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CNRSE Quarterly School Liaison Newsletter



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IMPACT AID SURVEY CARDS

Every year local school districts must apply for Federal Impact Aid funds from the U.S. Department of Education. These funds compensate school districts for the loss of local tax dollars from tax exempt federal property in the area.

Schools must conduct a federal residence and employment survey on a yearly basis to obtain a current count of families in the district who live on/or work on federal property. This survey is critical to each district's resources for students. The results of the Impact Aid survey help support each district's request for these federal funds. (*continued on pg.4*)





Navy School Liaisons Provide SEVEN CORE SERVICES to Assist Families:

School Transition Services (PCS Cycle)

School Liaisons assist families with school transfers and help "level the playing field" for military children and youth.

Deployment Support

School Liaisons connects educators and families with the military deployment support system to inform them about the cycles of deployment and tools to assist educators and parents/guardians in working with military children.

Command, School and Community Communications

School Liaisons serve as subject-matter experts for installation commanders on K-12 issues, helping to connect command, school and community resources.

Home School Linkage and Support

School Liaisons assist military families by gathering and sharing information on home schooling issues, policies and legislation from local school districts, and help leverage Navy CYP resources to support these families.

Partnerships in Education (PIE)

PIE creates a volunteer network of resources to support installation and community members who have a vested interest in the success of all youth.

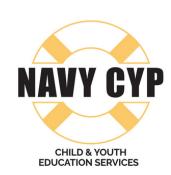
Post-Secondary Preparations

School Liaisons leverage installation and school resources to provide graduating military-connected students with access to post-secondary information and opportunities.



Special Needs System Navigation

School Liaisons provide information about installation and community programs and services, make referrals to the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP), and offer assistance in navigating the administrative systems within local education agencies.





LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The following summaries provide a quick snapshot of legislation, that have recently passed, that impact military-connected students in that State. For more details, reach out to your installation's School Liaison (directory located on back cover).

FLORIDA

HB 633 K-12 Education

The bill requires that student whose parent active-duty military personnel and who meets the eligibility criteria for special academic offered through programs schools must public enrolled in such a program if student's parent transferred to the state during the school year. The bill also provides that a student whose parent is on active military duty and is transferred within the state after the controlled open enrollment window can enroll in any school within the state.

HB 1597 FL Virtual Schools

The bill provides additional support to military children who are out-of-state due to the duty station of their military parent or guardian. The bill establishes a process by which a parent or guardian request flexibility assessment administration to student permit participate in statewide. standardized assessments while out-of-state.

HB 733 MS & HS Start Times

The bill requires district school boards to adopt middle and high school start times beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. By July 1, 2026, middle schools may not begin the instructional day prior to 8:00 a.m., and high schools may not begin prior to 8:30 a.m.

To learn more about legislative updates, contact your installation's School Liaison (directory on back page)

TEXAS

HB 2982 School Transfer

Relating to the transfer of certain public-school students who are children of certain military servicemembers.

HB 1955 Residency

Companion bill is SB-1008. Extends proof of residency for school enrollment purposes from 10 days to 90 days.

NOTE: School Liaisons are not lawyers. However, they can further explain each law to families and connect with the appropriate agency for further support.



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GEORGIA

SB 147 School Transfer

Permits students to transfer between local school systems without contracts between the local school system where the student resides and the local school system where the student seeks to enroll.

HB 310 Zell Miller Scholarship

Revises the definition of the term "Zell Miller Scholarship Scholar" by removing the SAT and ACT score requirements for students who graduate from eligible high schools.

HB 1111

Mandates pre-kindergarten and kindergarten for all children prior to entering first grade; includes mandatory pre-kindergarten programs in the student-based allocation of state funds.

Impact Aid Survey Cards cont'd

The school district only reports the number of students living with families who live on and/or work on federal property. Schools do not report information about individual students in the Federal Impact Aid application. Contact your child's school office if you need a new form or have questions about how to complete the survey.

For more information about the Federal Impact Aid program, scan the QR code below:











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Post-Secondary Preparation



Scholarship Season

Do you have a graduating senior or college student? Do you have a high school junior that is planning to attend college? Contact your installation's School Liaison and request the militaryconnected scholarship list. Seniors and students college can apply scholarships for the next academic year each organization's according to criteria. Juniors, reviewing the list and knowing what scholarships they can apply for helps them be prepared for next year's applications.



