



*Military-Connected Children*

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20th Annual National Training Seminar



**JULY 23-25, 2018 | WASHINGTON, DC**  
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# Agenda at a Glance

## Monday | July 23, 2018

- 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Helping Military Children Discover their S.P.A.R.C.: Strengths, Potential, Aspirations, Resourcefulness, Confidence™  
**Congressional A**  
Supporting Veterans' Children through Transitions  
**Meeting rooms 12–14**
- 8:30 am – 11:30 am The Science of Individuality and Promoting Jaggedness in Military Children  
**Renaissance B**
- 1:00 am – 4:00 pm Social-Emotional Learning and the Military Child  
**Renaissance B**
- 8:30 am – 4:30 pm DoDEA Partnership Grants: A Look at Research to Practice through Content to Methodology  
**Congressional B**
- 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Building Resilient Communities Facing Real Problems  
**Renaissance A**
- 5:15 – 6:15 pm Cocktail Reception with Cash Bar
- 6:30 – 8:30 pm Opening General Session, Seated Dinner, 2018 Pete Taylor Partnership of Excellence Awards and the MCEC 20th Birthday Party!  
**Grand Ballroom**

## Tuesday | July 24, 2018

- 6:45 am – 7:30 am Breakfast Bistro Buffet  
**Grand Pre-Function**
- 7:45 am – 9:00 am MCEC Annual Business Meeting, 2018 *Call for the Arts Awards* and Master Class  
**Grand Ballroom**
- 9:15 am – 9:45 am Master Class  
**Grand Ballroom**
- 9:45 am – 10:00 am Morning Break

## Tuesday | July 24, 2018

- Distinguished Lectures
- 10:00 am – 11:00 am A Comprehensive Approach to Supporting Families with Special Needs  
**Renaissance A**  
Fundamentals of Effective Character Education  
**Renaissance B**  
Understanding the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children  
**Congressional B**
  - 11:15 am – 11:45 am Gary E. Knell, CEO, National Geographic Partners – Master Class  
**Grand Ballroom**



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- 11:45 am – 1:00 pm Resource and Leadership Showcase with Strolling Lunch  
**Grand Ballroom/Congressional/Renaissance Pre-Function**
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**Congressional B**  
Growing Character: Lessons from West Point and the Army  
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Navigating the New Normal: Reintegration After Deployment  
**Renaissance B**  
Mitigating the Academic and Socio-Emotional Risks of School Mobility for Military-Connected Students: Designing a Model and Tools  
**Congressional A**



- 2:15 am – 3:00 pm Kids and Media Roundtable  
**Grand Ballroom**
- 3:00 pm – 3:15 pm Afternoon Break  
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Mapping Long-Term Support for Military Caregivers and Their Families  
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  - 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm A Military Family Field Guide to Autism  
**Congressional A/B**
  - 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm Helping Children during the Toughest Times: Practical Suggestions and Free Resources for Suicide Prevention and Grief Support for Military-Connected Children  
**Renaissance A/B**



## Wednesday | July 25, 2018

- 7:00 am – 7:45 am Breakfast Bistro Buffet  
**Grand Pre-Function**
- 8:00 am – 9:30 am The State of Assessments for Mobile Students Meeting the Cyber Demand – an Interactive Session  
**Grand Ballroom**
- 9:30 am – 9:45 am Morning Break  
**Grand Ballroom**
- 9:45 am – 11:30 am Knee-Deep in the Trenches: A Military Family Panel Discussion  
General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff and Ellyn Dunford  
**Grand Ballroom**
- 11:30 am – 11:45 am Morning Break  
**Grand Ballroom**
- 11:45 am – 1:00 pm School Choice Initiatives and the Impact for Military-Connected Students  
Jim Shelton, Head of Education, Chan Zuckerberg Initiative  
**Grand Ballroom**



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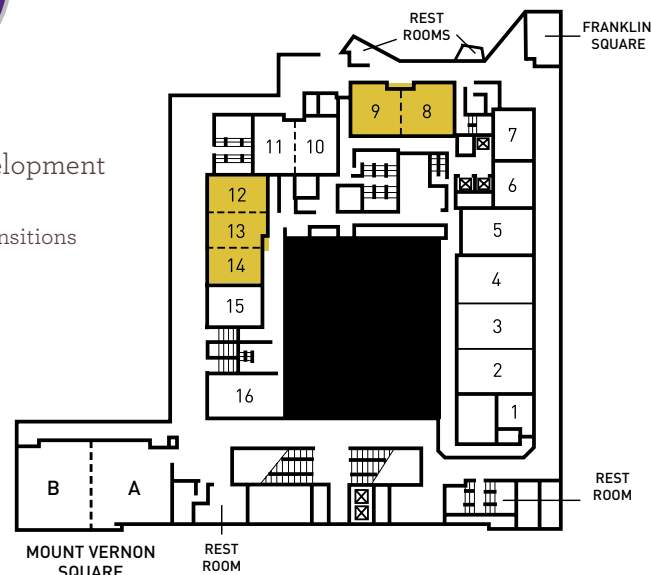


# Find Your Way!



Make your way upstairs to *Meeting Room Level* for:

- Professional Development Supporting Veterans' Children through Transitions
- Parent to Parent Meet & Greet

