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# Patriot's Express



**JBSA Military Child Education Program -  
Connecting Families, Communities and Schools**

## Purple Up! April 13, 2018

### *Release of Top Educational Challenges for our Military Dependents at JBSA*

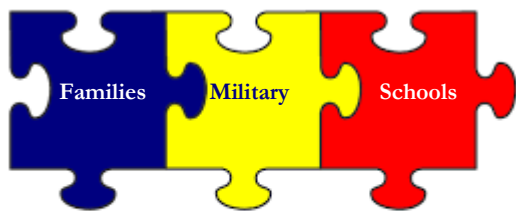
Military Child Education remains a top quality of life issue for our military members. A hallmark to force retention is the expectation that military families are safe and well supported. This means providing military children the opportunity to thrive academically, socially and emotionally, regardless of duty station, deployments or transition status. Our failure to meet this expectation would impact the core strength and quality of our force, and ultimately the well-being of our country. As a part of our program requirements, our office engages not only with Installation leadership but also works diligently with school districts in which our military students are enrolled as well as our homeschool/alternative schooling population. We speak Education to the Military and Military to Educators so it becomes critical that we stay highly engaged in our community.

Being a part of a military family has it's challenges and transition is always at the top of the list. The differences between states, countries and even just across the city between the educational institutions is tremendous. Continued work in the compliance of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) and advocating Texas Education Agency (TEA) for changes to state policy that affects our military families is the top priority for our program.

Some of the top issues/concerns identified and our office is currently working to support our families here are as follows:

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| 1. MIC3 State Advisory Council                      | 5. UIL Varsity Waivers                            |
| 2. Magnet School Lottery Admission                  | 6. Virtual K-12 Requirements & Homeschool Support |
| 3. Early College High School Admission/Continuation | 7. Remote/Geographically Separated Families       |
| 4. Anticipated Move Contracts/School Boundaries     | 8. Out of State Tuition—Post Secondary Education  |

The continued need of support and emphasis on the Military Child Education Program - School Liaison Office is critical for our families to remain models of resilience in an ever changing environment. It has been proven that strong military



families improve mission readiness. We must continue to provide consistent, impactful programming that supports military families through the challenges of transition, deployment and reintegration to help retain a strong and resilient workforce. When there is intentional and focused support/programming from leaders, professionals and community influencers, there is a significant impact on our ability to empower children who not only survive but thrive. Armed with reliable, comprehensive information and guided by a common vision for excellence, together we can build a plan for the continual improvement that provides

a solid foundation for our military youth throughout San Antonio and beyond.

*"It's the teacher that makes the difference, not the classroom." Michael Murpurgio*

## Save the Date!

10 Jan	PCSing w/ School Age Youth (W)
16 Jan	Internet Safety (W)
8 Feb	Let's Talk College & Career Readiness Night Randolph Field ISD & Judson ISD (E)
13 Feb	PCSing w/ School Age Youth (W)
22 Feb	Let's Talk College & Career Readiness Night Lackland ISD (E)
1-2 Mar	Let's Talk Getting Hired (E)
2 Mar	Read Across America Day (E)
10 Apr	PCSing w/ School Age Youth (W)
11 Apr	PCSing w/ School Age Youth (W)
13 Apr	Purple Up-For Military Kids (E)
18 Apr	PCSing w/ School Age Youth (W)

*All Events are Open to all DoD Cardholders  
Contact your MCE-SLO for more details*

W=Workshop

E= Event

Lackland      Randolph      Fort Sam Houston

## Follow Us on Facebook

### JBSA Homeschool Connection

For further information about events/activities for the groups

**Lackland**      [lacklandhomeschool@gmail.com](mailto:lacklandhomeschool@gmail.com)

**Randolph**      [jbsarandolph.homeed@gmail.com](mailto:jbsarandolph.homeed@gmail.com)

**FSH**      [fortsamhomeschool2016@yahoo.com](mailto:fortsamhomeschool2016@yahoo.com)

Each installation group meets regularly please contact them for dates/times/locations.

## Homeschool Happenings



**"You're never  
too old, too wacky, too wild,  
to pick up a book and  
read to a child."  
-Dr. Seuss**

## Join us March 2—Grab Your Hat & Read with the Cat!

JBSA will join millions across the country to celebrate the seventeenth annual National Education Association's (NEA) Read Across America Day on Monday, March 2, 2018. NEA's Read Across America Day, which celebrates Dr. Seuss's birthday and the joys of reading, expects more than 45 million readers, both young and old, to pick up a book and read. We encourage EVERYONE to pick up a book and read to a child. So, whether it's your favorite Dr. Seuss book or something new and exciting, we encourage you to: Grab your hat and read with the cat! When we work together as a community to encourage our children to read, to quote Dr. Seuss, "the more you read, the more you know. The more you know, the more places you'll go."

