

Military Family Readiness Council Meeting Minutes
The Pentagon Conference Center, Room B6
March 6, 2018
1-3 p.m.

Meeting Attendees:

Office of the Secretary of Defense:

Ms. Stephanie Barna, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs),
Alternate Chair

Ms. Carolyn Stevens, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Military Community &
Family Policy) / Director, Office of Military Family Readiness Policy

Army:

Ms. Carla Coulson, representing LTG Gwen Bingham, USA, Assistant Chief of Staff for
Installation Management

Sergeant Major of the Army Daniel Dailey

Army National Guard:

MG Kevin McNeely, Director, Manpower and Personnel (J-1), National Guard Bureau

Ms. Laura Conley, U.S. Army National Guard Spouse

Marine Corps:

Col. Matthew Day, representing BGen Kurt Stein, USMC, Director, Marine and Family Programs

Ms. Julie Margolis, Marine Corps Active Duty Spouse

Ms. Andrea Green, Spouse of Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Ronald Green (By Phone)

Ms. Stacie Black, representing (in person) the Spouse of Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps
Ronald Green

Navy:

RDML Karl Thomas, Director, Twenty-First Century Sailor Office

Ms. Jennifer Luscher, Navy Reserve Component Spouse

Air Force:

Lt Col Todd Randolph, representing Brig Gen Kathleen Cook, USAF, Director of Air Force
Services

CMSgt Warren Triche, representing Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Kaleth Wright

Military Family Organizations:

Ms. Karen Ruedisueli, National Military Family Association (By Phone)

Dr. Mary Keller, Military Child Education Coalition / Chief Executive Officer

FY17 MFRC Recommendations Status Update Panel:

Dr. Ed Tyner, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Military Community & Family
Policy) / Associate Director of the Office of Special Needs and Children and Youth
Programs

Ms. Kathleen Facon, DoD Education Activity / Chief, Education Partnerships and Resources
Mr. Andrew Corso, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Military Personnel Policy) / Assistant Director of Compensation Policy

Child and Youth Well-Being Panel:

Dr. Mary Keller, Military Child Education Coalition / Chief Executive Officer, and Child and Youth Well-Being Panel Facilitator
Ms. Mary (Tib) Campise, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Military Community & Family Policy) / Senior Policy Analyst for the Family Advocacy Program
Ms. Carolyn Stevens, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Military Community & Family Policy) / Director, Office of Military Family Readiness Policy
Col (S) Eric Flake, Madigan Army Medical Center, Joint Base Lewis-McChord / JBLM CARES
CAPT Ed Simmer, Deputy Director, TRICARE / Defense Health Activity
Ms. Terrill McFarland, Boys and Girls Clubs of America / National Vice President for Military and Outreach Services
Dr. Kristina Callina, Institute of Applied Research (Character Development), Tufts University / U.S. Military Academy West Point

Spouse Licensure Portability Panel:

Mr. Marcus Beauregard, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Military Community & Family Policy) / Director, Defense-State Liaison Office
Ms. Leslie Adrian, Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy / Director of Professional Standards
Ms. Kim Lopez, Facilitator of the Teaching Professionals Facebook Group sponsored by the National Military Family Association
The Honorable Carol Blood, Nebraska State Senator

MFRC Advisors:

Mr. Marcus Beauregard, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Military Community & Family Policy) / Director, Defense-State Liaison Office
Ms. Kristen McManus, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Military Community & Family Policy) / Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Resale Policy
Ms. Valerie Thompson, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Civilian Personnel Policy) / Chief of Staff
Mr. Kevin Kelly, DoD Force Resiliency
Mr. Matthew Dubois, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Integration)
Mr. Edmund Chan, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)
Mrs. Ann G. Johnston, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Military Community & Family Policy)
Ms. Pamela Powers, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) / Chief of Staff
Ms. Virginia Penrod, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness)
Mr. Andrew Cohen, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Education and Training) / Director, Financial Readiness
Ms. Jeri Busch, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Military Personnel Policy) / Director, DoD Compensation Policy

Mr. Lernes Hebert, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Military Personnel Policy)
Dr. Linda Curtis, representing Mr. Tom Brady, Director, DoD Education Activity
LTC Ray Buckner, Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Personnel and Readiness (J1)
Dr. Patricia Moseley, Defense Health Agency / Military Child and Family Behavioral Health
Senior Policy Analyst
Ms. Cecily Burrows-McElwain, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
(SAMHSA)
COL Donna McDermott, Defense Personnel and Family Support Center
Mr. Bret Stevens, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Services Policy and Oversight)