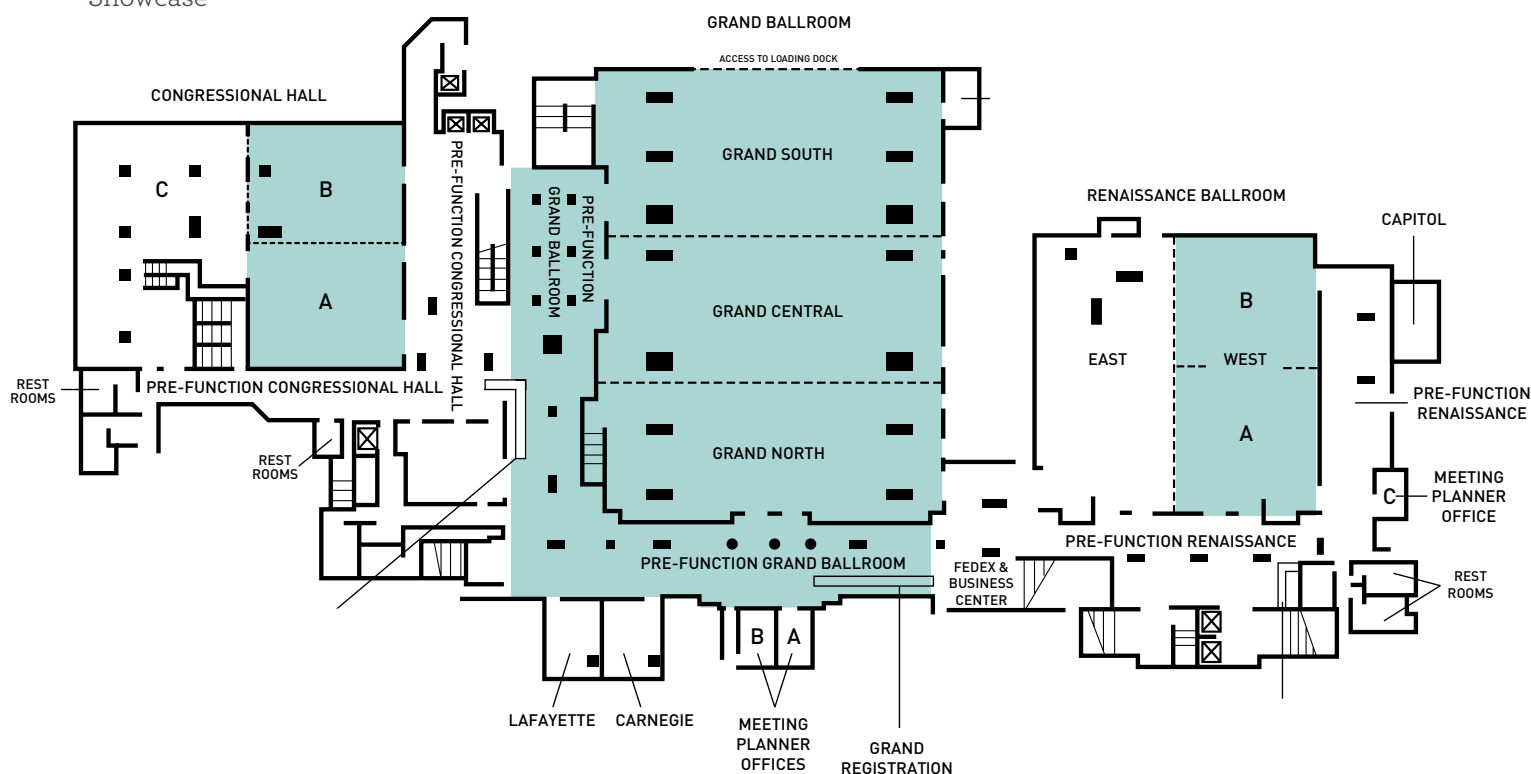


**Meeting Room Level**

Head downstairs to the *Ballroom Level* for:

- Pre-Seminar Sessions
- Professional Development Trainings
- General Sessions
- Seminar Sessions
- Master Classes
- Distinguished Lectures
- Resource and Leadership Showcase

**Ballroom Level**



Welcome to the **2018 National Training Seminar**

**Continuing Education Units (CEUs):**

CEUs will be offered for the entire NTS. Participants who meet the 95% attendance requirement and complete the evaluation (sent electronically at the conclusion of NTS) will be eligible for 12 clock hours in CEUs (12 NBCC CEUs). The 12-clock-hour CEUs will be \$48 and will be available for purchase upon completion of the above requirements.

Attendees who complete the MCEC Pre-Seminar Professional Development Trainings will be eligible for the appropriate clock hours of continuing education units from NBCC, upon successful completion of the respective evaluation. The fee schedule for Pre-Seminar CEUs is \$12 for 3 clock hours and \$25 for 6 clock hours. Pre-Seminar attendees may still apply for NTS continuing education units upon completion of the full NTS evaluation.



**Graduate Credit:**

One non-degree graduate credit from Texas A&M- Central Texas will be awarded for participants who meet the 95% attendance requirement and complete the evaluation sent electronically after the conclusion of NTS. The cost of the credit is \$50 and will be available for purchase upon completion of the above requirements.



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# Opening General Session

5:15 pm – 6:15 pm



## Cocktail Reception with cash bar Grand Pre-Function

Don't miss the party! Join us for a cocktail reception with cash bar. This is the perfect opportunity to network with other attendees as we kick off the MCEC 20th Birthday Celebration.

6:30 pm – 8:30pm



## Opening General Session (Dinner will be served) 2018 Pete Taylor Partnership of Excellence Awards and MCEC 20th Birthday Party! Grand Ballroom



**Anne Fishel, PhD**

Anne Fishel, Ph.D., is a family therapist and the author of *Home for Dinner: Mixing Food, Fun, and Conversation for a Happier Family and Healthier Kids* (2015). She is a founding member of The Family Dinner Project, a non-profit group that helps families on-line and in communities to highlight the importance in having better and more frequent family dinners. Over the last 20 years, a large body of scientific research has revealed that regular family dinners are good for the body, the brain, and the mental health of children and their parents. The evidence is so compelling. Family meals are linked with healthier eating habits and lower rates of obesity, substance abuse, teenage pregnancy, depression, stress, and anxiety, as well as stronger self-esteem, resilience, and even better vocabularies. In this session, Dr. Fishel will review the research on family dinners and talk about common obstacles to dinners, such as too little time, picky eaters, and conflict at the table. Then, drawing on her work as a family therapist and co-founder of The Family Dinner Project she will share ideas to overcome those obstacles, including the ways that parents, educators, and health professionals can harness the benefits of family dinners while promoting conversation, story-telling, and play.

