



## MC&FP FACT SHEET

### Data

- ✔ *Youth centers on military installations offer many of the same club programs as traditional clubs and are available to more than 450,000 military children.*
- ✔ *The military partnership makes up 10 percent of the Boys & Girls Clubs' affiliation.*
- ✔ *Since 2003, the Boys & Girls Clubs have provided millions of dollars in resources, support, grants and scholarships to military youth and youth programs.*

### Additional Information

Boys & Girls Clubs of America  
[www.bgca.org/meetourpartners/Pages/MilitaryPartnership.aspx](http://www.bgca.org/meetourpartners/Pages/MilitaryPartnership.aspx)

## Military Youth of the Year

### Background

For more than two decades, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America have partnered with the Department of Defense to provide nationally recognized, evidence-based programming for thousands of military youth around the world. Established in 1947, Youth of the Year is the Boys & Girls Clubs' premier, national recognition program for club members, promoting service to club, community and family, academic success, strong moral character, life goals, and poise and public speaking ability. This year, in addition to the overall National Youth of the Year award, the Boys & Girls Clubs are sponsoring a Military Youth of the Year competition.

### Highlights

- Mr. Charles Milam, principal director, Military Community and Family Policy, will announce the winner at an awards ceremony at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery on Friday, Sept. 13, 2013.
- The Military Youth of the Year winner will serve a one-year term as the military youth spokesperson for the Department of Defense, the military services and the Boys & Girls Clubs.
- The winner of the Military Youth of the Year will go on to compete in the Boys & Girls Clubs' National Youth of the Year competition; the winner of that competition will be announced on Sept. 18, 2013.
- Military state winners each receive a \$1,000 scholarship and participate in regional competitions. Six military regional winners each receive up to a \$10,000 scholarship and compete for the title of "Military Youth of the Year."
- The winner of the Military Youth of the Year will receive a \$20,000 scholarship. That individual will go on to compete for the Boys & Girls Clubs' National Youth of the Year, the winner of which will receive a \$50,000 scholarship.

