



LA National Guard Emergency Management Bulletin

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Purpose

The National Guard (NG) Emergency Management (EM) program is responsible for all activities and operations related to preparing for, mitigating the potential effect of, preventing, responding to, and recovering from all multi-agency and/or multi-jurisdictional emergencies on or impacting NG installations nationwide. The NG EM Program functions within an all-hazards environment consisting of all natural, technological (man-made), and terroristic hazards.

Vision

To provide the NG EM services when and where they are needed with the joint and interagency capacity necessary to effectively and efficiently protect the NG community and mission capabilities from all hazards.

Mission

To provide integrated and comprehensive NG EM services necessary to protect our community and mission capabilities from all hazards in a cost effective, implementable, and sustainable manner through resiliency.

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Military children make up a very special part of our nation's population. Although young, these brave sons and daughters stand in steadfast support of their military parents. To honor their unique contributions and sacrifices on behalf of our country, each April is designated the Month of the Military Child. Our Bulletin will focus on the Military Child.

More than 2 million children under the age of 18 have at least one parent serving in the armed forces. And it is estimated that more than 900,000 children have had one or both parents deployed multiple times.

The Month of the Military Child is part of the legacy left by former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. He established the Defense Department commemoration in 1986.

Please join me in celebrating Military Children this month.



I hope you find this information useful. Always Remember "Be Prepared".

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PURPLE UP to Celebrate the Month of the Military Child 2019

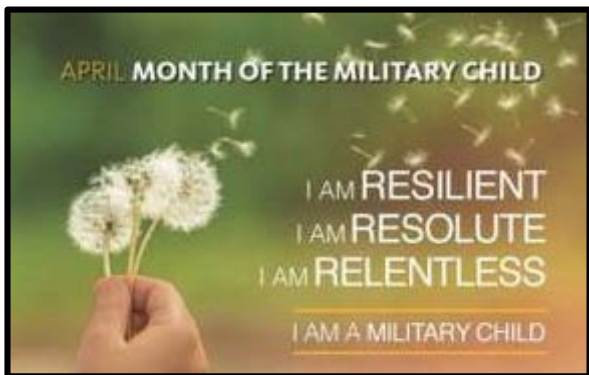
Purple Up! For Military Kids Day

“Purple Up! For Military Kids” is a day for DoDEA Communities to wear purple to show support and Thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. Wearing purple is a visible way to show support and Thank military youth for their strength and sacrifices. Purple indicates that all branches of the military are Supported: Air Force blue, Army green, Navy blue, Marine red, and Coast Guard blue all thought to Combine Together as a single color, Purple.



Way to Celebrate Purple Up Day!

- Wear Purple on 13 April 2018 to Support all Military Kids
- Ask local, regional, state, and federal officials to wear purple on Purple Up Day
- Suggest companies and businesses ask their employees to wear purple
- Ask school, teachers to recognize Purple Up Day
- Recognize military children
- Involve schools, sports teams, youth organizations, clubs, after school programs, fraternal organizations, social clubs, coworkers, members of your organizations
- Request local business, stores and restaurants post a Purple Up message
- Share your activities and photos #purpleup



Month of the Military Child Events

Like many similar military recognition efforts, the Month of The Military Child I soften celebrated “internally” with military communities and military association planning contests, parades, fairs, seminars, and special events centered around the message of the month. It is also celebrated around the message of the month. It is also celebrated “externally by many communities, schools and organizations.

As emergencies affect the entire Family, make your children a part of preparedness planning.



Month of the Military Child Events Continued

According to the Army official site, “military children will be able to tell their story on what it means to be a military child through drawings or words for a chance to win great prizes”.

For some military-related private organizations, April is a time to put special emphasis on the programs they administer year-round; The Military Child Education Coalition, one such group accredited by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) has a stated goal of ensuring “inclusive, quality educational opportunities for all military-connected children affected by mobility, transition, deployments and Family separation”.

The group offers year-round “Student 2 Student” programs (student-led initiatives) and a “Parent To Parent” version of the similar efforts. During the month of April, the coalition offers Month Of The Military Child downloadable toolkits and other resources.

There are also the usual military base-level events, ceremonies, contests, and special nights through the month of April, urging military families to get involved, be more vocal about their military lifestyle, and learn from the past experiences of other military families.

Evolution of the Month of the Military Child

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger was responsible for establishing April as the Month Of The Military Child in 1986, and the Department of Defense has honored his initiative ever since.