MONDAY, JULY 23

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## The LTG (Ret) H.G. "Pete" Taylor Partnership of Excellence Awards

recognizes successful partnerships and projects benefitting military children.

2018 Awards presented by Lieutenant General (Ret) H.G. "Pete" Taylor, Past MCEC Chairman and one of the founders of the MCEC.

### We owe our strong roots to these founding leaders



#### LTG (Ret) H.G. "Pete" Taylor

Founder at the kitchen table, first national Chairman of the Board (2000-2004).



#### Sandy Schwartz

Founder at the kitchen table, Founding Co-Chair of MCEC organizing Board (1997-2000), Executive Board Member.

#### GEN (Ret) Thomas Schwartz

Founder at the kitchen table, former Chairman of the Board (2004-2009).



#### Patricia Shinseki

Advisor for Secondary Education Transition Study (SETS), Executive Board Member, Founding Co-Chair of Science Advisory Board (SAB).



#### Dr. Mary Keller

Founder at the kitchen table, Founding Co-Chair of MCEC organizing Board (1997-2000), Executive Director, President and Chief Executive Officer.

8:30 pm



#### Anne Fishel Book Signing

#### MCEC Book Store in Grand Pre-Function

Join author Anne Fishel as she signs copies of *Home for Dinner: Mixing Food, Fun, and Conversation for a Happier Family and Healthier Kids* (2015).



Don't Miss the Celebration!  
Enjoy Birthday Cake as we celebrate  
the MCEC 20th Birthday!

Be sure to sign the giant  
birthday card and take  
photos in the photo booth!





# Master Classes

7:45 am – 9:00 am

**MCEC Annual Business Meeting,  
2018 Call for the Arts Awards and Master Class**  
Grand Ballroom

General James C. McConville serves as the 36th Vice Chief of Staff of the US Army and is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and the Georgia Institute of Technology. Maria McConville is a registered dietician and Certified Personal Trainer who served both on active duty and in the Army Reserves, and currently runs her own nutrition consulting business. Married for more than thirty years, the McConvilles raised 3 adult children who all currently serve in the Army. The McConville family is intimately acquainted with the challenges that can affect educational opportunities for military-connected children. Join this session as General and Mrs. McConville share with us not only why we should all care about our military-connected children, but also what we can learn from each other to ensure Strong Roots and Sustainable Futures for every military-connected child.



General James C. McConville, Vice Chief of Staff, US Army  
Maria McConville



**Special Guest:**  
General (Ret) Larry O. Spencer,  
President, Air Force Association

Beginning his career in the enlisted ranks, General Spencer rose to become a four-star general and last served as the Vice Chief of Staff for the US Air Force. Currently serving as the President of the Air Force Association, General Spencer joins the discussion to share his personal and professional insights on the importance of engaging today's youth on leadership, service, and civic responsibility.

TUESDAY, JULY 24

6:45 am – 7:30 am



**Breakfast Bistro**  
Grand Pre-Function

9:15 am – 9:45 am

**Master Class**  
Grand Ballroom

A graduate of Texas A&M University, General Wilson is the second highest ranking member of the US Air Force, and assists with organizing, training, and equipping 670,000 active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian members of the force serving in the United States and overseas. Nancy Wilson, also a graduate of Texas A&M University, serves as a member of the MCEC Board of Directors, and has enjoyed working to support the Air Force family for more than thirty years. The Wilsons join the NTS to share their perspective of the importance of addressing the educational challenges facing today's military-connected children.



General Stephen W. "Seve" Wilson,  
Vice Chief of Staff, US Air Force

Nancy Wilson ★

9:45 am – 10:00 am



**Morning Break** Renaissance & Congressional Pre-Function

REGISTRATION  
& MEMBERSHIP  
Tuesday 6:45 am – 5:30 pm

MCEC STORE  
& EXHIBITORS  
6:45 am – 5:30 pm



MCEC is honored to have  
**KAREN PENCE, SECOND LADY OF THE UNITED STATES,**  
serve as the Distinguished Presenter of the  
2018 Call for the Arts Awards

Having received submissions from around the world, from every service branch, and from student artists of all ages, MCEC is honored to recognize the 2018 winners of our Call for the Arts. Our three winning submissions represent the finest examples of the hundreds of essays, poems, drawings, paintings and interpretations of what it means to be a military child. **Congratulations to our winners!**

**Winners are – Mary Elizabeth R., Hannah O., LaJoyce M.**



**Karen Pence**, wife of Vice President Mike Pence, is a mother, educator, and award-winning watercolor artist. As Second Lady of the United States, Mrs. Pence works to bring attention to art therapy and to the sacrifices made by military service members and their families.

2018 Call for the Arts was Generously Funded by Target



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Stop by Kendra Scott's Pop-Up on Tuesday and Wednesday to shop summer styles.

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Kendra Scott will also have a giveaway!

## Distinguished Lectures

TUESDAY, JULY 24

10:00 am – 11:00 am

### ***A Comprehensive Approach to Supporting Families with Special Needs – Distinguished Lecture***

#### Renaissance A

The panelists in this session bring together their broad and diverse knowledge of and experiences with supporting the military child with special needs and their families. Learn about the various resources and opportunities available that can be helpful in finding specific services and assistance needed to meet the special needs of both the child and his or her family. The discussion will include resources available to military families and to community-based service providers who support them; an outline of the role of the Department of Defense Education Activity in Overseas Screening and Support to supporting families with special needs; and finally panelists will discuss what military families should know about navigating through the public school system's special education process and what resources are available to help military-connected families.