**Squadron/Unit POCs**—Contact your respective MCE-SLO office to register to read

**Schools** — Contact your respective MCE-SLO office to register to receive readers

Here is a photo from our tour at the Fire Dept. on base. Our group meets every Friday for a park day at Eberle Park on base or for a field trip. The ages of our children range from "bucket babies" to our oldest who is 16. Join us on our Facebook page JBSA Randolph home educators or email us at [jbsarandolph.homeed@gmail.com](mailto:jbsarandolph.homeed@gmail.com) to get on our email list.



**Turn Your Good Grades into Rewards at Your Local Exchange!**



Bring your child's report card to your local Exchange main store customer service desk along with a valid military I.D. Qualifying students will then receive a booklet with FREE food offers and discounts from the Exchange.

Eligible students can also submit their name for the \$500, \$1500, or \$2000 Exchange gift card semi-annual sweepstakes. Drawings take place on Jun. 30th and Dec. 31st. The students name can be entered once for each grading period.

- Students must be authorized Exchange customers in grades 1 through 12.
- Home-schooled students will need to provide written affirmation of their scholastic aptitude from a parent or other community-authorized education provider.
- Students must have an overall "B" or "A" GPA.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2016 WINNERS!**

**DECEMBER**

1st Place: \$2,000 gift card  
Dallas, 5th grader  
Ft. Gordon Exchange

2nd Place: \$1,500 gift card  
Kahill, 9th grader  
Ft. Lee Exchange

3rd Place: \$500 gift card  
Maximus, 8th grader  
Ft. Belvoir Exchange

**JUNE**

1st Place: \$2,000 gift card  
Abley, 12th grader  
Randolph Exchange

2nd Place: \$1,500 gift card  
Allyah, 12th grader  
USMA West Point Exchange

3rd Place: \$500 gift card  
Logan, 4th grader  
Sedfridge Exchange

Contact your local Exchange for more details on the YOU MADE THE GRADE program.



*Scholarship Search*

**For a complete listing contact your local MCE-SLO**

**AMVETS National Scholarship Program**  
<http://www.amvets.org/amvets-in-action/scholarships/>

**Anchor Scholarship Foundation**  
<http://www.anchor scholarship.com/>

**Army Emergency Relief Fund** <https://www.aerhq.org/>

**Coast Guard Mutual Assistance**  
<http://www.cgmahq.org/programs/education/educationGeneral.html>

**College Board Scholarship Search Engine**  
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>


**Dependents Education Assistance Program**  
<http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/DEA.asp>

**Want to make a difference in the life of a child? Here's How!**

If you can provide one hour per week, we have the opportunity for you to change the life of a child - just by being yourself. Mentoring is a relationship that provides young people with the guidance, support and encouragement that will make a positive and lasting difference in their lives. Our MCE-SLO Office Community in Schools-San Antonio work together to provide training and help place volunteers in schools throughout San Antonio. Workshops are offered monthly at each JBSA location.

<b>Randolph</b>	1200-1330	2nd Thurs	210-652-5321
<b>Lackland</b>	1200-1330	2nd Thurs	210-671-3722
<b>Fort Sam</b>	1000-1230	3rd Wed	210-221-2705

Visit  
<https://www.cissa.org/get-involved/volunteer>  
to begin the background check and indicate your JBSA location.



The MCE-School Liaisons are happy to announce that the Air Force is piloting the "Anchored4Life" program. Four of our local schools are excited to be a part of this program. It is the kickoff to the implementation phase to the JBSA- San Antonio area. Anchored4Life provides training and resiliency life skills to schools, home schools and child and youth programs. The four schools participating sits in a district that educate some of our highest numbers of military students.



**Servicing Military Youth, Parents, Educators, & Community Partners**  
**Connecting - Families - Schools - Military Community**

### Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

#### The Interstate Compact ...

1. Focuses on key educational transition issues
2. Seeks to inform schools of the unique educational challenges of transitional military students
3. Allows for uniform treatment of military students alongside their civilian peers
4. Covers students in grades Kindergarten thru 12th grade
5. Only applies to Public and overseas DoDEA schools

#### The Interstate Compact DOES NOT:

1. Advocate for preferential treatment for military students
2. Impact curriculum, nor state/local educational authority on education
3. Apply to preschool or pre-kindergarten
4. Apply to private, parochial, homeschool, or international (abroad) schools

For more information on your children's educational rights contact your MCE-SLO or visit [www.mic3.net](http://www.mic3.net)

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**Career Day Speakers Wanted?**

Send us an email request as soon as you set  
your date!

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