FAFSA Opens October 1st

Affordable college and career training opportunities are available for everyone. The first, best step is to apply

for financial aid via the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students should apply for financial assistance as soon as possible after October 1.



Apprenticeships Provide a Unique Post-Secondary Option for Students

Apprenticeships offer a distinctive postsecondary option for students in the United States. Unlike traditional academic apprenticeships pathways, provide combination of on-the-job training and classroom instruction, allowing students to gain practical skills and knowledge in a specific trade or profession. This hands-on approach enables individuals to develop valuable expertise while earning a wage, making apprenticeships an attractive alternative to traditional higher education. Additionally, apprenticeships often lead to certifications industry-recognized credentials, enhancing employability and opening doors to rewarding career opportunities.

Joining a Military Academy

Joining a military academy is a significant and rigorous process that requires careful preparation and dedication. Military academies are institutions that train future officers for the armed forces, and they typically offer a four-year undergraduate education along with military training and leadership development. Here are the general steps to consider if you are interested in joining a military academy:

Research and Choose an Academy: Research the different military academies and determine which one aligns with your goals and interests. Visit their official websites and view pre-recorded video admissions briefs and/or visit in-person admissions infomation sessions. In the United States you can consider the United States Military Academy at West Point, the United States Naval Academy, the United States Air Force Academy, the United States Coast Guard Academy and the U.S. Merchant Academy (USMMA).

Meet Eligibility Requirements: Ensure you meet the eligibility requirements for admission to the academy of your choice. These requirements may include age limits, citizenship status, physical fitness standards, and educational prerequisites.

Apply for Nomination: Most military academies in the United States require candidates to obtain a nomination from a member of Congress, the Vice President, or a service branch (e.g., Army, Navy, Air Force). Start the nomination application process early, as it can be competitive.

Complete the Application: Once you have secured a nomination, complete the academy's application, which typically includes essays, standardized test scores (SAT or ACT), academic transcripts, letters of recommendation, and a comprehensive medical examination.

Interview: Be prepared for an interview as part of the application process. This interview may be conducted by academy staff or a selection committee.

Physical Fitness: Military academies place a strong emphasis on physical fitness. Maintain (*continued on page 8*)



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a high level of physical fitness and prepare for the Physical Aptitude and Fitness Test (PAFT) or a similar test required by the academy.

Attend Candidate Visit Weekends: If invited, attend candidate visit weekends or summer seminars at the academy to get a firsthand experience of the academy's culture and training.

Complete the Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA): The CFA measures physical fitness and is a crucial part of the application process for some academies. Prepare for it to ensure you meet the fitness standards.

Medical Qualifications: Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB) schedules medical exams for all officer accessions. DoDMERB medical exam will be scheduled when candidates complete 50% of application. Each Service Academy/officer accession program has different standards for entry.

Stay Informed: Keep in touch with your admissions counselor and stay informed about important deadlines and requirements throughout the application process.

Prepare for Interviews: If selected for an interview, practice your interview skills and be ready to discuss your motivations for attending the academy and your commitment to serving in the military.

Receive an Appointment: If you are selected, you will receive an appointment to the academy. Accept the appointment and complete any additional requirements, such as background checks and security clearances.

Complete Basic Training: Upon entering the academy, you will undergo basic military training, which is physically and mentally demanding.

Pursue Your Education: While at the academy, you will work towards a bachelor's degree and receive military training to become an officer in your chosen branch. Each Service Academy has their own core curriculum schedule.

Joining a military academy is a challenging but rewarding path to a career in the armed forces. It requires dedication, discipline, and a strong commitment to serve your country as an officer. Be sure to follow the specific application guidelines and requirements of the academy you are interested in, as they may vary from institution to institution.



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PARTNERSHIPS IN EDUCATION

Your Command Can Be a Partner in Education!

School partnerships can be beneficial for Navy commands and area schools. Sailors get an opportunity to connect with their community while earning community service hours which can be included in evaluations, and toward earning the Volunteer Service Medal. The benefits for the schools are insurmountable. Students build positive relationships with our service members and feel additionally connected to their military community. Ultimately it raises awareness of the benefits of working with the military community and helps to support our military children in education.