The month of April is an important one for children who have one or both parents serving in uniform; since 1986 there have been an increasing number of awareness campaigns aimed at recognizing the needs of military children in all areas from coping with the deployment of parents to war zones to education of military dependents at on-base Department of Defense Dependent School System (DoDDS) campuses around the globe.

Since the debut of the original Month of The Military Child, there are a growing number of activities both on military bases and in local military communities. The U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), which operates 166 schools for military children worldwide, instructs its school administrators to “plan special events to honor military children and have administrators and principals incorporate the themes of this month into their everyday duties and responsibilities” according to the DoDEA official site.

Military Children by the Numbers

According to a report by the Department of Defense there are 700 military child development program facilities around the world, running approximately 155,000 child-care spaces, with another 3,000 Family Child Care homes.

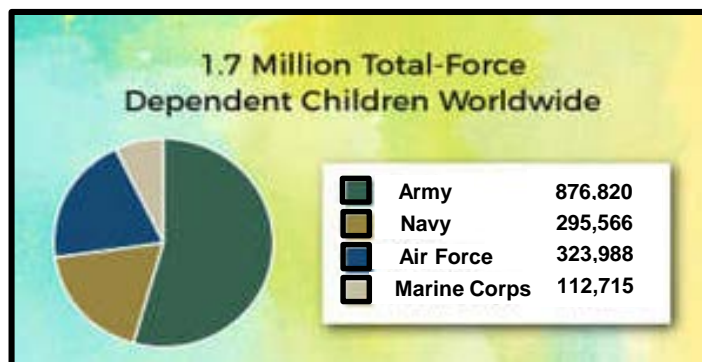
It’s estimated that military child development centers welcome around 200,000 children daily.

There are 300 youth and teen centers worldwide serving more than 645,000 youth through a variety of educational and recreational programs.

Approximately 2 million military children have experienced a parental deployment since 9/11.

There are currently 1.2 million military children of active duty members worldwide.

Nearly 80% of military children attend public schools throughout the United States.





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The average military Family moves three times more often than their civilian counterpart.

There are nearly two million “total-force dependent children” including more than 900 thousand Army dependents, 400 thousand Air Force dependents, nearly 300 thousand Navy and approximately 118 thousand Marine dependents.

Who Are Military Dependent Children?

The familiar Hollywood trope of the “military brat” brings to mind the notion of military families who constantly move from base to base, overseas and stateside, experiencing a seemingly never-ending series of short-term homes, jobs, and schools.

That can and sometimes is the experience of military families, but the “hidden” side to military life includes “with dependents” assignments at bases in Japan, Germany, and elsewhere. Some military children never attend a stateside K-12 school; they grow up getting their education via DoDDS schools on the same military bases their parents live and work at.



The military child experience also includes situations where the Family itself never leaves the United States, but the military parent(s) still serve overseas and at remote bases in Alaska, North Dakota, and Montana. Sometimes the entire Family packs up and moves, other times the military member goes on assignment or a deployment without the Family.

There are many situations that fall somewhere between these two examples; the military child is expected to support the mission by understanding the needs of the parents to deploy, to relocate, and to put the family’s needs second to the call of duty.

Children bear a difficult burden as Department of Defense dependents; they don’t always fully understand what’s going on when the parents deploy or get re-assigned, but they are always part of the military’s attention when it comes to supporting these families at the same time as accomplishing the mission.

What’s a “Military Brat”?

The children of a parent or parents serving full-time in the United States Armed Forces are sometimes referred to as “military brats.” Many “Military Brats” wear the name like a badge of honor, often because of the moves, stressors and cultural experiences that make them more resilient than their civilian counterparts. Outside the military it can often be construed as derogatory. Military brats move an average of 10 times while growing up, and some have moved as many as 36 times. These frequent moves, exposure to different cultures and languages and immersion in military customs are all common, life-defining experiences in the military brat subculture.





APRIL EVENTS

20 March – 22 May	Wednesday at the Square (Lafayette Square)	New Orleans
5 -7 April	Scott Boudin Festival	Scott
7-13 April	National Volunteer Week	Nationwide
11-14 April	French Quarter Fest	New Orleans
12-14 April	Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival	Ponchatoula
21 April	Easter Sunday	Nationwide
22 April	Earth Day	Nationwide
26 April	Arbor Day	Nationwide
26 April – 5 May	Jazz Fest	New Orleans

Message from OPSEC

**REFRIGERATORS ARE NOT JUST
FOR FOOD ANYMORE.**

Is your **smart fridge** compromising your
privacy?