Military Family Readiness Council Designated Federal Officer:

Dr. Randy Eltringham

MFRC Support Staff:

Ms. Melody McDonald
Mr. Frank Emery
Mr. Eddy Mentzer

Also Present:

Ms. Dawn Goldfein, Spouse of the Air Force Chief of Staff General David L. Goldfein
Mrs. Holly Dailey, Spouse of Sergeant Major of the Army Daniel Dailey
Mrs. Ellyn Dunford, Spouse of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Joseph Dunford

Written Public Submissions:

Public submissions received in advance of the March 6, 2018 meeting included the following:

- EFM Support Needed During Relocation – Family Member Letter
- Pediatric Advocacy Forum Briefing Slides
- Character Development Article
- Child Abuse Research Information Paper
- Webinar Promotional Materials in Support of Financial Literacy/Family Financial Stability:
 - Personal Finance
 - Blended Retirement System
 - Income Tax Tips
- Resources for Special Needs Families
- JBLM CARES (Autism Center) Tri-Fold and Program Model Chart
- Military Kids Connect Resources and Information Cards
- Navy Family Framework Strategic Plan
- Presidential Executive Order 13822, “Supporting Our Veterans During Their Transition From Uniformed Service to Civilian Life”
- Trump Takes Care of Veterans Fact Sheet/Article
- Child Abuse Research: Reporting and Treatment for Military Families

- Military Child Education Coalition 2018 Calendar, Created by Military Children in Germany (from the Military Child Education Coalition)

Proceedings of the Meeting:

On Tuesday, March 6, 2018, the second Military Family Readiness Council (MFRC) meeting of fiscal year 2018 was held in the Pentagon Library and Conference Center (Room B6). The purpose of this meeting was to hear status update briefs on four FY17 MFRC recommendations and panel presentations from military and civilian subject matter experts on two FY18 focus areas:

- Child and Youth Well-Being
- Spouse Licensure Portability

A full transcript of the meeting and attendance of members and advisers present is available.

The MFRC Designated Federal Officer, Dr. Randy Eltringham, opened the meeting by welcoming Council members, advisors and public guests. She then introduced Ms. Stephanie Barna, MFRC Alternate Chair, for opening remarks.

Ms. Barna thanked everyone and brought greetings from Mr. Robert Wilkie, MFRC Chair, who had commitments on Capitol Hill and was unable to attend. She said caring for military families and military family readiness is one of Mr. Wilkie's top priorities and in the previous eight weeks, he never let an opportunity to advocate for military families pass him by.

Dr. Eltringham then told Council members that the 29 Aug 2017 and 4 Dec 2017 meeting minutes have been certified and will be posted on the MFRC website for easy access: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/web/mos/military-family-readiness-council>. She explained the final meeting of the year will be held on June 6, 2018. At that meeting, Council members will present, deliberate, and vote on FY18 recommendations for the Secretary of Defense. Due to time constraints and a desire to give guest speakers maximum time to make their presentations, Dr. Eltringham asked those present to refer to the slides provided for information on contacting the Council. She encouraged Council members and the public to submit questions, recommendations, and written submissions using this contact information. She then welcomed Mrs. Ann G. Johnston, the new Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy, and acknowledged representatives of Council members who were unable to attend today's meeting.

Dr. Eltringham then provided an executive summary of 15 written public submissions to the Council, including those from military family members, researchers, DoD resource partners, and Council members, before introducing panel members, panel facilitators and guest speakers.

Presentation Panel #1: Updates to MFRC FY17 Recommendations

- ***Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children***

Ms. Kathleen Facon, Chief, Education Partnerships and Resources for the DoD Education Activity (DODEA), briefed the Council on the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. This compact helps children successfully transition at the time of permanent change of station to public schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, but does not cover students who are in private schools, international schools, or who are homeschooled. Students most heavily impacted by relocation and interstate compacts are: (1) middle school and high school students, and (2) students with special needs.

There are some things the interstate compact was never intended to address such as (1) variance in the quality of education between schools, (2) grade computation, and (3) requiring states to make waivers to state education requirements.

Ms. Facon told Council members that DoD has a representative on the Interstate Compact Executive Commission at the national level, and that state-sponsored Education Councils have military liaisons who advocate for the needs of military school-aged children at the state level. Additionally, the Military Services and commands also have school liaisons.