Command Support

Opportunities

- Provide Navy personnel to be guest speakers at schools.
- Plan field trips to the command to reward students for academics and citizenship.
- · Provide a military presence at special events, assemblies, or running clubs.
- Provide tutoring and extra help during homework clubs.
- Assist with school self-help projects.
- · Share an expertise or hobby with students.

These are only a few ways to get involved!

Navy Region Southeast



Contact your School Liaison to learn more!







Home School Support



Military Families and Home School

Military families may choose to homeschool their children for a variety of reasons, just like civilian families. However, the unique demands and lifestyle associated with military service can influence this decision in specific ways. Here are some reasons why military families might opt for homeschooling:

- 1. Frequent Relocations: Military families often move to different duty stations every few years. This can disrupt a child's education and make it challenging to maintain continuity in their schooling. Homeschooling provides flexibility and consistency in their education, as they can continue their curriculum regardless of where they are stationed.
- 2. Inconsistent School Quality: Schools near military installations can vary in terms of quality and resources. Homeschooling allows parents to have more control over the quality of education their children receive, ensuring it meets their standards and requirements.
- 3. Special Needs: Some military children have special educational needs, such as learning disabilities or medical conditions, that require individualized attention. Homeschooling allows parents to tailor the curriculum to meet these unique needs.
- 4. Flexibility: The unpredictable nature of military life, with changes in duty assignments and schedules, can make traditional school attendance challenging. Homeschooling offers greater flexibility in adapting to these changes.
- 5. Family Bonding: Frequent separations due to deployments can make family time precious for military families. Homeschooling can promote stronger family bonds by allowing more time together and potentially involving the military parent in the child's education.
- 6.Travel Opportunities: Military families often have opportunities to travel and experience different cultures. Homeschooling can be a way to incorporate these experiences into the child's education, providing a more enriched and diverse learning environment.

It's important to note that homeschooling requires dedication, time, and resources from the parents, and it may not be the best choice for every military family. Families should carefully consider their individual circumstances, the needs of their children, and the legal requirements for homeschooling in their respective locations before making this educational choice. Contact your installation's School Liaison to learn more about State specific laws and policies as well as installation and community resources available to you!

WHAT IS THE COMPACT?

The Compact deals with the challenges of military children and their frequent relocations. It allows for uniform treatment as military children transfer between school districts in member states. Note: The Compact only applies to public schools.

STUDENTS COVERED

Children of the following:

- Active duty members of the uniformed services, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders (Title 10)
- Members or veterans who are medically discharged or retired for one year
- Members who die on active duty, for a period of one year after death
- Uniformed members of the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and United States Public Health Services (USPHS)

STUDENTS NOT COVERED

Children of the following:

- Inactive members of the National Guard and Reserves (Not Title 10)
- · Members now retired not covered above
- Veterans not covered above
- · Other Department of Defense personnel, federal agency civilians and contract employees not defined as active duty
- Members other than the uniformed personnel of NOAA and USPHS

SOME OF THE ISSUES COVERED

Enrollment

- · Educational Records
- Immunizations
- · Kindergarten & First Grade Entrance Age

Placement & Attendance

- Course & Educational Program Placement
- Special Education Services
- · Placement Flexibility
- · Absence Related to Deployment Activities

Graduation

- Waiving courses required for graduation if similar course work has been completed
- Flexibility in accepting state exit or end-ofcourse exams, national achievement tests, or alternative testing in lieu of testing requirements for graduation in the receiving state
- Allowing a student to receive a diploma from the sending school instead of the receiving school

Through the Interstate Compact, MIC3 addresses key educational transition issues encountered by children of military families.

Contact your School Liaison for support!

NCBC Gulfport

NCBC Gulfport & Keesler AFB Team Up with Operation Homefront

Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport and Keesler Air Force Base School Liaisons Mona Odom (Gulfport) and Gerry Cross (Keesler) teamed up with Operation Homefront for a back-to-school supply giveaway on July 20, 2023. Approximately 125 Navy and Air Force families from the Gulf Coast attended the event, held at Keesler Air Force Base, where they received back-to-school essentials, including backpacks and a variety of school supplies contributed by local businesses. The free event was a joint effort aimed at preparing military children and families for the upcoming school year and providing parents with information about educational resources available to them through the School Liaison program.