**Carolyn Stevens**, Director, Office of Military Family Readiness Policy, OSD

**Tomeshia Barnes**, Chief, Student Services Division, DoDEA

**Amy Griffing**, Education Specialist, Non-DoD School Program (Europe) DoDEA

**Paul K. Ban, PhD**, Child and Family Behavioral Health System, US Army Medical Command

### ***Fundamentals of Effective Character Education***

#### Renaissance B

The presentation is designed to focus on 6 key principles of evidence-based effective character education, both from a whole school and a classroom perspective. The PRIMED model identifies the importance of 6 factors: making character education the authentic Priority; intentionally fostering the development of healthy Relationships among all stakeholders; promoting the Internalization of core values/virtues through Intrinsic motivation; ensuring all adults Model good character; adopting a “pedagogy of Empowerment” by promoting all voices and sharing power; taking a Developmental perspective on both character outcomes and character education methods. Specific examples of evidence-based practices will be provided.

**Marvin W. Berkowitz, PhD**, Sanford N. McDonnell Professor of Character Education, School of Education  
University of Missouri - St. Louis

### ***Understanding the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children***

#### Congressional B

Developed by the Council of State Governments' National Center for Interstate Compacts, the US Department of Defense, national associations, federal and state officials, state Departments of Education, school administrators and military families, the MIC3 is a governmental entity operating under the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. With fifty-member states and the District of Columbia, it was created to allow states - through joint cooperative action - to help ease the transitions of military children as they transfer interstate between public schools and Department of Defense Education Activity schools located around the world. Learn what the Compact covers and what you need to know if you are a parent with a child in public school or a school administrator/personnel supporting military children.

**Cherise Imai**, Executive Director, Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)

**Rosemarie Kraeger**, Rhode Island Commissioner, and Chair, Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)

**Rick Masters** General Counsel, Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)

## Distinguished Lectures

10:00 am – 11:00 am

### ***Leveraging Educational Data Mining Techniques to Determine Factors Impacting Military-Connected Students***

#### Congressional A

Can big data and data-intensive modeling tools support a school district in successfully increasing achievement and efficiency in the lives of PK-12 learners? Furthermore, can modern predictive analytics tools be leveraged to provide a deeper understanding of the benchmarks for post-secondary preparation and the factors impacting military dependents? In this discovery project, we investigated these questions by developing a data collection infrastructure, and predictive analytics models to predict student success.

**Andrew W. Berning, PhD**, Founder and President, the Renaissance Institute

**Ryan Baker, PhD**, Associate Professor, University of Pennsylvania

## Master Class

11:15 am – 11:45 am

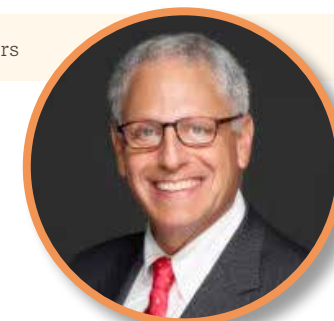
### ***Gary E. Knell, CEO, National Geographic Partners***

#### Grand Ballroom

Gary E. Knell is CEO of National Geographic Partners, the global joint venture owned by 21st Century Fox and the National Geographic Society, which includes National Geographic television, print and digital assets, and related activities in travel and consumer products. Mr. Knell will join us to share the learning opportunities our S2S student leaders have experienced at National Geographic Headquarters and to explore how students accepting strong roles in sustainability will impact both our society and culture. Today's youth must nurture their American citizenship as well as take individual responsibility for global accountability.



**Gary Knell**, Chief Executive Officer, National Geographic Partners



**REGISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP**  
Tuesday 6:45 am – 5:30 pm

**MCEC STORE & EXHIBITORS**  
6:45 am – 5:30 pm





# Resource and Leadership Showcase

11:45 am – 1:00 pm

## Resource and Leadership Showcase with Strolling Lunch Grand Ballroom/Congressional/Renaissance Pre-Function

Join us for lunch while strolling the Showcase which offers attendees an intimate opportunity to interact with organizations with the expertise to strengthen their support services for military-connected students. **Featuring more than 40 exhibitors**, the Showcase offers a place to share new ideas while providing participants the chance to discuss best practices, research, and innovations with academic, industry, and organization representatives. Join us for a series of mini-presentations designed to enhance professional development and advance learning opportunities for military-connected children.

Visit [MilitaryChild.org/NTS](http://MilitaryChild.org/NTS) for a full list of Showcase exhibitors!

# Distinguished Lectures

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

## Military Interstate Children's Compact - Lessons Learned and Success Stories from DoDEA and School Liaisons

### Congressional B

This session will provide participants with real stories of collaboration and problem-solving to illustrate how the provisions of the Military Interstate Children's Compact have supported the educational transition of military children from the Department of Defense perspective. The session will include real world examples from a panel including school counselors and school liaison officers that have helped families leverage the Compact to support transitions and promote educational continuity for military children.