Comprehensive information to help parents successfully transition their children to new public schools is available on the DoD Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children website (<https://www.dodea.edu/Partnership/interstateCompact.cfm>); the National Military Family Association (NMFA) website (<http://www.militaryfamily.org/kids-operation-purple/education.html>); the Military Child Education Coalition website (<http://www.militarychild.org/the-interstate-compact-on-educational-opportunity-for-military-children-see>); and Military OneSource (<http://download.militaryonesource.mil/12038/MOS/Factsheets/Factsheet-Interstate-Compact.pdf>).

DODI 1342.29 is the DoD policy on the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

- ***Exceptional Family Member Program***

Dr. Ed Tyner, Associate Director of the DoD Office of Special Needs and Children and Youth Programs, briefed the Council on EFMP's mission, which is to strengthen readiness for military families with special needs through policies, resources, research, and the oversight of programs. He then addressed efforts to improve the Family Member Travel Screening process across the Military Services. To simplify, streamline and standardize this process, a successful pilot recently reduced nine Service-specific forms into five.

EFMP now has a family needs assessment tool which is being used for inter-Service transfers. For example, when family members use a military family support center not managed by their own Military Service, standardized EFMP forms are now being used. When they go back to their Military Service, their transfer will be much easier.

- ***Blended Retirement System***

Mr. Andrew Corso, Assistant Director of DoD Compensation Policy, briefed the Council on the new Blended Retirement System, which was introduced on January 1, 2018. Mr. Corso explained key aspects of the new system and said that 2018 will be a decision-making year for some Service members regarding whether to remain in the old legacy retirement system or change to the new Blended Retirement System. New Service members entering military service will be automatically enrolled in the new Blended Retirement System. One major improvement with the new system is that no matter how long Service members serve, they will leave military service with some savings for retirement. Mr. Corso said implementation and transition to the new system is going well and will continue through the end of 2018.

There are many resources now available to help Service members and families determine the best retirement system decision for them. Mr. Corso's briefing slides, as well as the March 6, 2018 Issue of the MFRC Communique, list key resources that Service members and families can use to learn more about the differences between the legacy retirement system and the new Blended Retirement System.

Presentation Panel #2: FY18 Focus Area 3 – Child and Youth Well-Being

Dr. Mary Keller, CEO of the Military Child Education Coalition, MFRC member, and facilitator of the Child and Youth Well-Being Panel, explained that the Child and Youth Well-Being Model developed by Duke University was used to guide the selection of subject matter experts for today's panel. Speakers were then introduced for five of the seven domains of well-being since the remaining two domains – educational attainment and family financial stability -- were addressed in part during today's status update briefings, with supplemental read-ahead materials provided to the Council through several written public submissions.

- ***New Parent Support Program***

Ms. Mary (Tib) Campise, Senior DoD Family Advocacy Program Analyst, briefed the Council on the strengths-focused New Parent Support Program (NPSP), which targets expectant and new parents, some of whom may be experiencing financial difficulties, mental health issues, marital issues, or parent/child conflicts.

NPSP, a home visitation model using professional staff, helps build knowledge and skills new parents need to get off to a strong start with children from birth to five years old. Home visitation is augmented by parent education, parent support groups, play mornings, life skills support,

counseling support, and primary medical care support. Currently, there are about 400 home visitors participating in this program serving over 225 military installations.

NPSP is collaborating with the United States Department of Agriculture, the National Child Traumatic Stress Network and the National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome to provide vibrant connections between families and community resources.

- ***Military Child Care and Child Development***

Ms. Carolyn Stevens, Director of the DoD Office of Military Family Readiness Policy, briefed the Council on DoD child development and child care options for military children from birth to 12 years of age. She stressed that over 50 percent of active duty families are under the age of 25 and have young children, making lack of childcare a workforce, military personnel, and family readiness issue.

To ensure health, safety, and high-quality services, DoD child care programs are certified by DoD and the Military Services. A national organization, outside of DoD, accredits programs available to military families. For those who are unable to access on-base programs, fee assistance is available to help defray costs of local community programs.

Currently, DoD has 740 child development facilities worldwide and 1,800 Family Child Care homes. Additionally, DoD has 275 youth and teen centers serving over 1 million youth each year through a variety of educational and recreational programs. Key partners, including Boys and Girls Clubs of America, 4-H and YMCA, supplement DoD programs and services on and off base.

In order to improve access to child development and child care programs worldwide, www.MilitaryChildCare.com allows families to register online for child care before they arrive at their new duty station, which can help address wait times for quality care.