NS Mayport

AAES Tour Naval Station Mayport









Educators from Anchor Academy Elementary toured the Youth Activities Center, School Age Care Program and the CAPT Brian USS Carnev. Binder. Commanding Officer Naval Station Mayport and Installation School Liaison, Sharon Kasica welcomed the group. Anchor Academy serves over 80% military connected students. What an awesome way to start the School Year!

Back to Schol Splash

Naval Station Mayport's Back to School Splash, a CYP Youth Sponsorship Event, was a huge success! Families were able to gather resources, meet leadership from local schools and make friends while enjoying time at the outdoor pool. Wishing all a successful 2023-2024 school year!















I-NSST Tour

In preparation for their brand-new Modeling and Simulation high school program funded through a Department of the Navy grant, Duval County Public Schools Science Specialists visited Naval Station Mayport's state-of-the-art Integrated Navigation Seamanship and Shiphandling Trainer (I-NSST). This facility provides cutting-edge virtual reality training that immerse Sailors into shipboard navigation scenarios, equipping them with vital knowledge and experience for real world application. CAPT Brian Binder, Commanding Officer, NAVSTA Mayport joined the educators as they experienced a real-world simulator in action.

NAS Meridian

Area JROTC Cadets Plunge into World of Robotics with SeaPerch



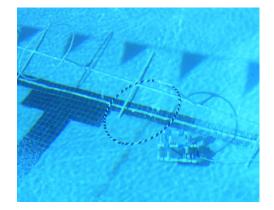


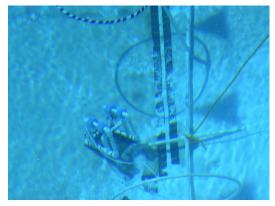
NAS Meridian partnered with the area Navy JROTC program from Northeast High School to provide a place and opportunity for cadets to explore careers through a STEM program named SeaPerch.

In addition to learning STEM concepts, cadets have fun while assembling an underwater remotely operated vehicle (ROV) and navigating it through a series of underwater obstacles in a pool. This school year cadets intend to compete locally and possibly regionally against other teams.

The program, sponsored by the Office of Naval Research (ONR), is an educational program that introduces students to basic engineering, design, and science concepts. SeaPerch engages students and fosters key 21st century skills including critical thinking, collaboration, and creativity.

Anyone interested learning more about the SeaPerch program can find information online at seaperch.org.





NAS Corpus Christi

Kolda Elementary's 1st Day of School

The Marine Aviation Training Wing Four (MATW4) raised the Colors at Zachary Kolda Elementary School on the first day of school. The Marines became Partners in Education (PIE) with the school last school year. The school is named after CPL Zachary A. Kolda, who died as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve in Houston, Texas. He died on December 1, 2004.

Zachary Kolda Elementary School is designated as a Purple Star campus by the Texas Education Agency. Schools with Purple Star designation illustrates how the school shows their support and commitment to meeting the unique needs of military-connected students and their families.

This partnership started last school year and is continuing to grow. The school's running club is very excited Marines will be part of the program.

We look forward to even more events as the school year progresses.







NAS Whiting Field

High School Anchored4Life Training Kickoff









Milton High School A4L is determined to make a difference!

Pace High School A4L is all smiles!

Santa Rosa County, located in the Florida Panhandle, is home to NAS Whiting Field. It is also home to four of the thirteen high school Anchored4Life pilot programs that were launched in the 2022-2023 school year. To start the 2023-2024 school year, the NAS Whiting Field School Liaison, Dawn Kaunike, had the privilege of participating in the annual A4L trainings at Milton High School, Pace High School, Gulf Breeze High School, and Navarre High School. Each A4L team consisted of an administrative POC, two or three adult advisers, the Military Family Life Counselors, and up to 20 student team leaders. The student leaders were trained on the Anchored4Life's features to instill positive youth development and to focus on the 7 C's of Resilience as they develop livelong skills. The A4L team leaders are responsible for implementing the A4L features by hosting monthly meetings, providing campus tours, facilitating REALTALK opportunities, distributing A4L kits, sharing positive quotes, completing two service projects, and by providing ongoing support to their school and community. trainings were a huge success thanks to Dr. Shawna Harlin-Clifton, Executive Director of A4L. The excited A4L teams left the training confident and ready to provide stellar support! NAS Whiting Field's School Liaison supports 21 Achored4Life programs that have had an enduring impact on Santa Rosa County District Schools.









