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## **Blue Star Families Joins the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission**

**Lexington, KY** - The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) is pleased to announce Blue Star Families (BSF) as the newest ex-officio member. Approved at their Annual Business Meeting held in Richmond, Virginia in November, BSF joins five other ex-officio members, including the US Department of Defense, to serve in an advisory capacity to the commission.

BSF is the largest non-profit organization serving active-duty personnel in all four military branches and the National Guard and Reserves, as well as wounded and transitioning veterans and their families. BSF empowers military families to thrive as they serve by connecting them with their civilian neighbors, both individuals and organizations, to create strong communities of support.

"As a former military spouse, I remember how difficult it was for my children to navigate new schools after a move. In fact, our recent research shows that military families are more resilient when their schools do a good job of welcoming and supporting their children," said Chief Executive Officer, Kathy Roth-Douquet. "We are grateful to represent military families as an ex-officio member of MIC3 to help schools nationwide do their part in supporting military youth."

Ex-officio members work with states to promote the compact to stakeholders, serve on a standing committee, and attend the fall meeting. Vice President of Governmental Relations Tom Porter was appointed to serve as BSF's liaison to the Commission.

Commission Chairman and Louisiana Commissioner, Ernise Singleton, was pleased to welcome Mr. Porter, "We welcome Blue Star Families as part of our network of support and appreciate their advocacy to further our work."

MIC3 allows for uniform treatment of military children as they transfer between states in the areas of enrollment; placement and attendance; eligibility; and graduation. It was developed by The Council of State Governments National Center for Interstate Compacts, the U.S. Department of Defense, national associations, federal and state officials, state departments of education, school administrators, and military families.

*For more information on the compact please visit [www.mic3.net](http://www.mic3.net).*

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