

Highlights from the 2025 Annual Business Meeting

Annual Business Meeting Recap: Progress, Partnerships, and the Path Ahead

As we reflect on the 2025 Annual Business Meeting (ABM), we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the National Federation of State High School Associations representative, Davis Whitfield, and Executive Director, Dr. Karissa Niehoff, for their gracious hospitality. Dr. Niehoff's powerful reminder that we can "all do better to engage and educate" resonates deeply as we embark on the next phase of our journey under the Commission's fourth Strategic Plan.

When the Standing Committees begin meeting in January, the 2026–2028 Strategic Plan will officially take effect—marking a new chapter. Commissioners are encouraged to bring this roadmap back to their State Councils and ask, "How can we engage and educate partners in our state to expand the Compact's reach?" This strategic plan challenges us to think boldly, collaborate widely, and lead with purpose as we work to increase awareness of the Compact and ensure that military-connected students are supported.

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Bloom Panelists Inspire Action at 2025 ABM

Amplifying Student Voices: Bloom Panelists Inspire Action at MIC3's 2025 Annual Business Meeting

A highlight of the 2025 Annual Business Meeting, the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) was honored to virtually welcome four representatives from Bloom, a program of the National Military Family Association (NMFA) for and by military teens. The panel, moderated by Eileen Huck, Acting Director of Government Affairs at NMFA, featured Brynn, Ava, Lily, and Cooper—four military-connected students who shared compelling reflections on their experiences growing up in military families.

Collectively the four Bloomers have experienced 28 moves and attended 29 schools while

they had a parent serving in the Navy, Marines, and Air Force. Their stories of challenge, resilience, and growth not only reminded attendees of the importance of the Compact but also reinforced the Commission's commitment to outreach, education, and empowering student voices, as demonstrated by the goals and strategies outlined in the 2026-2028 Strategic Plan.

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Following the ABM, the Bloom team asked MIC3 to share another resource with schools and other stakeholders. Members of Bloom have created a Field Guide to encompass the nuances and struggles of military teen life, written from a student perspective.

From frequent moves to having one or both parents deployed, Bloom's [Field Guide to the Military Teen](#) covers just about every issue that military teens experience.

Did you know? New Series!

To spread awareness of the different resources available and to educate the public on what is covered by the Compact, future newsletters will include a short section reviewing different resources and sections of the Compact.

Did you know that Commissioners, School District personnel, military families, and other stakeholders can request copies of publications?

You can request hard copies or download digital versions of the *Guide for Parents, School Officials, and Public Administrators*, brochures, postcards, and other informational materials—free of charge.

[Order here!](#)

Did you know that under *Compact Rules SEC 3.101* unofficial or "hand-carried" education records are acceptable for enrollment and conditional placement if official records cannot be released to the parents immediately?

The receiving school shall use the unofficial records for enrollment and appropriate placement then request official education records from the sending school. The sending school has ten business days upon receipt of the receiving school's request, to produce the official education records.

[Rules Book](#)

Department of Defense

The OneOp team is glad to reconnect with you after the recent government shutdown. We know it's been a hectic time, and we want to make it simple for you to catch up on anything you might have missed while things were on pause and attend upcoming events in December.

Webinars

December 3, 2025

Youth Substance Misuse: Understanding Prevention and Communication Strategies

December 11, 2025

Connected Teens: Navigating Friendship Beyond Norms

December 16, 2025

Disaster Preparedness & Individuals with Disabilities

Additional webinars took place during the government shutdown and can be viewed on-demand via the OneOp website.

More Info on OneOp Webinars is available [here](#).

Blue Star Families

CNN Anchor and Blue Star Families Board Member Brianna Keilar wrote an article discussing the educational struggles of military-connected students. In this article, she mentions the Compact as an important transitional resource.

Excerpt:

Military families blend into our towns and cities. Seventy percent of them live off base in our neighborhoods where communities are not always equipped to manage their transitions.

Military families often move every two to three years, a pace so disruptive to their quality of life that the Pentagon is looking to extend assignments to reduce the tempo of military moves, known as permanent changes of station.

Moving can be tough on kids, tougher if they run into red tape as they transition schools between states, which happens a lot.

That's why there's an agreement between all 50 states and Washington, DC called the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (also known as MIC 3). The compact is supposed to ease the moving pains of military transitions.

Read the full article [here](#).

Compact Stories: Student Voices Videos now on YouTube!

The Commission has created new videos from Texas and Oregon as part of our *Compact Stories: Student Voices* Series. The videos provide a historical perspective on the Compact, how the Compact assists uniform-connected students get involved in extracurriculars, and the benefits of MIC3.



Developed by the Communications & Outreach Committee, these videos highlight success stories in implementing the Compact.

Watch [here!](#)



Happy Thanksgiving!

As we approach the Thanksgiving Holiday, the National Office wants to express our heartfelt thanks to our Commissioners, Ex-officio partners, school liaisons, and supporters. Your commitment to the Compact has a meaningful impact on the military and uniform-connected families that we serve. We wish you a safe holiday surrounded by those you love. Our office will be closed on November 27-28, and will reopen on December 1st.



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