

Missouri 2024 End-of-Year Report
July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

State Council Members

1. Dr. Brian Henry, Missouri Commissioner
2. Dr. Margie Vandeven, Commissioner of Education, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)
3. Renea Lazzarini, Deputy Commander, USAG Fort Leonard Wood, and Military Representative (Military Representative)
4. Hilary Bales, Superintendent of Waynesville Schools (Fort Leonard Wood)
5. Bridget Plummer, Fort Leonard Wood Representative
6. Joan Barrett, Military Child Education Coalition (ret.)
7. Justin Brown, Missouri State Senator
8. John Finnane, Superintendent of Warrensburg School District
9. Dorsey Newcomb, Executive Director of the Sustainable Ozarks Partnership
10. Harry Roberts, Missouri Military Advocate
11. Jocelyn Strand, Missouri Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education
12. Dr. Jerrod Wheeler, Superintendent of Knob Noster Schools (Whiteman AFB)
13. Janice Scott, Whiteman Air Force Base Representative
14. Dr. Todd Fraley, Superintendent of Sedalia School District
15. Vacant, Missouri State High School Activities Association

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Accomplishments and Activities

- State Council Meetings
 - MIC3 Missouri State Council met in June 2023, January of 2024, and June 2024.
 - Citation Correction – Representative Bill Hardwick is working on the correction to the compact statute.
- 2023 Annual Business Meeting (ABM)
 - Commissioner Henry attended the meeting on behalf of the state. He stepped down from his role as the Commission's Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair after serving for three years. He continues to be actively engaged as a member of the Finance Committee.
- Stakeholder engagement events
 - April: Month of the Military Child Event

- The Month of the Military Child Kick-off Event was held in the State Capitol Rotunda on April 2, 2024. This event featured Joe Driskill, Civilian Aid to the Secretary of the Army- Missouri West, Missouri Commissioner of Education Dr. Margie Vandeven, State Representative Bill Hardwick, Whiteman Air Force Base Wing Commander Colonel Keith Butler, Fort Leonard Wood Commanding General MG Christopher Beck, and numerous dignitaries and elected officials from across the state and Missouri. In addition, students from Waynesville School District (Fort Leonard Wood), Knob Noster School District (Whiteman Air Force Base), and Warrensburg School District (Whiteman Air Force Base) attended the event. Four students were selected to speak to attendees and share their transitional experiences as military children.
- Missouri School Districts earning the Missouri Purple Star Award were recognized at the Month of the Military Child Kick-off.
- Waynesville Salute to Service Event
 - More than 30 regional high school students who are joining the military participated in the Community Salute to Service on Friday, May 10, 2024, at Waynesville High School.

The Community Salute to Service recognizes South Central Missouri high school students who are enlisting in the military, National Guard, or Reserves, or attending a college ROTC program, and/or have an appointment to a military academy.

Waynesville R-VI School District Superintendent Hilary Bales welcomed everyone and introduced the speakers, which included Rick Morris, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, and Maj. Gen. Christopher Beck, Commanding General, United States Army Maneuver Support Center for Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood.

Additionally, on stage from Fort Leonard Wood to recognize the students were Brig. Gen. Matthew Bacon, Missouri National Guard Assistant Adjutant General; Marine Col. Scottie Redden, Commander for the Fort Leonard Wood Marine Corps Detachment; Air Force Lt. Col. Benjamin Carlson, Commander of the 368th Training Squadron; and Navy Lt. Joshua Lamb, Officer in Charge of the Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering Fort Leonard Wood.

Fort Leonard Wood's 399th Army Band performed live music, including the national anthem and the Armed Forces Medley, and WHS's JROTC drill team posted the colors.

The 31 students represented 11 high schools: Camdenton, Conway, Iberia, Laquey, Marshfield, Newburg, Richland, Rolla, Salem, School of the Osage, and Waynesville.

Presentations

- As various training sessions were conducted in person and virtually in 2022-2023, the state did not host any trainings this year.
- The State Council did promote the online training and new portal launched by the Commission in November.