Patricia Ewen, Moderator - Education Policy Advisor, Headquarters, DoDEA  
Jamie Albers, School Liaison Officer, Fort Belvoir  
Julia Aldrich, School Counselor, Headquarters, DoDEA  
Meredith Ayala, School Counselor, Fairfax County Public Schools  
Daniel Dunham, Compact Commissioner, Department of Education, Commonwealth of Virginia  
Lori Phipps, School Liaison Officer, Joint Base San Antonio

TUESDAY, JULY 24

## Get your 2018 Resource and Leadership Showcase Card!

1. Visit at least **12 Resource and Leadership Booths** (*Renaissance Pre-Function*) and **100% of the Exhibitor Booths** (*Grand Pre-Function*)
2. After engaging the Showcase and Exhibitor booth representatives, receive a stamp on your card.
3. Drop your card at the MCEC NTS registration desk to be entered in the **Grand Prize Drawing held at the 8 am Symposium on Wednesday, July 25.**
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Appearance Times  
Tuesday  
11:40 am - 12:10 pm  
12:40pm - 1:00 pm

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# Distinguished Lectures

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

## Growing Character: Lessons from West Point and the Army

### Renaissance A

Can character be nurtured and developed or are schools, businesses, and the military stuck with the character that students, workers, or service personnel possess when they walk through the door? And, if character can be nurtured, what are strategies that educators and others may employ to optimize positive character growth? In this session, we will describe emerging strategies at the United States Military Academy and in the United States Army at large that aim to foster and promote character development in cadets and soldiers. Both West Point and Army efforts are grounded on the idea that organizational culture and practices have a profound impact on character development. We conclude with practical advice that educators and others may be to optimize character development within their own organizations. Time will be available at the conclusion of the formal presentation for questions and answers.



Michael D. Matthews, PhD, Professor of Engineering Psychology, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, United States Military Academy

Kristina Schmid Callina, PhD, Research Assistant Professor, Institute for Applied Research in Youth Development, Tufts University

## Navigating the New Normal: Reintegration After Deployment

### Renaissance B

Although homecoming after deployment can be joyful time for military families, it can also be an unexpectedly difficult period of adjustment. Challenges can range from mild annoyances ("You left your boots in the hallway again!") to intense stressors ("Who are you and what you have done with my spouse?"). Returning service members can be overwhelmed by how much has changed while they were gone; at-home partners can have problems sharing their control over family decisions; children can be slow to warm up; and all family members can wonder why homecoming is not living up to their expectations. This session will (1) describe research on the experiences of military families during the transition from deployment to reunion, (2) provide evidence-based recommendations for navigating the transition, and (3) identify resources available to help support military families during homecoming.



Leanne Knobloch, PhD, Professor, Department of Communication, University of Illinois

## Mitigating the Academic and Socio-Emotional Risks of School Mobility for Military-Connected Students: Designing a Model and Tools

### Congressional A

Repeated school transitions present a near-constant and critical challenge to military families and their children as well as the schools that serve them. After conducting research into both the risks associated with mobility and the practices that are effective in mitigating such risks, CPRL developed a mobility mitigation model that seeks to articulate strategies for schools, districts, and states to more consistently support highly mobile school children. In this workshop, we will present our model and a toolkit of recommended practices that we developed in practitioner workshops and short-cycle pilots over the past year. We invite educators, parents, and other military personnel to join our discussion and to help us identify ways to improve the model and its dissemination.

Elizabeth Daniel, Engagement Manager, Center for Public Research and Leadership, Columbia University

Meghan Snyder, Researcher and Teaching Assistant, Center for Public Research and Leadership, Columbia University

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2:15 pm – 3:00 pm

**Kids and Media Roundtable – Grand Ballroom**



The influence media can have on the development of children cannot be overstated. Join this important discussion to explore how we can promote a healthy use of media in our communities to maximize the favorable effects on children’s mental and physical health while minimizing any unsafe effects.



Lieutenant General Jay B. Silveria, Superintendent, US Air Force Academy



Yalda T. Uhls, PhD, Adjunct Professor, UCLA; Senior Advisor for Common Sense Media; and Author of *Media Moms & Digital Dads: A Fact Not Fear Approach to Parenting in the Digital Age*



Melissa Cohen, Director, Personnel Studies and Oversight Office, United States Marine Corps



Moderator: Rosemary Williams, Executive Director, S.A.F.E. Project US (Stop the Addiction Fatality Epidemic)

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm



**Afternoon Break**

Renaissance & Congressional Pre-Function

**Distinguished Lectures**

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

**Pre-service Teacher Preparation for Supporting Military-Connected Students: A New Approach**

**Congressional B**

Military-connected students flourish when their schools and, especially teachers, are aware of the strengths they bring to their classrooms and are prepared to support them. Providing information and strategies for new teachers, especially when they are not in a military-connected community, is vital for military-connected students. This workshop will describe a successful program at one university designed to enlighten and engage future teachers with strategies for supporting military-connected students. Data from two years of the program will be shared, demonstrating the effectiveness of this work. At the end of this workshop, participants will have at least one new strategy they can use for supporting military-connected students. In addition, participants are encouraged to find ways to build off the program in their own communities.



Ronald S. Palomares-Fernandez, PhD, Assistant Professor, Texas Woman’s University

Karen Petty, PhD, Professor, Texas Woman’s University

**Distinguished Lectures**

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

**Departments of Defense and Education Programs Supporting Military-Connected Students, Families and Schools**

**Renaissance A**

Join this session as representatives from the Department of Education and Department of Defense will share programs supporting military-connected students, families and schools and how resources the Department of Defense provides to military-connected school districts allows for the expansion of existing programs as well as fund innovative solutions to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of the highly mobile military-connected students in their community. Additionally the session will provide an update on the Every Student Succeeds Act and discuss federal engagement with the military community.

Kathleen Facon, Chief Education Partnership and Resources, Department of Defense Education Activity

Brian Thompson, Lead, Military Affairs Team, US Department of Education

Jennifer Dailey-Perkins, Grant Program Manager, Department of Defense Education Activity

**Invisible Military Children: Supporting Children of the Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserves**

**Renaissance B**

Please join us as we discuss the distinct differences and challenges of children of the Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserve components face concerning military transitions. The presentation will include a panel discussion with a focus on recognizing and supporting military children from these branches of service. Additional information will be provided to help attendees better understand the distinct challenges and differences in an effort to build a support system for children of the Coast Guard, National Guard, and Reserve components. This session will provide attendees with a better understanding of the differences and distinct challenges faced by these military children, and attendees will be better informed to recognize and develop a community support system for these military connected children. Specific topics will include the Military Student, Identifier and how schools can use this data to better serve military connected children.

