



MILITARY INTERSTATE  
CHILDREN'S COMPACT  
COMMISSION

## Note from the Commission Chair

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Dear State Commissioners and Ex-officio Members,

We hope you had a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday. In addition to the safety and health of our family and friends, we have much to be grateful for: a Compact that demonstrates its value more and more; a strong, vibrant Commission to oversee its implementation; dedicated and energetic Commissioners who go the extra mile to discharge their duties; motivated and involved partner ex-officio organizations; and finally a clientele who is more knowledgeable and engaged than ever before. What a winning combination!



With the new year approaching, the Executive Committee (EXCOM) met virtually on November 18th to plan for 2021 and the implementation of our strategic plan through the committees. As referred by the Commission at the Annual Business Meeting, we also discussed courses of action on the National Guard and Reserve Task Force recommendation - each with its advantages and disadvantages - and all with their own challenges. The EXCOM will release information to assist with your discussion in your state councils on the way forward.

Second, a survey was recently released regarding your standing committee appointment preferences. To date we have received 22 responses. Please complete the survey by Friday, December 4th, 6:00PM Hawaii Time. View the survey [here](#).

Third, I connect with each of you annually on suggestions to implement our strategic plan. I've already spoken with several members and will schedule a call with the rest of you over the next few weeks.

Finally, thank you for all that you do. Your role as the Commissioner or organization representative is important to implementing the mission and vision of the compact - to support the successful education transitions of our military children. Whether you will celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or any other occasion, I wish you all the best and a very safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,  
John I. "Don" Kaminar  
Chair

## Highlight your support for military kids

As we continue to address COVID-19, it is important for the Commission to capture the unique cases and best practices being established by states during this time. Numerous education related topics are under discussion, from student health and safety, in-person versus non-traditional instruction, virtual learning, and athletics. It is important to capture the unique cases you are handling as schools reopen and the military PCS.

A [form](#) and [database](#) were developed by the Rules Committee to highlight your best practices and resolutions under the Compact. Cases that have been submitted by Commissioners are available on the Commissioner Portal under Cases. (password = mic3commissioner)

Please take a few minutes to complete the form and share a case or two to showcase how your state has made accommodations for military students.

Thank you for your support!

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