- ***JBLM Center for Autism Resources, Education and Services***

Colonel Eric Flake, U.S. Air Force, developmental pediatrician at Madigan Army Medical Center, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Tacoma, WA, briefed the Council on the Department's first autism center, JBLM CARES. CARES stands for the Center for Autism Resources, Education and Services. The center's mission is to improve access to resources, education, and services for families impacted by autism. Available services include: speech, occupational, physical and applied behavioral analysis therapy; social and life skills training; feeding groups; parent impact/support groups; educational resources; and system navigation services.

Currently, 1 in every 68 children in the United States is diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, a neurological developmental condition. Lifetime societal costs for individuals with autism range from \$1.4-2.4M. JBLM CARES understands if autism is identified early and patients are given intensive services early on, long-term outcomes are better.

Within its first year of operation, JBLM CARES had significant positive effects on military families impacted by autism: (1) evaluation and therapy was provided for 100-150 children within 2 weeks of arrival at the center, with 40 percent of the children remaining at the center for services long-term, and 60 percent successfully transitioning to community partners and providers; (2) elimination of referral wait times; (3) recapture of some costs; (4) zero EFMP denials; (5) increased personnel and family readiness; and (6) gaps bridged between home, community, education, and medical professionals.

- ***TRICARE – TeleMedicine / TeleMentalHealth***

CAPT Ed Simmer, Navy psychiatrist and Deputy Director of TRICARE / Defense Health Agency, briefed the Council on ways to bring medical and mental health providers and patients together without either having to travel. He noted that any authorized provider can provide TeleHealth services using recently expanded DoD and TRICARE benefits and guidelines.

CAPT Simmer explained that there are a number of safeguards in place for doctors and patients. All TeleMedicine and TeleMentalHealth communications: (1) must be done in accordance with HIPAA (which ensures patient privacy); (2) must include audio and video capabilities; and (3) must have a safety plan developed in advance in case an emergency situation arises. The medical provider must also be licensed in both the location where the medical provider is and the location where the patient is.

The overarching goals of TeleMedicine and TeleMentalHealth are to make medical care more available and accessible to patients wherever they are stationed; to reduce the stigma of seeking care, especially in the case of mental health; and to shorten the amount of time it takes to get the care that is needed.

- ***Boys & Girls Club of America***

Ms. Terrill McFarland, National Vice President for Military Services and Outreach, explained that the overarching goal of Boys and Girls Clubs of America is to help American and military youth become more resilient and college and workforce ready.

In order to better serve military-connected children and youth (70 percent of whom live in civilian communities), BGCA has established 484 military-affiliated programs across nearly all military installations and 4,300 clubs in civilian communities. They use 50,000 specially-trained youth professionals to serve 485,000 military-connected kids, with a goal to increase this number to 700,000 within the next five years.

Through their Military Youth Outreach and public-private partnership programs, military-connected youth living in civilian communities can go to a local BGCA club in their neighborhood and not pay for membership. Civilian community clubs receive special training, which allows them to serve the unique needs of military children who participate in their programs. Community

partnerships focus on developing resiliency, workforce readiness, physical fitness, STEM knowledge (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), leadership, and academic skills.

As a means of special recognition, BGCA sponsors a Military Youth of the Year program that provides a \$40K scholarship to the annual winner. They also work with the National Military Council to ensure their focus remains on the most important needs of military children.

- ***Tufts University / U.S. Military Academy at West Point***

Dr. Kristina Callina, from the Institute of Applied Research at Tufts University, briefed the Council on Project Arêtes, the first-of-its-kind, longitudinal assessment of character and leadership development at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. This study is collaborative between Tufts University and researchers at West Point and follows cadets through 47 months of training.

Decades of character development research conducted with youth serving organizations has shown that character reflects a person's positive relationship with the world around them. Attributes that make up character vary across time and place in response to situational demands. Research has also shown that character develops through mutually beneficial personal contacts and relationships, again, in a variety of settings. It is strengthened if the alignment between a young person and what's happening in their setting is a good fit. Practitioners, educators, and parents agree that by leveraging unique youth strengths, they can help put young people onto a path of thriving. By leveraging youth strengths, they are optimistic that every young person has a chance for success.

Preliminary findings from the character study at the U.S. Military Academy show that there are links between character, performance, and leadership and that these links are important to the development of young Army officers. Evolving key components of character include: Relational Character, Commitment, Honor, and Negative Aspects of Character (Machiavellian Attributes).

