Currently, the 50 states and District of Columbia are members.

Shaw is honored to represent the state and is passionate about supporting military kids and families. "Our military serve and protect us, and ensuring their kids can stay on grade level and graduate as they move is the right thing to do," he said.

A war veteran, he served in the Air Force during Vietnam, and was elected as the state representative for House District 71 between 2013 through 2020. Additionally, he was awarded Montana's Distinguished Patriot Medal for his work supporting the Youth Challenge Academy. A fifth generation Sheridan, his family was prominent in ranching, and currently he is the President and CEO of Rubystone Resources.

He is honored to serve as Montana's MIC3 Commissioner and is focused on jointly working with stakeholders to support military kids. Although military families are stationed in Montana for only 2-3 years, he focuses on commonalities instead of differences between military and civilian families, "we all want the same thing: a good job, a roof over our head, putting food on the table, and the ability to care for our loved ones."

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