Vice Admiral Jody Breckenridge, US Coast Guard (Ret), and Chairman, Board of Directors for San Francisco Water Emergency Transportation Authority

Peggy Wilmoth, PhD, MSS, RN, FAAN, Executive Dean and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Nursing, and Major General (Ret), US Army Reserves

Carolyn Davis, EdD, School Counselor, Sevier County, TN

**Mapping Long-Term Support for Military Caregivers and Their Families**

**Congressional A**

This session will explore the support that is still needed for military caregivers and their families by mapping out the caregiving journey. Focusing on the Military and Veteran Caregiver Journey Map that Elizabeth Dole Foundation has been developing over the last year with Philips Healthcare and the US Department of Veterans Affairs, the session will cover the Foundation’s history, and give context to the need for this tool. It will delve into the history of the Journey Map project and the pathways this tool can be useful in supporting in the lives of military and veteran caregivers. One pathway the presentation will focus on specifically is how caregiving influences family connections, to explore how organizations can be supportive of military and veterans caregivers and military children in fostering family connections.

Steve Schwab, Executive Director, Elizabeth Dole Foundation

Laurel Rodewald, Director of Programs, Elizabeth Dole Foundation

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## Seminar Sessions

TUESDAY, JULY 24

4:15 pm – 5:30 pm



### Student 2 Student Expo Session Renaissance Pre-Function

Join this tabletop session to see representatives from over 40 schools from across the country showcase the amazing things their programs are doing. Goodness happens at the local level and these programs are making a difference for military-connected students in their communities everyday.

4:30 pm – 5:15 pm

### A Military Family Field Guide to Autism Congressional A/B

Change is the constant for military families who are either located on bases or scattered through out our neighborhoods. Innovation and cutting edge technology is required to provide the best possible service to these deserving families that serve us all. When a child is diagnosed with Autism, this change impacts the family, the community and ultimately the readiness of our service members. Ongoing efforts continue to enhance our ability to support families with special needs children to include autism but there is still much that can be done to build a village of hope for all military families with special needs.



**Col(s) Eric M. Flake, MD/FAAP, USAF, MC**  
Program Director, Developmental Behavioral Pediatrician  
Associate Professor USUHS, Madigan Army Medical Center  
Joint Base Lewis-McChord

### Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Cub Reporters

Meet two seniors from Quantico Middle/High School at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia:



**Anika** is passionate about photography and was a photographer for the yearbook and the newspaper in her sophomore year. She would like to go to Dartmouth or Southern New Hampshire University and major in either psychology or journalism/photojournalism.



**Leah Lee** is a senior at Quantico Middle/High School, a Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) school at Quantico Marine Corps Base. Leah has participated in both sports and clubs that have been covered by the Stars and Stripes newspaper and was a journalist and photographer for the Quantico Middle/High School newspaper.

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## Seminar Sessions

4:30 pm – 5:15 pm

### Helping Children during the Toughest Times: Practical Suggestions and Free Resources for Suicide Prevention and Grief Support for Military-Connected Children

#### Renaissance A/B

Military families, although extremely resilient, also face unique stressors including mobility, deployment, and separation. Although not true for all families, some of these unique stressors can potentially be related to an increased risk for mental health difficulties, including risk for suicidality. Including resources for military families and schools, this presentation will focus on ways of supporting military-connected youth, suicide prevention approaches, and the work of the UCLA-Duke Adolescent Suicide/Self-Harm and Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) NCTSN Center in disseminating interventions for suicidal youth exposed to trauma in multiple service systems.



**Angela M. Tunno, PhD**  
Medical Instructor and Licensed Clinical Psychologist,  
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5:15 pm Book Signing in the MCEC Store

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**Seasons of My Military Student: Practical  
Ideas for Parents and Teachers.**

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# Education Symposium Focus on Academics

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

8:00 am – 9:30 am

## *The State of Assessments for Mobile Students* Grand Ballroom

There are inherent issues and challenges surrounding the implementation of education policy. Join this discussion that will focus on the state of assessment testing at the national, state, and local levels. Learn how policies put into practice are affecting the short and mid-term futures for mobile students.



**Monique M. Chism, PhD**  
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Moderator:



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## *Meeting the Cyber Demand – an Interactive Session* Grand Ballroom

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**Trevor Packer**  
Senior Vice President of AP and Instruction, The College Board



**Kevin Nolten**  
Director of Academic Outreach, Cyber Innovation Center, Bossier City



# Education Symposium Focus on Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

# Education Symposium Focus on Family

**REGISTRATION  
& MEMBERSHIP**  
Wednesday 7:00 am – 12:00 pm

**MCEC STORE  
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7:00 am – 11:00 am

9:30 am – 9:45 am



Morning Break  
Grand Ballroom

9:45 am – 11:30 am



**Knee-Deep in the Trenches A Military Family Panel Discussion**  
Grand Ballroom

It's no secret military service impacts families. Parents and their kids have a unique lens to view the issues that affect military-connected students. Drawing from personal experiences, professional expertise, family traditions, and their lessons learned, this panel features military-connected families who are in the trenches and will share their wisdom as they explore current issues relevant to military children during this time of significant change and challenge.



Moderator:  
Lynda MacFarland,  
Army Wife and Author



Panelists (clockwise from top left):

- Colonel Glen Butler, USMC, with Carson and Will Butler
- Colonel William Ray, USAF, and Susan Ray with Mary Elizabeth Ray
- Master Sergeant Isilee Crossley, USA, with Myron Punter
- Colonel(s) Eric Flake, MD, USAF with Kelsey Flake



**General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff and Ellyn Dunford**  
Grand Ballroom

General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., is the 19th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the nation's highest-ranking military officer, and the principal military advisor to the President, Secretary of Defense, and National Security Council. Growing up in the Boston area, Ellyn Dunford graduated from Simmons College with a BS in Physical Therapy and moved to northern VA, where she met her husband. The Dunfords have been married for over 30 years, through 18+ moves, six states, three children and numerous deployments in peacetime and war.