Dr. Callina suggests that instead of asking how much character young people have (e.g., attribute scores for such things as grit, self-regulating skills, empathy, honesty, and teamwork), the better question is, "What are the unique strengths of each youth, and what resources does the family, community, school, and installation provide to optimize these strengths?"

Presentation Panel #3: FY18 Focus Area 4 – Spouse Licensure Portability

Mr. Marcus Beauregard, Director of the Defense-State Liaison Office, briefed the Council on the status of spouse licensure portability and suggested that it is an interstate problem that needs an interstate solution. The current status of military spouse license portability options, including states with Interstate Compacts, can be found on the USA4MilitaryFamilies website: <http://usa4families.militaryonesource.mil>. Mr. Beauregard then introduced each of the panelists who explained three unique courses of action that are helping make it easier for military spouses to work across state lines at the time of relocation.

- ***Teacher Licensure Portability***

Ms. Kim Lopez, a teacher with over 20 years of experience, and facilitator of the National Military Family Association's Teaching Professionals Facebook Group (accessed online at <http://www.militaryfamily.org/spouses-scholarships/military-spouse-educators.html>), explained that as a military spouse, she had to recreate her career every two to four years as she and her husband moved to a new duty location. She stressed that teachers need ease in transferring licenses. Without full reciprocity, getting a license to teach in each new state is often prohibitive in terms of time and money. This places significant financial and emotional stress on military spouses and families who wish to be two-income households. Additionally, in some locations, school principals are also frustrated by teacher shortages but are unable to hire experienced military spouse educators in their community because they are not licensed to teach in their state.

After a recent military relocation to the state of Utah, when faced with unemployment once again, Ms. Lopez decided to use her time to help military spouses by convening groups of decision-makers and influencers such as elected school board officials, governor's cabinet members, State Department of Education license specialists, principals, and military spouses who want to find workable solutions to address military spouse licensure portability issues. She was invited to participate in a White House "listening session" hosted by Ivanka Trump and Kellyanne Conway. She launched the "Teaching Professionals Facebook Group" for the National Military Family Association to gather more stories about how the lack of common licensure standards and the lack of licensure reciprocity options are having a negative impact on states with teacher shortages, military spouses who need and want to grow their teaching careers, and our national defense, since quality of life issues impact Service member retention.

Through her advocacy, Ms. Lopez changed the conversation on issues such as military spouse unemployment and underemployment, license transfers, and obstacles facing military spouses who want and need to work across state lines. Ms. Lopez urged the Military Family Readiness Council to keep their focus on military spouse licensure portability as a top priority and to continue leading change in every way possible.

- ***Physical Therapy Licensure Compact***

Ms. Leslie Adrian, Director of Professional Standards for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, told Council members that physical therapists now take one standard licensing exam, which makes them more the same than different because requiring different licenses in each state is a barrier to providing care. This is one of many initiatives that Ms. Adrian has worked that makes it easier for military spouses to work across state lines and for individuals needing physical therapy to access services provided by trained, licensed professionals in their local communities – a win-win for states, physical therapists, patients, and military spouses.

To date, 15 states have passed the interstate Physical Therapy Licensure Compact. Benefits of the compact include: improving access to physical therapy providers, improving the mobility of licensees, and improving public protection.

Of special interest to military spouses is the fact that this compact allows military spouses to designate a home state for their license and to use the “privilege to practice” provision in the compact to work in any other member state without obtaining another license. The “home state” can be: the home of record, the state of current residence, or the state where your current permanent change of station orders are located. This allows military families to choose between a broader range of duty locations that will work best for the military member, the spouse’s career and compact states.

Ms. Adrian asked the Council to encourage DoD and Military Service website managers to keep their program, military personnel, and spouse data updated and posted on their sites which will help officials like herself stay informed about how many spouses and military members can be positively impacted by changes to policies and laws, represented by such efforts as the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact. Ms. Adrian uses these sites for research purposes when proposing and promoting changes, which can be enacted by professional licensing bodies and professional associations.

- ***Communicating with State Policy and Law Makers***

Nebraska State Senator Carol Blood told the Council it’s best to bring a simple message to policy and law makers. As a State Senator, it is her job to educate the public about the work Service members do to keep the nation safe and the impacts military commands, installations, and the military population have on local communities and local economies. Because of strengthened communication and heightened awareness, in Nebraska, Rule 21 was used to remove hurdles for teacher licensure, and the State Supreme Court is expected to remove licensure hurdles for attorneys later in the month.

