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Chair Priester has served as the MIC3 South Carolina Commissioner since 2021 and chaired the Training Committee in 2026. Chair Priester also works as a Program Manager in the Office of Educational Choice & Family Engagement within the South Carolina Department of Education.

What is one thing you wish that schools and uniform-connected families better understood about the Compact?

That the Compact is a specific tool designed to create an even playing field, ensuring military children are neither penalized nor uniquely privileged but simply given an equal opportunity to matriculate successfully throughout their educational journey.

What is one Compact-related initiative, partnership, or collaboration in your state that you are particularly proud of?

I am proud of our collaboration with our state's SC Dept. of VA.

What quote or motto best represents your approach to service?

Removing bureaucratic hurdles so that military-connected students are seen, supported, and fairly treated during major life transitions.

Have you or a member of your family served in the military? If yes, please share who, what branch of service, and the length of service.

Yes. Husband. Army

What advice would you offer to commissioners seeking to strengthen Compact implementation in their state?



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To strengthen the implementation of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) at the state level, commissioners must operate as proactive educators as opposed to reactionary regulators in efforts to becoming sound structural builders.

In what ways has your perspective shifted over the course of your service to the Commission since your appointment?

My perspective has shifted over the past five years from seeing this role as a regulatory and compliance, to more of a role that allows me to build a community.