General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., Chairman,  
Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Ellyn Dunford

Don't miss this session as General and Mrs. Dunford, *joined by students from our S2S program*, will discuss leadership, service, and civic responsibility in the context of significant historical writings in order to understand how even when we are focused forward, we can all learn from the past. Together, they will examine how reflecting on our nation's history can sustain us through challenges we will face in the future.

11:30 am – 11:45 am



Morning Break  
Grand Ballroom

**Up Next!**  
**Education Symposium Focus on Policy**

## Session Spotlight

Better Together: A Public-Private Partnership initiative from Boys & Girls Clubs of America that's improving the lives of military families in civilian communities.



Jim Clark, President and Chief Executive Officer,  
Boys & Girls Clubs of America

Kaila Lemons, 2017 Boys and Girls Clubs of America  
National Military Youth of the Year





# Education Symposium Focus on Policy

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

11:45 am – 1:00 pm



## School Choice Initiatives and the Impact for Military-Connected Students

Grand Ballroom

Join this panel as we bring together education and military leaders for an informed discussion to explore the pluses as well as the concerns surrounding school choice initiatives. Most importantly, the experts will examine how the potential implementation of these school choice policies may affect opportunities for military children.



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Moderator:

**David Lapan**  
Senior Director of  
Communications,  
Bipartisan Policy Center



## Jim Shelton, Head of Education, Chan Zuckerberg Initiative

Grand Ballroom

As educators, parents, and youth-serving professionals our community has a vested interest in supporting military-connected children. Fostering a comprehensive development in children requires an investment of time and energy by engaged adults in their lives, as well as, the cultivation of a sense of belonging for that child in the community. Join Jim Shelton as he reflects on the issues surrounding student achievement and discusses both institutional and policy initiatives that engage today's youth as they grow *Strong Roots that Nurture Sustainable Futures*.



**Jim Shelton**, former Deputy Secretary of Education and founding Executive Director of My Brother's Keeper under President Barack Obama, leads the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative's education work. In this role, he partners with educators, communities, researchers, and engineers to ensure that each young person is ready to thrive in and contribute to an ever changing world.

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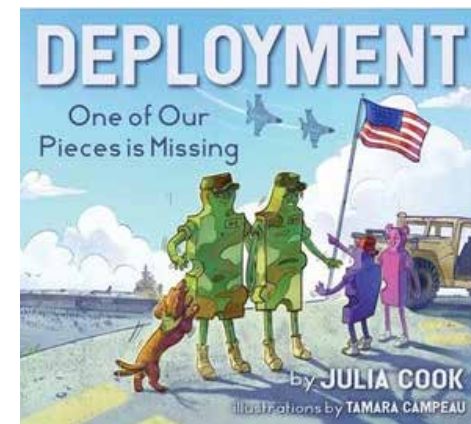
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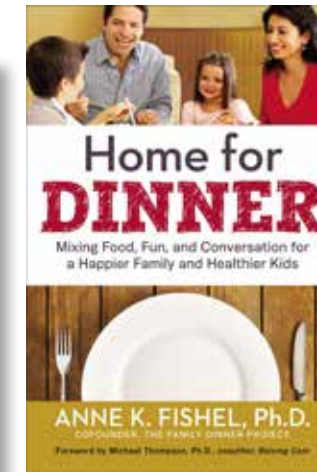
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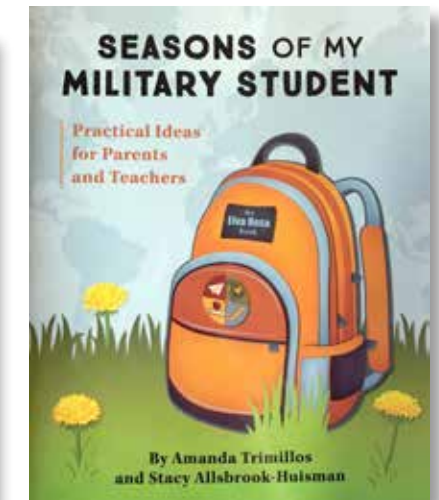
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The 2018-2019 Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following candidates for election to the MCEC Board of Directors. Directors are elected to three-year terms. We bring forward this slate of candidates and express our appreciation to those dedicated MCEC Board Members who have consented to continue their service.

## NEW Board Candidates

### Laura Aquilino

Originally from Massapequa, New York, Laura is a graduate of Hofstra University. Her husband is Navy aviator, Chris (aka Lung) Aquilino. While the majority of their years together were spent in Virginia Beach, raising their two daughters, the last five years they have moved to Hawaii, Washington, DC and Bahrain. They have just recently returned to Hawaii. Laura's past work experience reflects her interest in working with people and especially children. She has worked in Manhattan's Garment Center, as a flight attendant with Eastern Airlines, as a long-term substitute teacher for Virginia Beach City Schools, and as a preschool teacher in Fairfax, Virginia. Laura has held many volunteer positions; her longest commitment was in Virginia Beach where she spent 10 years as the Joint District Commissioner responsible for instruction and testing. While in Hawaii, she had the privilege to sit on the board of the Armed Services YMCA and was involved with C.O.R.E. Living in Washington, DC, brought many opportunities to engage with fellow military spouses. In 2016, she was the co-chair for the NFLEX program, which welcomes and educates new Flag and SES spouses.

