

## Happy Month of the Military Child!

April is Month of the Military Child! Just a reminder, the Commission has a toolkit to help stakeholders honor the sacrifices that military-connected children make to support their families.

The toolkit contains celebration ideas, posters, social media posts, and sample state proclamations.

Don't forget to tag **#MIC3Compact** and **#purpleup4militarykids** to share your celebration and events, which will be featured in a special edition of The Wire focusing on what states are doing to Purple Up! for Month of the Military Child!

[MOMC Toolkit](#)

## Article from Bloom Teen Student Katie S.



“We are military kids. We are resilient.”

You may view these two phrases as practically interchangeable; after all, we military children are often perceived as the embodiment of resilience. But how do these statements resonate with military teens themselves?

With more experience moving, doing so should seemingly come more naturally. However, contrary to what most would expect, the opposite has been true for me due to my increasing awareness of the losses that come with each move, especially during my critical high school years. Despite my 16 years of experience with constantly moving and adapting, the most recent PCS my family and I made last summer was the most challenging one in my whole life. Logically, this transition should have been one of the easiest: a mere three-hour drive relocation within the same state.

Nevertheless, these facts did little to comfort me, as I watched other people my age finally finding their niches in their communities while I had to start all over again. I struggled adapting to my new high school's overwhelmingly rigorous standards and highly competitive academic environment, which I was not in the slightest accustomed to. These abrupt changes in expectations of me as a student put significant pressure on me to desperately work to match this unfamiliar academic pace, while already having to work harder than my peers to figure out things as simple as finding my way to my next class.

Despite the pressure schools may put on us military children for rarely fitting their standardized paths, there is one thing 16 years of being a military teen have taught me better than any schoolwork ever could: resilience. The hardships I face as a military teen navigating through life, including struggling with PCS changes, allow me to nurture my continuous determination to persevere. After all, apart from adversity in life, resilience cannot exist. To me, resilience means refusing to surrender to my circumstances, however difficult they may be, and continuing to move forward no matter what tomorrow may bring.

So today, I can confidently say that I am a military kid. I am resilient.

**-Katie S**

**Blog Writer for Bloom, a program of the National Military Family Association**

## State Compliance Under the Compact

Written by: Steven Bullard,  
Compliance Chair and Kentucky Compact Commissioner

### Excerpt:

Compact Rules have the force and effect of statutory law in a member state. They require member states to appoint a Compact Commissioner to oversee their state program, convene a state council meeting annually (at minimum), file an end-of-year report, and pay their dues. The Compliance Committee works proactively to remind states of the deadlines through memorandums, during Committee meetings, and by emailing commissioners directly. We strive for 100% compliance each year. The vast majority of states meet their annual requirements in a timely manner; however, we often have to work with a small number of states each year to fulfill their obligations, enabling us to reach the 100% goal. To reduce confusion and increase compliance, the Committee amended the submission deadline for the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest forms to align with all other EOY requirements. This was done through amendments to policies 1-2017 Code of Conduct and 2-2019 Conflict of Interest during the 2025 ABM.

If a state does not proactively respond to an informal approach, the Commission has developed several enforcement tools to ensure compliance with the provisions, rules, and regulations of the compact.

These tools include remedial training and technical assistance, alternative dispute resolution, judicial enforcement, and application of fines, fees, and costs determined to be reasonable by the Commission. Additionally, membership in the Compact may be suspended or terminated as a last resort.

[Full Article Here](#)

## March Training Roundup

Over the last few weeks, the Commission has provided Compact-related information at multiple events.

### February 26: Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Kentucky Commissioner Steve Bullard provided a Kentucky MIC3 update at the twice-annual Fort Campbell Garrison Student Transition Response Team meeting. Jean Luna-Vedder, Director of Schools, Clarksville-Montgomery County and member of Tennessee's MIC3 State Council, also briefed the Response Team.



### March 15-17: Washington D.C.

Commission Chair Daron Korte and Interim Executive Director Lindsey Dablow attended the National Association

of Federally Impacted Schools Spring Conference in Washington, D.C. Chair Korte briefed more than 80 school superintendents and business officials on the Compact during the Military Impacted Schools Association Breakfast.



While at the conference, Chair Korte also connected with several members of Minnesota's Congressional Delegation including Representatives Brad Finstad, Betty McCollum, Angie Craig, and Ilhan Omar, providing information on MIC3 and how the Compact supports educational transitions for uniformed service families.



### **March 20: F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming**

Wyoming Superintendent of Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder and leaders from Laramie County School District #1 visited F.E. Warren Air Force Base, hosted by School Liaison Mary Jacobsen. During the visit, attendees received a briefing on the Interstate Compact from MIC3 Wyoming Commissioner Chad Delbridge and Ms. Jacobsen, who also serves on the MIC3 Wyoming State Council.



## **Strengthening Army Family Support: Fort Benning Hosts Annual Superintendents' Roundtable**

Nearly 6,000 military-connected students attend schools in eight districts surrounding Fort Benning and Camp Frank D. Merrill, Georgia. On February 12, 2026, the Fort Benning School Liaison Office hosted the annual Superintendents' Roundtable, bringing together superintendents and representatives from Alabama and Georgia districts to discuss best practices, challenges, and innovative solutions for supporting military families.

Using the "rose, bud, and thorn" framework, participants shared strengths, emerging efforts, and areas for improvement. Programs like Partners in Education (PIE), Purple Star Schools, and Georgia's Military Flagship School Award were highlighted as key initiatives that provide exceptional support to military-connected students. The roundtable emphasized the importance of collaboration in addressing the unique challenges faced by military families, ensuring stability and enhancing the morale of service members.



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## Did you know?

Has your child moved during senior year and been told they have to take an extra semester of courses in order to fulfill the requirements to graduate in the receiving state?

