

Happy New Year!

The MIC3 wants to wish everyone a prosperous new year. 2026 marks the beginning of the Commission's fourth Strategic Plan. There is a lot of excitement surrounding the focus on Culture, Fidelity, and Outreach. Committees are beginning to meet to hit the ground running on their year one objectives.



[Click Here! 2026-2028 Strategic Plan](#)

Month of the Military Child Toolkit Updated

The Communications and Outreach Committee has updated the Month of the Military Child Toolkit for 2026. The toolkit contains:

- Sample Letters from/to: Commission Chair, State Superintendent, Commissioners, and State Councils
- Purple Up! Celebration Ideas
- Downloadable Posters
- Sample Proclamations
- Downloadable Social Media Posts and Captions

[Month of the Military Child Toolkit](#)



Fresh Off the Press!

Following the Commission's adoption at the 2025 ABM, the Rules Book and Policy Guide have been updated.

The [Rules Book](#), Fourth Edition, contains the amended Sec 2.103 Dues Formula.

The [Policy Guide](#) (2025) contains the amended Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest policies, and the newly adopted Compliance Fee Assessment Policy and Financial Forecasting Policy.

Additionally, all [Legal Advisory Opinions](#) issued by the general counsel on the Compact have been compiled into a booklet format for easier access.

Did you know?

Did you know that you can take the Compact 101 training course online at any time?

MIC3Training.net offers access to the Commission's training and resources. This portal serves as a hub for those interested in understanding how the Compact supports military-connected students in achieving *successful educational transitions*. The Commission encourages district or school-level personnel, military parents, state department of education personnel, US DoD personnel, and representatives from organizations supporting military families to take the Compact 101 training.

[MIC3Training.net](https://mic3training.net)

2026 February Compact 101 Training

MIC3 Compact 101 Trainings are open to the public and provided by the National Office. The next training will take place on February 26th at 12:00 PM ET. Registration for all Compact 101 Trainings is available on the [Events Calendar](#) on mic3.net.

[Register Here](#)

ANCHOR Act in NDAA Signed Into Law

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2026 (NDAA) has been signed into law, and the bipartisan ANCHOR Act for Military Families Act was included as part of the final NDAA package.

The Assuring Navigation of Compact Help for Ongoing Relocation (ANCHOR) for Military Families Act will ensure military families are informed of their educational rights, school enrollment support, and other key relocation resources during Permanent Change of Station (PCS) moves.

The ANCHOR for Military Families Act:

- Requires DoD to provide timely and accessible relocation information to service members and their families at least 45 days prior to a PCS move
- **Adds MIC3-related education support to statutorily required relocation services;**
- Provides legal and financial counseling;
- Ensures the provision of mental health and well-being services; and
- Requires DoD to provide annual briefings to Congress for three years to track implementation and satisfaction.

[Learn More](#)

Ex-Officio Corner

MCEC

MCEC has released the Winter 2025 edition of their *On the Move*

DoD

OneOp Upcoming Webinars:

Magazine. This edition focused on Global Training Summit Highlights.

This edition features an article written by the National Office summarizing the history of the Compact, the operations of the Commission, and the partnership between MCEC and MIC3.

The article can be found on Page 18-19.

MCEC Upcoming Webinars:

January 27th: Navigating Change with Middle and High School Students

January 28th: Test Taking for Military-Connected Middle and High-School Students

To register for upcoming webinars, [click here!](#)

February 3rd: 2026 Tax Updates: What Service Providers Need to Know

February 4th: Nutrition Accommodations in IEPs and 504 Plans for All Students

February 12th: Supporting Military Couples Through Employment and Financial Transitions

February 19th: Multidisciplinary Evidence-Based Approaches to Problematic Sexual Behavior in Children

February 24th: Exercise is Medicine: Promoting Health and Well-Being Across the Lifespan

For more information and to register for upcoming webinars, [click here!](#)

NMFA

Military Teen Experience Survey

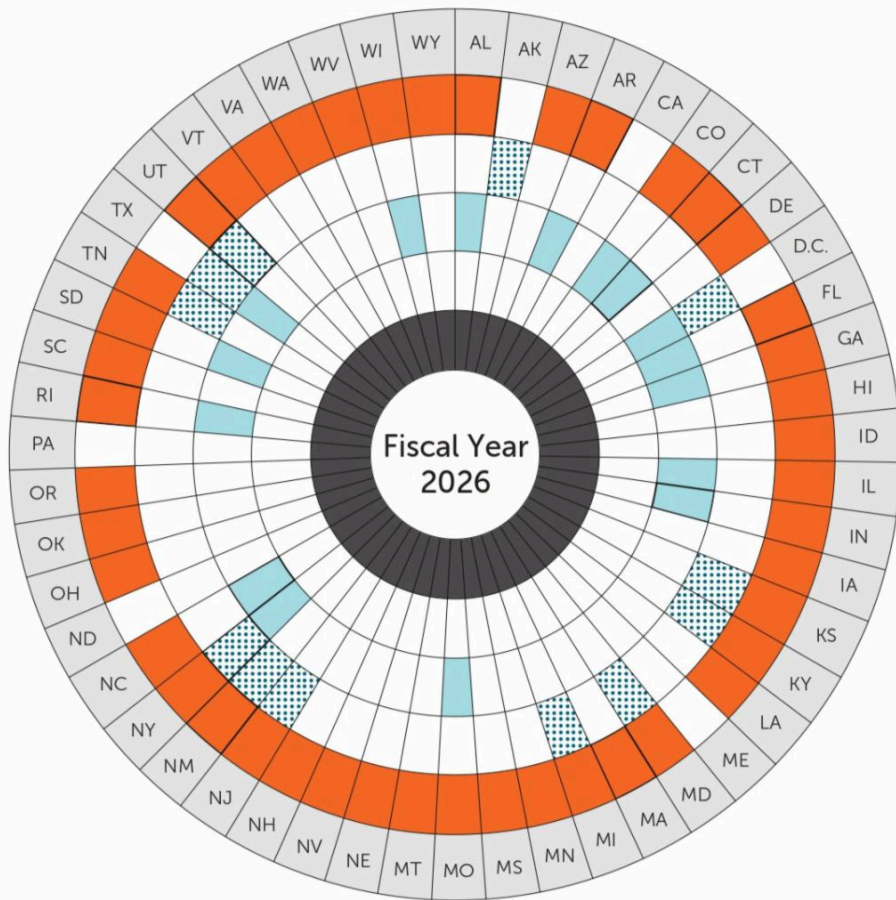
NMFA has launched their annual Military Teen Experience Survey, in collaboration with Bloom, to hear directly from military-connected teens and young adults ages 13-24. Encourage a military teen or young adult to participate by **January 27** and they will be entered to win a \$100 gift card.

[Take the Survey!](#)

Operation Purple® Camp Applications Opening Soon

[Operation Purple® Camp](#) application season opens on **February 11**. These camps provide military kids with connection, confidence, and community. Locations will be announced in early February.

State Compliance and Coordination



- Paid Annual Dues
- Submitted End-of-Year Report
- Held a State Council Meeting
- Submitted Conflict of Interest & Code of Conduct Forms

- Commissioner Appointment
- Extension
- Pending

- Reporting Deadline**
June 30
- Conflict of Interest
 - Code of Conduct
 - Annual Dues
 - State Council Meeting
 - End-of-Year Report

Upcoming Events

Committee Meetings

- Finance — January 28
- Compliance — February 10
- EXCOM — February 19
- Training — February 24

Compact 101 Training

February 26 at 12:00 PM ET

Webinars

- DoD/DSLO — January 27
- Bloom — February 13



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