### Patrick J. Bingham, PhD

Dr. Bingham currently serves as the Assistant Superintendent for Administration, Maintenance, Personnel and Operations for Prince George County Public Schools. He graduated from Clemson University in 1981 as a distinguished military graduate and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army. During his time in the military, he had tours of duty at Fort Lewis; Fort Bragg; Korea and Germany and deployed to Israel during Desert Storm.

Patrick also holds a Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration from Webster University, a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Tarleton State University, and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree (PhD) in Educational Administration from the University of Texas at Austin. He holds certifications in Administration and Supervision and Superintendency. As an educator for over 25 years, Dr. Bingham has been employed as an elementary teacher, elementary assistant principal, high school assistant principal, Director of Human Resources and Director of Military Affairs.

His wife, Lieutenant General Gwen Bingham, currently serves as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management. They have two adult children.

### Lucy Fitch

Lucy is the senior vice president and chief communications officer for SAIC. She is an award-winning former financial journalist, has global experience in the aerospace and defense industry, where she has specialized in corporate communications, strategy, mergers and acquisitions, business development, and analysis.

Prior to joining SAIC in 2011, Lucy worked for BAE Systems Inc. as senior vice president for corporate communications, as well as senior vice president of corporate development. Before joining BAE Systems in 2000, she was the director for business development and strategic planning at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Sector.

Lucy holds a Master of Business Administration from Georgetown University and a Bachelor of Science degree in journalism and mass communications from Kansas State University.

She has served as a National Advisor for the Military Child Education Coalition, where she worked with high school students from across the United States.

### Eric Waldo, JD

As Executive Director of Michelle Obama's Reach Higher initiative, Eric works to inspire every student in the US to take charge of their future by completing their post-secondary education, whether at a professional training program, a community college, or a 2-year or 4-year college or university. His role cuts across policy, advocacy, and community engagement to further the goal that the US once again leads the world in terms of college graduates. After leaving the White House, Eric has moved over to the non-profit, Civic Nation, where he continues to lead Mrs. Obama's college access and completion initiative as the Executive Director of Reach Higher and the Executive Vice President for Education. Prior to joining the first lady's staff, Eric served as Deputy Chief of Staff at the US Department of Education for Secretary Arne Duncan. He earned a JD from the University of Chicago Law School, an MEd from Harvard University, and an AB from Brown University.





## RETURNING Board Members

### **Brigadier General (Ret) Earl Simms, Vice Chairman/Secretary**

Brigadier General (Ret) Earl Simms is currently the Vice President Corp Relations for the Armed Forces Services Corp. His military career spanned over 32 years in the U.S. Army in a wide variety of command and staff positions to include The Adjutant General of the Army and culminating as the Commanding General, U.S. Army Soldier Support Institute. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from West Virginia State College and a Master of Science in Public Administration from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania. Earl is a staunch supporter of several volunteer organizations to include being Co-Founder and Board Member of The Tim Maude Fund as well as serving as Chairman of the National Board of The ROCKS.

### **The Honorable Chet Edwards**

Chet Edwards represented Central Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1991-2010. He earned the reputation as a national champion for America's troops, veterans, and their families. Chet represented Ft. Hood through three combat deployments. He served for over 10 years as the Co-Chairman of the House Army Caucus and for four years as the Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs. Edwards wrote the Fry Scholarship law, which provides a full GI college scholarship for every child who has lost a parent in military service since September 11, 2001. He also authored the largest increases ever in veterans' health care funding; appropriations for 6 new military hospitals; funding for new day care facilities for over 20,000 military children; and played a key role in creating the public-private military housing program that is now used for over 90% of all new military family housing.

### **Anne Haston**

After graduating from the University of Tennessee Knoxville and marrying her high school sweetheart, Anne became a Realtor while husband, Max, served at Fort Hood, Texas. The Hastons transitioned from Active Duty to the National Guard in 1983, returning to Knoxville where Anne worked as an (AICP) Planner with Barge, Waggoner, Sumner, and Cannon, a Tennessee based engineering firm.

As a military spouse and mother, Anne has volunteered with AIM High TN, Daughters of the American Revolution, PTA, Fisher House, Ronald McDonald House, TN Expect More, Achieve More Coalition, and UT Alumni Association. As a child and youth education advocate since 1997, and as first lady of the Tennessee National Guard since 2010, Anne now advocates for the 'force behind the force' - the military child and family - by engaging community-based support for all military families and serving as a mentor to the TN National Guard Youth Action Council.

### **Kathy Killea**

Kathy Killea grew up in Queens, New York. She attended St. John's University where she met her Marine husband, Kevin. After graduating from college with a degree in Education, Kathy has worked in a classroom settling with almost every age group-from young children as a preschool teacher to helping adults as an ESL Instructor.

Kathy is the proud mother of three adult children. She has enjoyed raising them as a military family and exploring the country with each new move. Throughout and her family's many moves, Kathy has volunteered as a Sunday school teacher, Girl Scout leader, classroom assistant, team mom to innumerable sport teams, Key Volunteer, and Family Readiness Advisor.

### **Mary Claire Murphy**

Mary Claire Murphy is the Executive Director of Government Affairs in the Textron Washington, D.C. office. In this position, she is responsible for developing and implementing corporate strategies and activities with regards to government affairs, international operations, charitable and operating budgets within the Washington, DC arena. Mary Claire also oversees corporate communications & external affairs within the Washington office, and is a member of the Textron Corporate Communications Council, the Textron PAC Board of Directors and the Textron Global Leadership Team.


Prior to joining Textron in January 2008, Mary Claire served as the Special Assistant & Director of Protocol to the United States Secretaries of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and Robert M. Gates. In that position, she was the principal advisor and managed all domestic and international events hosted by the Secretary of Defense.

Mary Claire is a native of Thomasville, Georgia, and attended The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. She is married with two children and resides in Alexandria, Virginia.



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