Compact Rule, SEC. 4.103 Transfers During Senior Year

(a) Transfers during senior year – There may be cases in which a military student transferring at the beginning or during his or her senior year is ineligible to graduate from the receiving LEA after all alternatives have been considered. In such cases the sending and receiving LEA's shall ensure the receipt of a diploma from the sending LEA, if the student meets the graduation requirements of the sending LEA. In the event that one of the States in question is not a member of this compact, the member State shall use best efforts to facilitate the on-time graduation of the student in accordance with Sections A and B of this Article.

[Rules Book](#)

## Ex-Officio Corner

### MCEC

MCEC Upcoming Webinars:

***April 7th: Navigating Dyslexia for Military Students: Resources and Strategies w/SME Kristin Kane***

***April 8th: Staying Involved in Your Child's Education***

***April 14th: Financial Aid Basics for College-Bound Military Students w/SME Mark Patton***

***April 15th: Transitions Out of the Military: Supporting Children***

***April 21st: Balanced Parenting for Military Life***

***April 22nd: Healthy Lifestyle for Military Families***

***April 28th: Study Skills for Students with Exceptional Needs***

***April 29th: What is a Purple Star School?***

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

### DoW

***OneOp Upcoming Webinars:***

***April 8th: Child Development: Knowledge, Behavior, and Healthy Boundaries***

This webinar provides an overview of developmental domains in both preschoolers (ages 5 and under) and school-age children (ages 6-12).

***April 14th: Practical Strategies for Supporting Preschoolers Through Change***

This webinar shares ways to prepare young children for changes in caregivers, daily routines, and friends when they move.

***April 29th: IDD, Aging, and Military Families: Challenges and Opportunities***

This engaging session explores how adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in military families can age well.

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

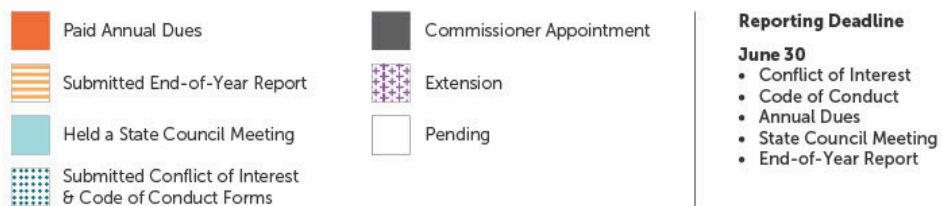
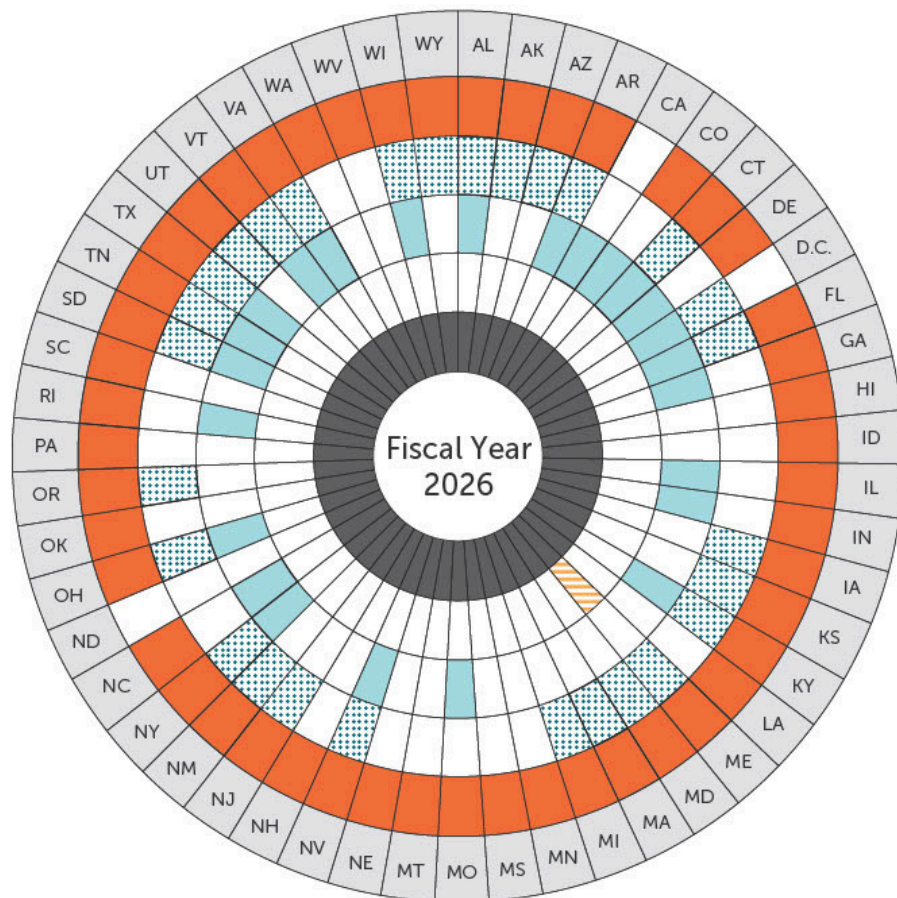
### NMFA

## 2026 Operation Purple® Summer Challenge Applications Are Open

Apply now for NMFA's eight-week virtual program designed to help military kids and families stay connected, build resilience, and find moments of joy wherever military life takes them.

## State Compliance and Coordination

Current as of April 5, 2026



## Upcoming Events

### Committee Meetings

Rules — April 13

Compliance — April 14

EXCOM — April 21-22 (Spring Retreat)

### Compact 101 Training

April 8 at 7:00 AM ET

**Compact 201 Training**  
April 28 at 2:00 PM ET



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