Navarre High School A4L Team is ready to support!

Gulf Breeze High School A4L discussing current issues!

NAS JRB New Orleans

Back to School Brigade















NAS JRB New Orleans School Liaison, in coordination with Operation Homefront, held a Back to School Brigade event Saturday, August 12, 2023. We were able to welcome 300 children, and their families, in order to provide a backpack full of school supplies and a family style breakfast to enjoy together. Military One Source came out as well to spend time with families, and to provide resource information for the upcoming school year. It was a wonderful day, and we hope that our event helped the families prepare to start the school year on a high note!

NSA Panama City

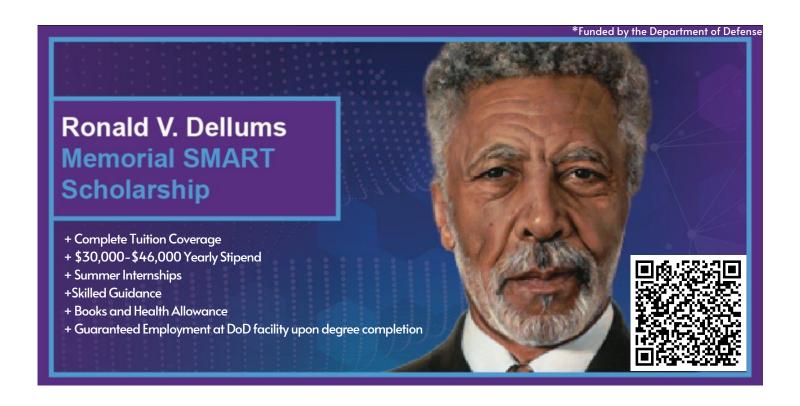
Bay Area Education Alliance Wins 2023 Pete Taylor Partnership of Excellence Award

Since 2004, the Lt. Gen. H. G. "Pete" Taylor awards through the Military & Child Education Coalition (MCEC) have offered military bases around the world an opportunity to recognize individual and community partnerships formed between military installations, school districts, and colleges/universities that serve military-connected children. The Winners of this prestigious award truly reflect Lt. Gen. Taylor's belief that "goodness starts at the local level."

The Bay Area Education Alliance is made of community partnerships that include Naval Support Activity, Panama City, Tyndall AFB, Bay District schools, Florida State University Panama City, and Gulf Coast State College. Bay Area Education Alliance is set apart from other organizational partnerships by practicing and initiating the constant partnership mantra of collaboration, communication, and education. These values and beliefs are key for our community to prosper, thrive, and initiate success. The accomplished growth and success of our community through STEM programs that involve Gulf Coast State College STEM Camps, FSU Panama City STEM in the box programs, and CTE Cyber Security certification. Naval Surface Warfare Center command at the Navy base plays a pivotal roles in providing the Engineers and the learning curriculum needed for these STEM programs as well as internship opportunities for local high school and college students.

NSA PC community outreach with "Touch a Truck" & Career Day allowed our area youth to dream big and plan for their future. Both Tyndall AFB and NSA PC invited area schools and community to tour of both bases show the reach, influence, and most definitely the possibilities for our area future student's career possibilities. The Bay Area Education Alliance partnership has won & been recognized in 2011, 2015, 2018, 2022 & 2023 for the Pete Taylor Award. Next year we are hoping for a three "Pete!"





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Support for Families

Military members routinely PCS every 2 to 3 years, resulting in unique challenges for families who need childcare. Moving abroad or to a community without extended family to ease the childcare burden makes childcare decisions that much more important.

MilitaryChildCare.com was designed to help you make informed childcare choices. Here, you can find a variety of military childcare resources. You can learn how to request and manage care in MCC, read about military childcare and fee assistance programs, learn about your family's priority and how this impacts waitlist sequencing, and browse family resources.



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