Currently, Nebraska has many more job openings than they have people to fill them – especially teachers and medical professionals. TeleMedicine is helping to relieve this problem, but professionals still need licenses to practice. According to Senator Blood, easing licensure restrictions helps solve labor shortage problems. But it’s not just about helping the military: it’s about helping people across the board.

Senator Blood asked federal leaders: (1) to stay away from “scope of practice” issues because it makes legislative change more difficult; (2) to keep the licensure issue at the state level so solutions can include options that do not always need a legislative fix; and (3) to keep the USA4MilitaryFamilies website and Defense-State Liaison Team armed with helpful information that will empower state officials to make needed change wherever they can.

Closing remarks:

Dr. Eltringham thanked Senator Blood for her remarks and turned the floor over to Ms. Barna for final comments.

Being respectful of the time, Ms. Barna asked that questions be held until the next meeting. She told panelists how much she appreciated their participation, information, and commitment to finding solutions to the challenging military family readiness issues reviewed today.

She asked all attendees to further disseminate the MFRC Communique (written by guest speakers) to their constituencies and to their leadership. She asked them to reproduce it as much as possible and get it distributed because it lets others know about available resources, what was discussed at today's meeting, and what the current issues are. Her hope is that this online tool will motivate others to become involved in ways that will be helpful to everyone working for needed change.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.

Next meeting: The Council will meet again on June 6, 2018, at the Pentagon Library and Conference Center, Room B6, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. For more information, visit the MFRC website at <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/web/mos/military-family-readiness-council>.

Special Note: Beginning April 4, 2018, visitors to the Pentagon must be PRE-REGISTERED prior to the day of their visit to the Pentagon. For more information, visit: <https://visitorsponsor.pfpa.mil> or see the MFRC Federal Register Notice posted on the MFRC website several weeks prior to the next MFRC meeting.

Written Public Submissions to the Council may be submitted through the MFRC eMailbox at: osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil. Specific guidance is provided in the most recent Federal Register Notice for MFRC meetings.

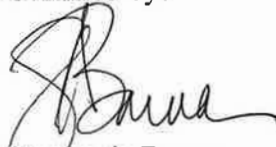
Copies of the MFRC Communique (written by MFRC guest speakers) can be found online at: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/web/mos/military-family-readiness-council>. Please disseminate this link and document widely.

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Executive Summary of Written Submissions

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* Distributed at the MFRC Welcome Table

From Military Family Members:

Letter Regarding Difficulties Experienced by a Special Needs Child at the time of Relocation (Shannon DeBlock)

Pediatric Advocacy Forum Briefing Slides (Jeremy Hilton)

From Researchers and DoD Resource Partners:

Article from the Journal of Character Education, Vol 13(1), 2017 – Approaches to the Development of Character in Organized Out-of-School Settings. Reproduced with permission of the copyright owner. (Dr. Kristina Callina)

Identifying Opportunities to Address Child Abuse and Neglect in U.S. Army Families (Douglas Strane)

2017 Personal Finance Year in Review Webinar (Military Families Learning Network online archived resource) (Vickie LaFollette) <https://learn.extension.org/events/3070>

The Blended Retirement System Launch: Q&A Webinar and Briefing Slides (Military Families Learning Network online archived resource) (Vickie LaFollette) <https://learn.extension.org/events/3180>

Income Tax Tips for PRMs Working with Military Families Webinar (Military Families Learning Network online archived resource) (Vickie LaFollette) <https://learn.extension.org/events/3191>

Resources for Families with Special Needs Information Paper (Dr. Ed Tyner)

JBLM CARES: Center for Autism Resources, Education and Services Tri-Fold (Dr. Eric Flake)

**Military Kids Connect: An Online Resource for Your Patients, and MKC Information Cards (Dr. Kelly Blasko)*

From MFRC Council Members for Peer Review and Consideration:

*Navy Family Framework (Version 1.0, November 2017) (Elka Giordano)
http://www.navy.mil/cno/docs/Family_Framework.pdf*

Presidential Document: Executive Order 13822 of January 9, 2018, "Supporting Our Veterans During Their Transition From Uniformed Service to Civilian Life" (Michelle Padgett) <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-01-12/pdf/2018-00630.pdf>

Fact Sheet/Article: President Donald J. Trump Takes Care of Veterans from the Battlefield to the Home Front (Michelle Padgett)

Improving Child Abuse Reporting and Treatment for Military Families (David Rubin)

**Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) 2018 Calendar -- created by US Army children in Germany*

TOTAL: 15